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Diary.

27 Despatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB Nos 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board with Copy of a Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal, directing them to transmit regularly the Quarterly returns of Stores therein required, enclosing also Extract of a Letter from the President at Hydrabad, and desiring that such of the Stores applied for by the Nizam, as cannot be furnished from the Northward may be sent from hence by the most expeditious Means

To the President at Hydrabad

28 To the President at Hydrabad advising of the Instructions given to the Military Board - a Detachment has been ordered to the Borders of the Nellore district to receive Charge of and escort to the Presidency the Treasure intended for the Nizam's Cavalry serving with the Grand Army recommending him to endeavour to prevail on the Nizam

to

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20 to order a part of the Horse now with the Treasure to return with the detachment under Lieutenant Copeland

To the Paymaster at Palamcottah

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah informing him that such of the horses lately received from Jaffer Cawn as may be delivered over to him by Capt Leighton are to be disposed of at Public Sale on Account of the Company.

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave requesting he will order the Commandant at Palamcotah to have the Horses lately delivered to him by the Nabobs people carefully examined those that are found unfit for Service must be delivered over to the Paymaster to be sold on Account of the Company, and the remainder sent to Colonel Bridges.

To the Commandant at Palamcotah

To the Commandant at Palamcotah, informing him, that he will be furnished by Major General Musgrave with Instructions respecting the horses he has received from Jaffer

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28 Jaffer Cawn, a receipt to be given for the number only that are fit for Service

To the Commandant at Ongole

To the Commandant at Ongole desiring him to detach a Company of Sepoys with an Officer to the Borders of the Nellore district to receive charge of and escort to Madras the treasure on its way from Bengal.

29 Received the following Letters

To Willm Collins Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary

From the Paymaster to the detachmt. serving with the Nizams Army applies for Instructions respecting the Establishment of Hircarrahs to be allowed Captain Read

Sir,

Fort St George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 28th Feby 9th 19th 23rd & 30th March and beg leave to inform you on the Subject of the One under date the 19th March, that Captn Read's Bill for Hircarrahs &ca. amounts generally to about 170 or 200 Rupees which Captn Kennaway seems to say, is a Charge that has his full sanction. I should therefore suppose I may be warranted in continuing to discharge the same at that rate.

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29 Your Letters to me of the 23rd and 30th March, have been received with particular Satisfaction, as the decision afforded by Government, will now render my Station and what belongs to it perfectly to be understood in future. My Accounts &ca for last month were accordingly dispatched to Capr Kennaway direct, and authenticated Copies of them given to the Commanding officer which is the mode I wish'd to have pursued from the beginning.

I have the honor to be

Sir &ca &ca

Signed Wm Brown

Payr

Camp near Khanneghery 11 May 1791.

To

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor of Madras

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have sent on board the Ship Liberty bound for Madras two English Seamen and one Lascar, lately arrived from the Isle of France

From the Governor of Pondicherry sends to Madras two English Seamen and a Lascar who were put up at Sea by a French Vessel

on

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29 on his Majesty's Ship's La Bienvenue
These Men were conveyed to that Settlement
on a French Ship, who met with them at
Sea in a small Boat and saved them. Here-
with I transmit the papers which have been
sent to me and are the only ones that were
found in the Boat.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed De Fresne

Pondicherry
24 May 1791

30. Sent the following Letters

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

To the Governor of Pondicherry returning my Acknowledgements for his Attention to the Seamen and Lascars found at Sea.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 24th Instant accompany-
ing two Seamen and a Lascar preserved from
the remains of an English Vessel, which
must have been lost at Sea. Permit me to
offer

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30 offer my Acknowledgements for this mark of Attention, and to assure you that I have the honor to be with the highest consideration

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Sir &ca &ca

Signed } Charles Oakeley

To

Colonel Capper
Messrs Benjn Roebuck
George Moubray
& Joseph Garrow

} Committee for enquiring into the Charges against the Administration of Mr John Holland

To the Committee for enquiring into the Charges against Mr Holland's Administration. enclosing Copy of Juggarow deposition

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to transmit the accompanying Deposition of Jougy Row sworn to before the Chief of Vizagapatam

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I am

Gentlemen &ca

Signed W C Jackson

Secy

To

the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis

Governor General

&ca &ca

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To Earl Cornwallis requesting to be furnished with Instructions regarding the treasure expected from Pauangue

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My Lord

We have been informed by the Resident at the Soubahs Court that near twelve Lacks of Rupees intended for the use of the Nizams Troops serving with your Lordships Army, had been dispatch'd from Pauangue on the 8th Instant for this place We would be glad therefore to know your Lordships Pleasure in regard to the mode of conveying the Treasure to Camp, and as the Communication appears to be interrupted at present, we shall detain the money until we have the honor of hearing from you on the Subject

We have the honor to be with Respect My Lord &c &c

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Chas Oakeley
Sign'd &c Council

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

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To Bengal, with Copy of Earl Cornwallis's Letter of the 9th May.

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Gentlemen

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter received this Morning from Lord Cornwallis.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Edwd Cakeley

Signed Wm Cornell

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore.

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C C 1792 proposing to make an annual allowance to the Mother and three Widows of the late Rajah of 30000 Cullums of Paddy, provided his Excellency will allow one half of the Amount to be deducted from the Sum of Pagodas allowed for the support of his Relations

To the Reverend Mr Swartz.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M B No^s 171. 172. 173 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179

To the Reverend Mr Swartz enclosing the abovementioned Letter for the

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30 the Rajah and Copy for his Informations requesting him to unge to his Excellencys the Propriety and Necessity of his cheerful compliance with the Proposal it contains.—

To the Commissary Generals Grain and Provisions.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Five hundred Pagodas may be expended in building new Granaries at Temericotah, and eighty five Pagodas in repairing the Granaries on the Plains at Chunglepatt, approving the Recommendations contained in his Letter of the 26th Instant respecting the Grain at Arnee, Tiagar, Pondamallee, Vellore, Tanjore & Palamcotah, no more Rice or Paddy to be thrown at present into Amboor Vellore or Trichinopoly; Grain at Tanjore to be sold off to the best Advantage, provided the Inhabitants not willing to receive it at 10 p Cent below the Market Price

To the Committee for investigating Mr Johnstone's Accounts

To the Committee for investigating Mr Johnstone's Accounts, to report the Progress

the

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30 they have made.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore informing him that such of the Cavalry Saddles of the 1st Regiment, as appear to be unserviceable, must be condemned, and those only repaired that are worth the Expence, desiring him to call upon Ensign Redman to make good the Amount of the Public Money stolen from him.

To the Paymaster at Pondegul

To the Paymaster at Pondegul directing him to pay to Lieutenant Ogilby the Allowances of an Adjutant from the 1st Instant, which are to be continued until a regular Staff Officer is appointed to the Garison.

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave with advice of the above, requesting him to inform Cornet Montgomery, that he may give Encouragement to the Horse Dealers to bring their Horses to the Presidency

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30 for Sale, and that such as may be found fit for the Cavalry, and the Price reasonable will be purchased by the Company, desiring him to take the necessary measures for having the horses now with Major Dowyn and Captain Burdenell immediately returned to their Regiment

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue, with a Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage Commanding at Palicaut Cherry, containing an Account of the different Rajahs in that Neighbourhood, the Amount of their Revenue

To the Commandant at Tanjore

To the Commandant at Tiagar informing him that the Storekeeper has been instructed to sell off the old Grain laid up in that Garrison in the year 1787. as well as the Rice beat out in December last, A sequal quantity to be beat out if he think it necessary

To the Collectors at Tanjore

To the Collectors at Tanjore informing them, that it is not judged necessary that

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30 at present to lay up a further quantity of Grain at Tanjore.

31st Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187.

From the Paymaster at Chingleput

From the Paymaster at Chingleput, requesting permission to repair the Workshop at that Place - the Expence thereof Estimated at Pags 42.

From the Subsecretary at Bengal

From the Subsecretary at Bengal enclosing Extract of a Letter of Advice of the Convention between the Courts of Great Britain & Spain already entered upon the Records. also Letters address'd to the Commanding officer of his Majesty's 76th Regt.

From Captain Williamson of the Bengal Establishment

From Captn Williamson - advising of his being detained on the North side of the Nellore River by incessant rains, reports the Condition of the Elephants under his Charge, and requests that a Supply of Cash

may

31. may be prepared for him on his Arrival at Vellore.

From the Resident at Hyderabad, stating the number of Bullocks which have been ordered to be sent towards Guntoor for the Transportation of Guns, Mortars &c from Innicundah.

From Lieut. Riddle ~~requesting~~ to be informed if he is to leave a Guard of Sepoys at Conjeveram for the Security of Vencata Sawmy now in Confinement at that place.

From the Committee for reporting upon Mr Johnston's Accounts, stating that Mr Johnston's Resignation in the transmission of his Vouchers has prevented their entering upon the Grain Accounts, and that they intend making their Report on the rest of his Accounts in a few Days.

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — reporting the Bills signed by the Officer Commanding at Vellore for a non commissioned Officer to

superintend

From the Resident at Hyderabad

From Lieutenant Riddle at Conjeveram

From the Committee for investigating Mr Johnstons Accounts

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts

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31 superintend the King's troops in that Garrison.

From the Secretary to the Military Board

From the Secretary to the Military Board applying for Permission to engage the Tonnage of the Ketch Alert to transport to the Northward a part of the Stores applied for by the Nabob.

Received the following Letters

To the Honorable the Governor &
Honble Sir & Sirs in Council.

I beg leave to acquaint you, with the measures I have been under the necessity of pursuing with Mr Lewis, one of my Passengers, a Cadet appointed on the Madras Establishment by the Honble the Court of Directors

From the Commander of the Company's Ship Albion, stating the measures he has been obliged to adopt against Mr Lewis a Cadet on the Establishment in consequence of his Insolent conduct on Board Ship.

At leaving England, desirous of making his Situation as convenient as possible I placed him in the Great Cabbin, with Captn Coman Mc Luccadow, and two other Gentlemen Passengers, and discovering some disagreements between Mr Luccadow and the Gentlemen at

this

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31 Sea, I intended removing him to his allotted Berth in the Steerage but found his Associates had long before taken this Step.

I desired often, and requested particularly that no liberties might be taken with Mr Luccadow, pointing out the most serious consequences, till at length, after many complaints of the severe and unmanly treatment he received, I was urged to the greatest exertion to discover the Offender, and by fixing publicly to the Mast, the offer of a considerable reward, Mr Lewis was induced to avow himself the Man, who in the disguise of a Seaman's dress had most violently beat him in the Night, and afterwards tied him

Upon farther Investigation, this unmanly Conduct, and the ungenteel behaviour of throwing things at him at my table and using threatening Language there, I desir'd him to quit the table and Society. Mr Parfitt

/my

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31 my Purser, in the presence of my Chief and third Officers, tender'd him in my Name, any thing my Stock and Stores afforded, and in any way he chose to order it, or any Sum of Money, he thought adequate or Sufficient to defray the Expence he was subjecting himself to, by joining another Mess;- these and the daily offers of my Steward he refused, and thereby rendered it necessary for me, to acquaint you of the Circumstance

I am Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Sea Sea

Signed/ Wm Parker

Ship Albion
Madras Roads
27.th May 1791

To the Hon.ble the Governor and Council

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From the Commander of the Company's Ship Albion. representing the unjustifiable treatment of some of the Passengers on board his Ships to Mr Luscadou

Mr Luscadou has this day made a very serious Complaint to me, of ill treatment he received late last night from some of the Passengers and of great injuries he suffered.

My Attention to the Ships, in this Situation, near the Land, would not admit

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31 of leisure for me to enquire into the particulars and indeed it appears of such a Nature, as to be entirely out of my Power to give him Relief. —

I request Honble Sirs, if it is consistent, You will cause Enquiry to be made into the Particulars of this Circumstance. —

I am
Honble Sirs & Sirs,
&c &c
Signed Wm Parker.

Ship Albion
Madras Roads
27 May 1791.

To the Honorable the Governor and
Gentlemen Council

From Mr George Succadow requesting that Cognizance may be taken of the Ill treatment he has received from Captn Conran and Mr Lewis

I have the Honor of the Appointment of a Writer on the Bengal Establishment, and came from England a Passenger in the Albion, with Capt Parker whose treatment to me on every occasion, has been such, as will ever deserve my best and most grateful Acknowledgements

Among the Passengers Capt. Conran and Mr Lewis have given me much ill treatment

the

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31 the latter most particularly, the particulars
of which, I will communicate to You Sir as
best I can recollect, all my Apparel &c
were thrown overboard I Hope the Conduct
of these Gentlemen will call your Attention.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen. Your &c
Signed / Geo: Leccadow

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Minutes of the
three foregoing
Letters

Agreed that Copies of the Papers be sent
to General Musgrave, and as the Complaint
appear of a very serious Nature, that he be requested
to order an Enquiry into the Circumstances
charged against Captain Commandant
Lewis or Cadet on this Establishment
at a Consultation Present

Tuesday
31st May 1795
10 A.M

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President
John Huddleston Esqre
The Honorable Major General
William Medows absent upon
Service —

Minute

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Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Sir,

From Earl Cornwallis arrival of the Army within 35 Miles of Seringapatam - great loss among the Cattle.

I found the Country between this place and Bangalore more rugged and barren than expected & our Cattle have suffered very much by the march.

The good will of the Troops alone enables us to go on, the greatest part of the Carriages loaded with the Stores of the Magazine have been drawn almost all the way by the Soldiers, and the two European Brigades have now offered to carry a large proportion of the Intrenching tools.

As the inhabitants are driven from all the Villages Cops on each side of the Road we have but an imperfect knowledge of the Country and even of the distance to Seringapatam, it is however supposed to be about 35 Miles.-

Our allies instead of affording us the smallest assistance have hitherto proved a most intolerable Burthen to us.-

I am with great esteem & regard
&c. &c.

Camp at
Sultan Pet
9th May 1791.

/Signed/ Cornwallis.

Read

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Read the following Letter and Enclosure from Captain Alexander Read.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Sir,

From Captain Alex.r Read. States his proposed plan for Collecting Supplies & employing the Detachment under his Command & recommends that a Gratuity be allowed to Allahomed Ally Beg enclosing Copy of his last Letter to Earl Cornwallis

I arrived at this place Yesterday, and am under the necessity of making a halt to day, to draw rice out of Grain provided for the march to Bangalore, having been disappointed on the Supply I expected here, and having information, that little or none can be procured upon the road

I have had a great desertion of followers since I came above the Ghaults, but that is attended with no other Consequence than the leaving some Rice and baggage at Ankatgerry

There being none of the Enemy between this and Bangalore, excepting a party of 500 peons and a few horse at Raymanghur, and the Enemy having full employment to the westward some articles of Supply at Amboor, and whatever may be collecting there, for the Army, particularly, arrack biscuit, Salt and Bullocks, might be advanced with great Safety to Ankatgerry, where they would be Convenient for Carrying On to Bangalore.

I could either work them there, or if advisable from a change of affairs, at present very

very improbable, I might throw myself into Ankatgurry for its defence before any force could come against it, as I may be Certain of Keeping between it and the Enemy.—

The Brinjarries having promised to advance as far as Chillagut, between 40 and 50 Miles of Bangalore, I expect to be delayed so short a time to the westward on their Account, that if Government resolve on what I have taken the liberty of recommending, I may be here Again by by the 10th of next month, and Supposing the road to be as clear as it is at present, return by the 17th June to Bangalore every thing the Army can want

I have received Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 21st in Reply to mine of the 16th Instant; and, from the Sense of obligation I have individually and as a public Servant, towards people I employ, who acquit themselves as they ought, I feel the highest gratification in the liberal provision Government has made for the families of the unfortunate men who Suffered at Kishengurry likewise from its intention to make Mahomed Ally Beg a Compensation for his Services.— As they were particularly Stated in Lieutenant Macleods letter to me which was transmitted, I only added, concerning them what

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I thought due to his merits, apprehensive that my idea of his reward might appear to exceed them.— My being now required to specify it will, I hope, plead my excuse if a thousand Pagoda be thought so — Having informed him that, whatever shall be done for him, now rests with the Government I dispatch him from this place giving a note of introduction, with which he will wait upon you to learn its pleasure.

Camp at Ankatagerry
26th May 1791.

I am with the greatest respect
&c &c
Signed Alexr Read.

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

My Lord,

I have not done myself the honor of addressing you lately, on account of having had nothing of such importance to Communicate, as to be worthy of your attention. I do it now to acquaint you with my having Come to day thro' the Pedda naig durgum pass, and with the Strength of my Detachment which Consists of 6 Men of the 19th Dragoons, 60 Men and horses of Captain Firths Regt 65. of Coast Kippins Troops; 34 Bengal & Coast European Artillery

with

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with two Six and one three Pounder, 167 recovered Men of His Majesty's and the Honorable Companys European Infantry, Six Companys of the 3d. and 15th. Battalions Native Infantry, and 68 Convalescent Bengal and Coast Sepoys: in all 211 Europeans, and 619 Natives. — I omit sending a Return by this Opportunity, on account of the danger of its being interupted; but, as necessary for your information, I inclose Copy of my letter to Government of this date, as containing a further report of the Troops — Composing my Detachment

It is my intention to march direct and with all possible expedition to Bangalore in order to divest myself of the Charge I take with me hence, and to enable me to move with the greater ease, so far towards the Pollams, as may be required to Secure the expected Supplies from that quarter which are pretty Considerable.

The Pedda Naig & Coongoondy Polligars have collected 615 Bullocks, and 1100 Sheeps at Anekatgery, which I shall take on with me. — Fourteen Gentlemen of the Faculty, Accompany the detachment and a great number of Sutlers, whose Carts being Still in the Pass, will not be

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be able, I apprehend to come up with it

I shall hope for the satisfaction of

writing your Lordship next from Bangalore, and

in a few days.—

Camp at Nundidroog

24 May 1791.

With the greatest Respect &c &c

Signed / Alexr. Read

Mahommed Ally Beg to be allowed a Gratuity of one thousand Rupies

Resolved that Mahommed Ally Beg be allowed a Gratuity of one thousand Rupies upon his arrival at the Presidency

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Captain Read—

In the present situation of affairs the Board cannot give Captain Read any specific Instructions for the Guidance of his Conduct. He must act according to the best of his Judgment, keeping in View the absolute necessity there is for throwing Supplies into Bangalore for the use of the Army, and reporting to Lord Cornwallis the Progress he makes in the Spiritual Service.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Ajumed Revenue.

From the Board of Ajumed Revenue with Copy of Mr. Andrews's Reply to the Charges preferred against him by the Nabob

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

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to inform you that in Compliance with your Orders, we transmitted

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a Copy of the Nabobs Compbaint to Mr. Andrews; we now inclose for your information Copy of his Reply; and as it appears fully satisfactory to us, We trust that will prove to your Honble Board the insufficiency of his Highness's objection. —

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

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Signed J. Huddleston
David Haliburton
Wm. Balfour.

To John Huddleston Esqr.
President and Members of the Board
of Assumed Revenue
at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 14th. with its several enclosures. —

By the Accounts which accompany this Letter the Board will perceive how inaccurate the Nabobs information has been; It is not Customary for Government to lay up a greater quantity of Seed Grain than it is supposed the poverty of some of the Inhabitants will make it necessary to advance the Ryotts in general securing from their own Shaw of the Crops such a quantity of Grain as is conceived requisite for

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for the ensuing cultivation of their lands - Had anandoroo made any application to me for Seed Grain on finding the Tenants of Andemellore had not laid up a Sufficiency or that others from poverty were not able to furnish themselves, I should most readily have granted a supply; on questioning Anandaroo yesterday, he informed me that he had obtained Seed Grain, and was not in want; and from the Statements now sent the Board will perceive that I have not been inattentive to the Districts under my Collection

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

Tschinopoly
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/Signed/ R. Andrews
Collector

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Webb
Sec.y.

An Account of Paddy Seeds ordered to be laid up by the Renters for the use of the next Years Cultivation

	Condicaw Paddy	Sumbah Paddy	Total of the two kinds
	Cwt. m. s.	Cwt. m. s.	Cwt. m. s.
Conaudoo Divesian - -	1700. " "	400 " "	2100. " "
Pootoo - - Do - -	2700. " "	700 " "	3400. " "
Vittycutty - Do -	500. " "	3500 " "	4000. " "
Scrungum - Do -	2000. " "	2000 " "	4000. " "
Pialoor - - - Do -	" " "	1900 " "	1900. " "
Lalgoody - - Do -	" " "	2000 " "	2000. " "
	6900. " "	10500. " "	17400. " "

N.B. The above quantity is to be issued as an advance to such of the Inhabitants who have not laid

up

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up seeds and are unable to Cultivate, and those that have laid up seeds and can afford to Carry on the Cultivation themselves are not to be made any advances. — The Inhabitants are to refund these advances in their ensuing Crops —

The above Remarks were made by the principal Servants in the Cutcherry, who are fully acquainted with the former Rules & Customs in the Districts. —

A true Copy
Signed / J. Webb
Secy.

An Account of Cooley hire for labourers, and Ready money for the purchase of Bullocks, is thought necessary to be advanced to some of the Inhabitants of the following Districts for the use of the next years Cultivation —

	Cooley hire to be issued to the Inhabitants in Valan Paddy.			Ready Money to be advanced for the purchase of Bullocks		
	Cullams	Ms.	Ms.	Cullams	Ms.	Ms.
Pialore Division	3000	"	"	2000	"	"
Lalgoody Do	2000	"	"	2000	"	"
Serangum Do	1500	"	"	1000	"	"
Vetty Cutty Do	1000	"	"	500	"	"
Pooloor Do	600	"	"	300	"	"
Conaudoo Do	500	"	"	200	"	"
	8600	"	"	6000	"	"

N.B. The above is to be issued to such of the Inhabitants who are poor and cannot carry on the Cultivation without Bullocks and Cooleyhire for labourers, but to those that are rich no advances are to be made. The Inhabitants are to refund these Advances in their ensuing Crops —

A true Copy
(Signed) J Webb Secy.

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue the Collector at Tanjore represent the great Detrement to the Collections which would result from the immediate dismission of the Armed Peons

In compliance with your Commands We directed Messrs Ram and Fallofield to lose no time in dismissing the additional Armed Peons, which they had been permitted to entertain. We venture to delay the final execution of your orders, while we submit to your Consideration the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Collectors; and as their information on the Spot must be more complete than we can obtain, we beg leave to add to their request the weight of our recommendation

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We have the honor to be, &c. &c.
Signed J Hudleston
David Haliburton
Willm. Balfour.

To John Hudleston Esqr.
President and members of the
Board of Assumed Revenue
at Fort St. George

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your Commands under date the 14th Instant on the Subject of Armed Peons Employed in our Collections

We

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We beg leave to acquaint you that in Consequence of the permission of the Honble Board, we did raise 500 additional Peons for the defence of the Country, at the time when the Enemy's Horse were in the Neighbouring Districts, and there was the greatest probability of their invading it. We afterwards applied to the Commandants of this Garrison and of Trichinopoly to furnish those Peons with old Arms from the Stores, but it not being in their Power to furnish any, and the Horse having quitted this part of the Country, we thought it most advisable to dismiss those - - - New raised Peons: and among the Reductions made in our Charges of Collection, we reduced our Armed Peons into two Battalions, the whole Number including their officers being 1000. as the two Battalions of Revenue Sepoys Employed heretofore in the Collections of this Country / in addition to whom his Excellency retained rather a greater Number of Armed Peons than are now Employed by us at his own Expence / have since the Commencement of the War been drawn into Garrison, where they are on Duty; and as the Cavalgars and Colleries in different parts of the Country frequently Commit great Disturbances, and are always on the watch to plunder the Paddy on the Ground, and in the Villages, we

take

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take the liberty to state that this number appears to us necessary to be retained until the two Battalions of Revenue Sepoys can be stationed in the Country for the Security of the Revenue. Regular Muster Rolls shall be sent to the Paymaster the beginning of Every Month Certified by us and the Advances made him for their Payment agreable to your orders, and the Cash Disbursed shall be brought to account in the manner you have been pleased to direct.

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

Tanjore
17 May 1791

(Signed) G. Ram.
E.W. Fallofield

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webb
Sec.y

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Board of Revenue

Agreed that a Copy of Mr Andrews Letter be sent to his Highness the Nabob, and that it be observed to him, that as the Misrepresentations of his Servants can only tend to give his Highness any unjust Idea of the Company's Management, they hope he will discourage such Communications

As Messrs Ram & Fallofield are of opinion that the Safety of the Tanjore Revenue would be endangered, if the Armed Peons were at present dismissed, it is Resolved that they be Continued - but the Board fully expect they will not

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not be kept up a moment longer than shall be absolutely necessary.

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (as entered in C. C. No. 129)

Translation

From the Nabob Waulaujaw to Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Dated 22d Rumzaun 1205 Hegery or 26 May 1791.

Received 26 May 1791.

From the Nabob requesting to be furnished with an account of Pay of Mutseddies employed by the Collectors in the District where His Highness's are also employed -

I have received your Letter dated 13th Rumzaun answering to the 17th May 1791. saying - "In order to accomodate me you will readily consent that the Mutseddies employed by me for the inspection of the Cutcherry Accounts be paid out of the Revenues of the Country, provid I agree that their allowances be fixed at the same Rate at that of the Mutseddies employed by the Collectors

Be pleased to furnish me with an account of the Pay of the Mutseddies employed employed by the Collectors in the Districts where mine are employed, after understanding the same I will write to you -

What can I say more?

A true translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow

Pmo Tr.

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that his Highness be furnished with the account which he has applied for

Read the following Letter from General Musgrave

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honorable Sir

From Major Genral Musgrave recommending that Captain Little be appointed to the Command of the 18 Batt.n vice Westropp and Ensign Pierce to succeed Capt.n Little as Brigade Major

I am concerned to have to report to you the death of Captain Westrope Commandant of the 18.th Battalion, who died at Coranga on the 18.th Instant

Colonel Braithwaite in his Letter Reporting Captain Westropes decease strenuously Recommends Captain Little Brigade Major of the 4.th Brigade for the Vacant Battalion and Ensign Pierce Adjutant of the 2.d European Battalion to Succeed as Brigade Major requesting at the same time that I would forward his recommendation to the Board which I do with more pleasure as the Officers he wishes to serve are distinguished for their Zeal - and highly deserving of any favor that may be conferred on them.

I have the Honor to be, &c &c

Signed / Thomas Musgrave.

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council

From Major General Musgrave recommending that the Recruits for his Majestys Regiments first arrived from Europe to be sent to Poonamalee and the Detachment of Pioneers now there be recalled.

Honble Sir,

The difficulty of providing Quarters for two hundred Recruits for his Majestys Regiments Serving on the Coast arrived under the Command of

Captain

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Captain John Campbell of the 72d on board the Carnatic Indiaman, induces me to Submit to your consideration, whether it would not be most advisable to send them to Pondamalee, and recall the Detachment of the 14th Regiment of Hannoverians at present stationed there.

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

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mer Letter from
Major General
Musgrave.

Agreed that the Opinion of Major General Medows be requested upon the Recommendation of Major General Musgrave in favor of Captn. Little and Ensign Peirce

Ordered that the Recruits for his Majesty's Regiments arrived under the Command of Captain John Campbell of his Majesty's 72d Regiment be sent to Pondamallee, and that the Detachment of the 14th Hannoverian Regiment stationed there, be ordered to the Presidency.—

Do. on the latter

Read the following Letter from Paupiah

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

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Row

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tho' I have not been favored with any answer to the many Applications I have made to

your

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your Honble Board respecting my Confinement and the steps that have been taken against me yet I think it a Duty I owe to your Honor &c as well as to myself to Communicate to you any Matter that appears to me likely to throw a Light upon the Subject of your Enquiries and prove the groundlessness of the Charges brought against me. In Pursuance therefore of these duties I now beg leave to lay before your Honble Board the following Transaction which is public and notorious among all the Native Inhabitants of Madras and as the Guard and Disturbances it gave Occasion to happened in open Day light and in the publick Streets all the Circumstances about it can be so easily traced that no doubt can be entertained of its having happened I will now therefore proceed to state those Circumstances which I have Received from the most undoubted Authority and which I am Confident you will find upon enquiry to be exactly true.

On the 12th of the present month a Man of the Name of Baborow whose sister is married to the Brother of Ram Row his Highness's Dewan and which Baborow lives in the House of Ram Row and is employed in his Service came to the Dwelling House of one Venkatasha Dewy in the Black Town of Madras and after some

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some Conversation respecting the Charges of His Highness against me he informed Vencatasha Dey that he had heard he had made an affidavit about some matters respecting Ram Row and me and upon his acknowledging that he had made such an affidavit he desired him to acquaint him with the Particulars thereof to which Vencatasha Dey replied that he could not do so— That upon this Baboroo used much Intreaty and solicitation to induce him thereto and also said that if he would declare he was bribed to make it by me he would give him 50 Pags and get him into the Service of his Highness the Nabob In the same Manner that Ramrow had got his Highness to do with some others and added that if Ramrow was his Friend he would make his Fortune; finding however that this was not accepted he went away; But about 4 days after he came again to Vencatasha Deys House and entreated him to go with him to Ramrow promising that if he would he should receive 100 Pagodas but this being also rejected he came to him again a third time on thursday last the 19th Instant about 5 O'Clock in the afternoon and laying before him 25 Pagodas he informed

him

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him that he would then give him some more money and if he would go to Triplicane and Sign a Paper which Ram Row had prepared for him he would satisfy him fully, and upon Vencatasha Devy's enquiring what sort of Paper it was which he was to Sign, Baborow answered that it was a Declaration that G. Paupiah had bribed him to make a false Affidavit. That upon this Vencatasha Devy Represented to him the Wickedness of such a Business and declared that he would go and make a Complaint before Mr Chase the Clerk of the Justices and pulled him out of the house for that purpose on this Disturbance a great Crowd gathered about them and after some struggling and Resistance Baborow broke thro the Crowd of People and Ran without his Turband to the House of one Cavelram a Sowcar much connected with Ram Row where he was sheltered from further pursuit.

This Honble Sirs is the Transaction which I think it my Duty to lay before you and beg leave to assure you that I am Ready to produce Witnesses who will prove it in the fullest Manner whenever you think proper to receive their Testimony I must not point out to your Honble Board the little Chance I can have for Justice if his Highness allows

his

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his Servants to Countenance such very wicked and ungenerous Proceedings. His Highness from the Number of Servants he employs from the Elevation of his Situation and even from the Magnitude and extensiveness of his Debts must have an Influence over the minds of a numerous Class of People who may not all have sufficient Firmness to Refuse to Testify what may conduce to his Interest or fall in with his wishes however contrary to the truth, if to this be added such means as the present Transaction points out and such other Deceptions as I have before noticed regarding the forged Indorsement on the Teaps of Cavelram, I cannot expect any Justice from His Highness - and therefore I the more earnestly entreat your Honble Board whose Justice I cannot doubt and whose Researches I am Confident must have Truth always for their object that you will be pleased to send immediately for the said Ram Row and Baboorow to appear before you and to allow me the same time to produce such witnesses as are Ready to prove the above Charge against them and your Honble Board will then be able to judge if I have informed you of the Truth

or

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or whether I have deceived you

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I am, &c. &c.

(Signed) A Paupiah Braminy

Agreed to inform Paupiah that, in his present Situation, the Board Cannot without manifest Impropriety attend to any accusation which he has to prefer, while he is actually in Confinement for a very Serious Accusation against himself, and while he pertinaciously refuses to acknowledge the authority of, or to come upon his Defence before the Committee which have been appointed under the Sanction and by the authority of the Governor General in Council

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That if the Charge which he has preferred against Babarow can tend to his Exculpation, he Certainly does himself an essential Injury is not coming forward in a proper Manner before the Committee, where every opportunity will be afforded him, of stating every Circumstance which he has to lay in Justification of himself - but that, no cognizance can be taken of what he has to offer, until he comes upon his Defence

for

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for the Charges which have been exhibited against him.

Read the following Letter from the Agent

for the Bullock Contractors

To Mr. William Collins Jackson

Secretary to the

Military Department.

Sir,

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors - Number of Bullocks collected at Trichinopoly and Amboor since his last Report.

Since my report of the 18th Instant I have received the following Reports from the Southward.-

At Tanjore - Carriage Bullocks with Maistries & Drivers Complete Mustered on the 15th Inst. } 210.

to proceed to Trichinopoly - - - - - - - -

Do - Ditto - on the 17th Instant - - - - 285.

Do - Ditto - on the 22d Do - - - - - 235

1030.

At Trichinopoly - Carriage Bullocks with Maistries and Drivers Complete, mustered on the 18th - 729.

Do - Ditto - on the 26th - 500 1229

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" Mustered on the 16th with Maistries and Drivers Complete Draught Bullocks. } 200.

And in further part of those ordered at Amboor there was mustered at Ongole and dispatched the 15th Instant Draught Bullocks with Maistries and Drivers Complete } 200.

Ditto with Carriage Bullocks Do - Do 300.

Of the Carriage Bullocks reported in my last assembled at Amboor 353 have gone with

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with Captain Reads Detachment to Bangalore.

Agents are spread over the Country to collect with all possible Expedition the Number necessary to Complete.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servt.

/Signed/ Tho.s Cockburn.

for the Contractor.

Madras

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that the Governor General be informed of the Contents of the foregoing Letter

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Cockburn.

To Mr. Wm. Col.o Jackson

Secretary to the

Military Department

Sir

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - inclosing Bills for the Hire of Carts sent with the Army with Rice to Amboor but came along with it to Bangalore -

In consequence of the orders of Earl Cornwallis, I used every exertion to procure Carts to accompany the Army to Amboor with Rice and Grain, and by promising protection I obtained Five hundred and Ninety three Carts to proceed with the Army, Four hundred and ninety three with Rice and one hundred with Grain.

It appears by the Certificates of the

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the Deputy Grainkeeper and Captain Robertson that Four hundred and Seventy Four Rice Carts were ordered into Pascottah and thereto wait the opportunity of an Escort to Return to the Carnatic - and as the place was taken soon after it was believed in Camp that appears from the Certificates, that they had fallen into the hands of the Enemy - Fortunately however they got Intelligence of the approach of the Enemy and made their Escape - Nineteen of the Rice Carts appear to have been taken by the Enemy or broke down upon the Road, there being that difference between the Number sent and acknowledged by the Certificate - Sixty Seven of the Grain Carts were sent into Pascottah with the Rice Carts, twenty two were detained in Camp until the 10th of March, Twelve broke down, and were lost on the Road, and one difference, between those sent and Acknowledged.

I have agreed to allow the People five of the Carts Certified to have been sent into Pascottah to 31st March and for the twenty two detained in Camp till the 10th March, Five to the 7th April -

The People have represented that Nineteen of Four hundred and Seventy Four Rice Carts

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ordered to be sent to Ooscottah, were obliged to return to Camp on account of the Enemys Horse and remained there until the Army came to Vincatagurry on the 19th April, but in regard to them and the Carts lost or taken by the Enemy, and those broken down, I have informed them that nothing can be done untill the particulars of their loss and the days to which the Carts broke down, Served, can be ascertained and Certified from Camp, to this they have agreed, and say they rely entirely upon the justice of Lord Corn=wallis, who promised them protection and indem=nification when he ordered them to accompany the Army up the Ghauts.—

I hope the Honble Board will order the Balance of the Bill to be paid in Cash, amounting to Pagodas 8,245.. 18.. ..—

Madras
30th May 1791.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Cockburn,
for the Contractors.

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Ordered that the Balance of the Bill amounting to Eight thousand, two hundred and forty five Pagodas— eighteen fanames, be paid from the Treasury.

Read

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Read the following letter from Majrs
Topping and Parry.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet.
President in Council &c. &c. &c.
Fort S.t George.

Honble Sir,

From Majrs Topping & Parry - requesting that their Contract may be extended for the Term of Five years stating that an Error has been committed in Copying their Proposals in the Price of one of the Articles.

We have duly received Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 21.st Instant and Request the Boards acceptance of our acknowledgements for the Honor Conferred on us, in appointing us to the execution of the Honble Company's Ordnance Work.

Permit us however, Honble Sir, to State that, if we might be indulged with the Contract for ~~Five~~ four years, we could perform it with more advantage to the Service, as well as profit to our selves, than by being only allowed the very limited term of ~~three~~ years. Timber for the purpose of Military Machines required to be well Seasond, and ought to be provided in larger quantities, and properly ~~&~~ disposed to harden in the Air a sufficient time before it is used in such important Works as the Construction of Grain - Carriages: Mire

&c.

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we to be favored with the term Specimen of, we could be sure that a precaution on which so much depends, was not, in any instance dispensed with.

We likewise beg permission to inform the Honble Board that an Error has been committed in our proposals, & delivered in the week before last. Instead of 200 Pagodas for an 18 Pr. Field Carriage We meant 290 Pagodas; But, by comparing that and the preceding article with the Company's original prices, the Honble Board will be easily satisfied that the Mistake was merely a Slip of the transcribers pen.

Madras
30th May 1791.

We are, &c. &c.
(Signed) Michael Topping
Thom.s Parry.

As the Board are of opinion that it will be beneficial to the Service to extend the Contract for Gun Carriages &c. to Messrs Topping & Parry for the term of five years - Ordered accordingly

Ordered that the necessary alteration be made in the Price, at which, according to the Original Proposals of Messrs Topping & Parry they had stated an 18 Pounder Field Carriage.

Do

Communicate thereon

To

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The Boards Remarks upon the General Letters from England of the 15th Dec. 1790. and 5 Janry 1791

The Board now proceed to pass the Necessary Resolutions upon the Letters received from the Honble Court of Directors by the Albion and General Coote.

Military Letter dated the 15th December 1790.

Para 182 . . Require no Remark

3 The Board intertain so true and sincere a respect for the Company's orders, that they cannot read this Paragraph without feeling a considerable degree of uneasiness for the provisional appointments of Subalterns and Surgeons Assistants, which have taken place since their arrival - It is true, they have the authority and recommendations of General Medows and Lord Cornwallis, founded on actual reports of the Inconveniences suffered by the Army in the Field, but an order which admits of no Latitude, and which is strongly repeated, even after the Court had Received Accounts of the present arduous War, lies with peculiar weight on those who take upon themselves to depart from it, under any Circumstances - The Board therefore

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therefore think it incumbent on them to state the ground on which they have ventured to use their discretion in this Instance.

In a Letter from the adjutant General of the Army to the Board dated at Camp the 14th August last, and written by order of General Medows are the following Paragraphs.

"On account of the very great deficien-
"-cy of Subaltern officers for the duty of the Army,
I am directed to report for the Information
of the Board that the General has judged it
absolutely necessary for the service to appoint Six
"young Gentlemen to act till further Orders &c-

"The General therefore instructs me
"to request that the Board will take up the
"matter on the principle of this Report in the
"first Dispatch to the Court of Directors, in
"order that the Court may be fully informed
"of the nature of the appointments which he has
"judged it necessary to authorise for the Interest
of the Company's Service at this period, in the
Connection that the measure and the manner of

adapting

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manner of adopting it will meet with their approbation

The General requests that the Court may be informed that the deficiency of Subaltern Officers for the duty of the Army will stand as follows, after admitting the several details as mentioned in this Letter Viz.

Infantry Subalterns deficient		60
Artillery	Do	4
Cavalry	Do	1
Enginers	Do	2
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This Letter was written and the above Statement made at the close of the season, when no more Cadets of the Courts' Nomination were to be expected - The number that arrived that year, amounted only to Seventeen.

The necessity of further appointments was again Repeated after the arrival of Sir Charles Oakeley and Mr Huddleston from England, but these Gentlemen fully aware of the Courts' Orders, and wishing to adhere to them in the strictest manner wrote to General Medows in the following Terms -

"As the Courts orders on the Subject of Provisional appointments, are very positive and have often been repeated, particularly in the last Dispatches,

of

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of which we inclose an Extract we are very aware to the adoption of any Measure so strongly reprobated by the Honorable Court and it is not therefore our Intention to make further Provisional appointments unless you should particularly desire it".

General Medows replied, "with respect to the Gentlemen admitted as Ensigns during the War, great as my respect for every order of the Honorable Court of Directors, and strong and repeated as their orders are upon this Subject, they do not seem to have provided for war, when the urgency of affairs and the great Number of Vacancies, I think, justified the Measure which however, I will never recommend but from the most absolute necessity".

Mr Huddleston likewise having with a view to avoid these appointments proposed calling some of the Supernumerary officers from Bengal the Acting President consulted with Lord Cornwallis upon this subject, who gave his reasons against the proposition and Recommended rather that temporary appointments should be made subject to the pleasure of the Honble Court

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Court and under the Impression of its necessity he nominated some Gentlemen himself for the approbation of the Board.

With respect to Medical assistance the Representations were equally strong the adjutant General of the Army in a Letter entered in the Diary to Consd.t the 23.d of April last, applies by order of Lord Cornwallis, for four Surgeons and eight assistant Surgeons to do Duty with the Army, in addition to those already in the field - this number was sent - and such have been the Field demands both for Officers and Surgeons that several Corps in Garrison are at this moment left without a due proportion of Officers to discipline them, or of Surgeons to take care of their Sicks

The Board think it necessary here to mention that by the Regulations of the 3.d of May last, the Door is in a great measure shut against future appointments in the Medical Line - By the Regulations, no Person can be admitted in future into the Company's Service as an assistant Surgeon, who cannot produce a Licence from the Honorable Court of Directors for his Coming to India and

that

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that besides this Restriction, no one can be appointed to that Station, without having previously undergone a Regular Examination by the Hospital Board without a Declaration under their Hands that he has been regularly educated as a Surgeon, and is fully qualified to act in that Profession.

The Board acknowledge that the Honorable Court have had just cause to complain of the latitude taken by the Governments here at different times to make these appointments when the plea was less urgent or perhaps not existing on any ground of necessity, but in the Circumstances of a great and important War, calling forth all their Strength and Carrying their Troops in distant and arduous operations some latitude may be allowed with Benefit to the Service. The Company's Armies in the present Contest have met with severe trials and traversed great tracts of Country in a Climate where the fatigues and difficulties of Marching alone occasion numerous Casualties. If no Provision were at hand to Supply such extraordinary wants the Consequences might

be

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be very serious, and it is under the impression only that the Board have acted in Compliance with the Authoritative recommendations of their own Governor and the Governor General of Bengal - They shall conclude this unpleasant Subject by observing that no personal motives of favor or patronage have guided them in their appointments, not a single Gentleman being nominated or recommended by either of the Members.

Para 4 & 6. Require no Remark.

7 Ordered that a List of the Prisoners confined in the Mysore Country, and which accompanied Mr. Hollonds Letter to General Conway of the 21 September 1789, be transmitted a Number in the next Packet agreeably to the orders of the Honble Court of Directors.

8 The Board donot see the necessity that operated with the late Government, for making a second Reference to the Honble Court of Directors respecting Mr. Digby's Claims - all the Documents necessary for Decision were at the time before them the Report of the Committee of Correspondence confirmed by the Court Mr. Digbys appeal and affedavit.

and

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and Colonel Fullarton's Explanatory Letter of the 12th of March 1789.

The Board having attentively read and Considered the abovementioned Papers with others upon Record relating to the Subject also a Letter from Mr. Digby dated the 20th December 1790. and entered have after now proceed in Conformity to the Honble Courts orders to determine upon the Articles which have been referred back for their Consideration and Decision.

On reference to the General Letter from hence dated the 15 January 1790, it appears that there are two Articles yet undetermined the first is "for Pagodas 10638.. retrenched from "the "Carriage Contract for Rice," — a Contract which had been made between the Commanding Officer and the Paymaster, without the previous Knowledge or Subsiquent Sanction of the Government of Madras, — The Committee of Correspondence upon this Charge observe, that from the Papers produced to the Committee from Mr. Digby it appears that, he offered to enter into a Contract for the Carriage of a Quantity of

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"of Rice monthly at a Stipulated Rate which
"the Commanding Officer by Letter agreed to and
"as Mr. Digby asserts communicated the same to
"Government — the Auditor in desiring to be furnished
"with a Copy of such Contract, if entered on the
"Records, was however informed by the Secretary
"to the Madras Board, that no Trace of it
"appeared he therefore in his audit allowed
"only the rate which the Regulations had established,
"and the above Sum was in consequence struck off.

"Though the Contract in Question
"appears sanctioned by the Letter from Colonel
"Fullarton produced by Mr. Digby, yet as he states
"that this with other Papers were before the auditor
"when he Retrenched the Sum, and has not
"thought proper to appeal from his Audit to the
"Madras Government, by which means the Subject
"never came under their Discussion, The Committee
"Cannot recommend that any further allowance
"be made to Mr. Digby on this Account than
"what the Commission Mr. Jackson has Sanctioned
"by his audit, until a further Examination

be

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"be had, and unless more complete Information
"be obtained from the Madras Government than
"what was laid before the auditor, and is now
"before the Committee."

Colonel Fullarton states, "that he
Communicated to the Board of Madras the
Arrangements in Question, retaining the original
Agreements in his own Possession." These arrange-
=ments, are not to be found on the Records but
being stated by Colonel Fullarton to have remained
in his possession, it seems natural in this Enquiry
that they should have been laid before the Honble
Court as a most necessary voucher to support the
Charge — The Auditor struck off the Sum because
the Contract could not be produced, and its merits
had been found to deserve Consideration, It is not
likely that Mr Digby would have been Sufferer
for any Zealous act promotive of the Public
Good, — The usage of the Service had been lost
sight of in the present Instance, — The Terms of
the Contract, whatever might have been the
Merit of Mr Digby were surely liable to
objection

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objection because they exceeded the Regulations of the Service.— The authority for such Excess was called for, and could not be dispensed with by the auditor.— Mr. Digby had no written Authority to produce that could enable the auditor to admit the Charge at length, however, he brings forward a Letter for the Commanding Officer, written several years after the Transaction had taken place, and which says "that "a Communication had been made to the Government "of Madras of the Arrangements in Question, and "that the "Orginal agreements had been retained in his (the Commanding Officers) Hands," "without producing these agreements, on which the admissibility of the Charge entirely depended.— If there were an urgent necessity for entering into a Contract for the Carriage of Rice, which exceeded the rate — established by the Regulations of the Service, it was surely the more incumbent on the Parties concerned to take every precaution that Govern.t should be acquainted with the Circumstance and their Sanction obtained if not before at least subsequent to its taking place.— In a measure which involved so considerable an Expence, the Board would most assuredly have made an early

early, reply to any Letter which they might have received on the Subject - No Reply having been given was a Convincing Proof that no such Letter had been Received a Duplicate should therefore have been Dispatched, as soon as the Communication with the Presidency was interrupted, at all Events, the Contract ought to have been forthcoming, and as the Auditor rejected the Charge because it was not produced, and as it has not been produced to this time, the Board are decidedly of opinion that there is not sufficient Information before them to admit the Claim in Question, and that it is their Duty therefore to reject it.

The Second and last Article is for Pagodas 4,378.15 - being a portion of Secret Service money which has been declared must be paid upon Official Vouchers being produced.

The Board find that the only Voucher of any Consequence which Mr. Digby has produced is an affidavit of which the following is an Extract, in Point, -

"Kenelm Digby late of Madras

in

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in the Honorable East India Company's Service,
but now of Meriden, in the County of Warwick,
in the Kingdom of Great Britain / at present in
London / Esquire maketh oath and saith, that
having made a Claim on the Honble East India
Company for the Sum of Eleven Thousand two
hundred and two Star Pagodas thirty seven Fanams,
disbursed by him for secret Service Money on
Account of the Commanding Officer of the Southern
Army on the Coast of Coromandel, the Court of Directors
of the said Honorable Company by the Report of
their Committee of Correspondence passed in Court
on Twenty fifth of September One Thousand
Seven hundred and eighty eight, pursuant to a
reference of Court of the Thirty first of October,
One thousand Seven hundred and eighty seven
after having allowed part of the said Sum of
Eleven Thousand two hundred and two Star Pagodas,
thirty seven Fanams, stated, that as to the remainder,
being four Thousand Three hundred and seventy
eight Star Pagodas, fifteen Fanams, if
Vouchers were produced for the amount, the
same might also be allowed - and this
Deponent

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Deponent further saith that the Vouchers required for the said sum of Four thousand three hundred and seventy eight Star Pagodas, Sixteen fanams were in this Deponent's possession but the same are now either lost, mislaid, or left in India, as this Deponent verily believe

The Committee of Correspondence recommend that the Paymaster should be allowed his Charge as far as vouchers were produced

Colonel Fullarton has stated in support of the Charge in his Letter of the 12th of March 1789. that "he had looked over the several Claims "for secret Service Money stated in Mr. Digby's "Account, and had no doubt of their Correctness"

The Coast Government with all the above Documents before them thought it necessary to refer back the Claim "that the Honble Court "of Directors might affix such weight to Colonel "Fullartons support of it, as they might think "that Support deserved"

The Board of opinion that Colonel Fullarton's observation is not Sufficiently

definite

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definite for the admission of the Charge in
Question - Recourse must therefore be had to the
affidavit, which states, "that Mr. Digby having
"made a Claim on the Company for Certain Sums
"disbursed by him for Secret Service money on
"account of the Commanding Officer of the Southern
"army &c &c. and that the Company after
having allowed Part of these Sums agreed to
"allow the Remainder, of Vouchers were produced
"for the amount" Mr. Digby then Declares "that
"the Vouchers required, had been in his Possession,
"but that they were now either lost mislaid, or
"left in India, as he verily believed - "this affidavit
would have been more in point, if Mr. Digby
had Sworn to the actual Disbursement of the Money
he Swears only - that he made the Claim to the Court
of Directors, and that the Vouchers required, had
been in his possession &c. It is by no means
Certain however that the Vouchers themselves
might not have been deemed objectionable -
and as it is only upon good and Sufficient
Vouchers that any Charges & charges are allowed,

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affidavit ought to be framed in very direct Terms before it be admitted as sufficient Evidence to supply the want of those Documents – The affidavit produced by Mr. Digby is also essentially defective in another Instance, it states generally, that the Vouchers required were either "lost mislaid, or "left in India, whereas it should have specifically stated the Accident by which they were lost and shewn that the loss had happened by no neglect of the Paymaster – Under the Considerations the Board have no Hesitation in pronouncing that the Claim ought not to be admitted.

The Board observe that Mr. Digby in his Letter of the 20th December now before them advert to a Charge of Pagodas 3612-21. for Bullocks left to feed at Trichinopoly but that Article was rejected by the late Governor and is not among those referred by the Honble Court, it is unnecessary to say any thing further upon the Subject

Para 9. Requires no observation.

10 Mr. John Taxing has resigned the Service

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Service, and Quitted the Country; - If he were in India, he would in Compliance with the Honble Courts orders, have been appointed to the office of Military Storekeeper, provided, he had chosen to have accepted it upon the present System.

11. Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board, and that they be directed to state, whether the late Promotion of Mr. Berry to be full Surgeon, be any Bar to his resumption of the office of Secretary to that Board.-

12 Requires no observation

13. A Letter from the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations, -- recommending that the plan for an uniformity of System in Keeping the Military Accounts, be not adopted on the Coast 'till the Conclusion of the present War is now under Reference to the Government General.-

14 Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Military Board for their Information.

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15. In the Genral Letters to the Honble Court from this Department by the Hawke and Warren Hastings the Board have Stated at some length their Ideas of the Point in Dispute between Messrs Gahagan and Binny they have no further observation to make at present.

16. No passage money has been allowed to any officers belonging to His Majesty's British Regiments returning to Europe, since the Receipt of the Courts Letter dated the 2d. December 1789.

17 The Board have to observe upon this Paragraph, that the Committee for investigating the accounts of the Kings Troops Serving in India has been lately abolished, and that the duty is now performed by the Military Paymaster Genral without any other Expence to the Company than 37 Pagodas per Mensem for Native Writers &c.

18 Ordered That a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Trustees of the Male Orphan Asylum, and that they be desired to furnish an annual

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Account of the State of the Fund, and of the number of Boys upon the Establishment, with their Ages &c

Para 19 } Particular attention will be paid
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to the orders contained in these Paragraphs —
regarding the Pay and allowances to an eventual
Commander in Chief.

21. The new distribution of the Gratuity Fund has been established upon the Principles laid down by the Governor General and Reported to the Honble Court of Directors in the Letter from hence Dated the 21st January last Para: 79. 80. 81.

22 } Require no observation
23 } this Paragraph

24 Ordered that a Copy of ^ be sent to the Hospital Board. vide observations upon the 3d Paragraph.

25 } Require no remark
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27. Ordered a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to Mr. Michael Topping

28. Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to Mr. Surgeon Gordon.

29 Needs no observation. —

30 } Require no Remark at present. —
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32 Needs no Remark.

33. The subject contained in this Paragraph respecting

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respecting the Remonstrance of the Field Officers, and Captains employed South of the Coleroon, against the new Plan for distributing the off Reckonings, has been treated of in the Letter from hence under date the 21 January Last Paragraph 7.-

34. The Board are unable to give any information to the Honorable Court of Directors regarding the Difficulties stated by the late Government to have occurred in the Prosecution of Major Pringles Plan for a corps of Guides the Difficulties if any there were, are not to be found on the Records - on the Contrary, it appears that it had been actually determined, upon the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, to adopt the Plan in Part and in Consequence that an Establishment had been made for 25 Guides North of the Kistna for Service in the Carnatic, and for 25 South of the Coleroon, making one Quarter of the Number recommended by Major Pringle

Consult 22d June 1797

General Letter to England 16th October 1787. Para 8.

The Report of the Chief Engineer is entered on the Proceeding of this Department the 6th February 1790 - agreed that this

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this Circumstance be noted to the Honble Court, and that the Subject be resumed, as soon as the present War is brought to a Conclusion.

35 & 37. Ordered that a Copy of these Parā be sent to Major Maule, and that he be directed to pay due attention to the Instructions therein Contained - The List of Maps mentioned in the 37th Paragraph has not been sent out.

38. Colonel Kelly's Map & Memoirs will be sent to England by the next dispatch

39. Requires no Remark

40. The Board will not fail to avail themselves of the Permission given to them by the Honble Court for sending Home any of the Attornies of the Mayors Court who shall be guilty of improper Practices in the Line of their Profession. —

The evil complained of calls loudly for Reform as well as many others connected with the Same Subject, which are detailed in the Genral Letter from the Public Department under date the 15 April 1791. Parā 15 to 26.

41. Colonel Pitts application to be appointed

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appointed Colonel Commandant of Artillery is entered on the Records of Consultation the 9th February 1790 - and Mr. Mayne's Memorial was transmitted a Number in the Hawkes Packet under date the 14th April last.

42. Needs no reply

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44. } Minute upon Captain Hearsay's Memorial

The Board having taken into Consideration the Claim of Captain Hearsay, are of opinion, that his memorial is not well founded, and tho the Comparison he has drawn between his situation and that of former Grain Keepers is in every stage of it incorrect — They will now proceed to shew in what particular Instances the above observation holds good.

The Company's Civil Servant Mr. Erskine acting as Grain Keeper, enjoyed only the Pay and Batta of a Captain, and charged for Servants 358 Pagodas Fullonth, while Captain Hearsay acting in the joint offices of Grain Keeper and Baggage-Master with the Army, received, as the Board have been well informed, the Field allowances of a Lieutenant

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on the Bengal Establishment, over and above the allowance of a Grain Keeper, and charged for Servants in that Capacity Six hundred and twelve Pagodas pr Month - If therefore the Wastage of Grain was less in the time of Captain Hearsay, than in that of his Predecessor, the Cause is in some degree explained by the increased Charge for Servants, - But it does not appear, except in the Case of Mr. Erskine, whose deficiencies were occasioned in a great measure by the Inclemency of the weather, that Captain Hearsays were less than those of former Grain Keepers. - Mr. Forster Conducted the Employ with half the Number of Servants, and with equal advantage to the Company, - no charge was made by him for Gunny Bags, some of which were returned into Store - Captain Hearsay claims the Charge, tho' none of the Bags appear to have been returned to the Madras Store.

Captain Hearsay's assertion that the Garrison Store Keeper was allowed five per Cent for Conveying Rice from the Shore to the Store room / a Distance not exceeding 150 Paces /

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and that the agent was allowed the same ½ per Cen-
-tage on receiving it from the Storekeper, is entirely
unfounded. No such Charges were ever made by
the Garison Storekeper, or by the agent,

Captain Kearsay states in his memorial
that "the Carriage of the Army could only furnish
six Days "Consumption (of Rice) for the fighting Men"
— The Quantity under his Charge at any one time
could not therefore be very great, and for its Pres a
-vation against Defalcation, and Deficiencys he
had a Deputy, before unknown — and more than
double the Number of Servants before employed.

Upon the whole, from what has
been stated here, and from what appears
vide Proceedings of the Select Committee
19th December 1783 on the Records of this Government,
Captain Kearsay can have no just Reason
to Complain of a Deficiency of Emolument —
— To admit the Claim preferred by him, would
subject the Company to the Payment of a very heavy
Demand in favor of a Person who appears to have
been already very amply rewarded, and might
give rise to many similar applications after
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the Expiration of the present war.—

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46 } Ordered that a Copy of these Paragraphs
be sent to the Town Major and that he be directed
to attend to the Court's Instructions respecting the
Tenants.

Military Letter 5th January 1791.

Observation

Para 1st Requires no objection.

2. . . The Board are concerned to observe
among the List of Officers permitted to Return to
India the Name of Lieutenant Colonel Congyngham,
who had so long ago as the year 1788 been
pensioned on Lord Clives Bounty, upon his own
Declaration that he was unfit for further Service.
—They apprehend if Officers who solicit this
pension are allowed to return with their Rank,
a Considerable inconvenience may arise by charging
the establishment with Supernumaries and
damping the Hopes of those who look forward to
Promotion as a Reward for active Services it
encourages also the Interested to make a Convenience
of the Service to answer their own private Purposes
—An Instance of this Kind occurred lately in the
Case of Lieutenant Colonel Hughes, who, after
he,

Vide 85 Paragraph of the General Letter to England the 1st March 1788.

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he had been pensioned for some years, was permitted to return from England to the effective List, which he was compelled to relinquish in a few Months after his arrival, and to Solicit a Place among the Invalid Officers of the Establishment

Para 3 Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Military Paymaster General.

4 Requires no Remark at present

5 Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Town Major, for his Information and Guidance—

6. A Copy of this Paragraph to be sent to the Hospital Board.

7. Mr. Thomas Nash has been admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, agreably to the Court's Order;

8-9-10- Copies of this Para. to be sent to the Military Paymaster General, who must be directed to state the Cause of the great Irregularity Complained of by the Honble Court to call on all the Officers who have returned to their Duty, and whose half Pay has been issued both here and England to Refund the Same, and to demand

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of the attornies of those officers who are yet absent from this stations the amount that has been twice paid on this account.

The Honble Major General Medows

President & Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George.

From Mr. Porcher enclosing a letter from Mr. Digby on the Subject of his accounts

Honorable Sir

I have the honor to lay before you a Letter from my Constituent Mr. Kendall Digby in Support of a Second Reference made by the Court of Directors to Government on the Subject of his Accounts - and have the honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed Jos. du Pre Porcher

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

From Mr. Digby in support of his balances in the Company which are now referred to this Government for their final Decision

Upon my arrival in England in the course of this month, I was furnished with Extracts relative to the Proceedings of your late Government on my Claims as Paymaster to the Army under the Command of Colonel Fullarton, together with a Copy of the paragraph which the Honble Court of Directors had written to you in consequence of part of the said claims being still left in Suspense.

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The variety of scrutiny & explication that these accounts have already undergone both in India and Europe will dispense at this stage of the business with much tedious retrospect, leaving me little to add to the proofs quoted in the last Report, saving some misconception to do away, and some dubious points to clear up, both which I flatter myself I shall be able to effect without engaging much of your time or leaving any doubt upon your minds as to the justice of my pretensions

The articles that now remain for your equitable decision, and final determination are three in number

The first (as it stands in the Report) is for "Pagodas 3610.21. for Bullocktes left to "feed, retrenched by the auditor, because the Company "should not be charged for any but what were "actually employed."

But the real cause for rejecting this Sum appears in the paragraph stated by the Comptroller General from the General letter. "The Honorable Court of Directors observe on "this Charge, that if the Paymaster is able to produce proofs

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"proofs of his having received Directions from the "Commander in Chief of the Southern Army "to retain the Bullocks in question (provided "the charge for them does not exceed the Companys "regulations) it would be hard to withold this Sum "from the Paymaster." The Comptroller General then adds. "I have carefully compared the rate charged "for them in the accounts of the Southern Army with "the other bullocks, and find it does not exceed them"

Here then is one part of the difficulty clearly obviated, and what I am going to lay before you must, I presume, be equally conclusive for the other; But as the Resolutions of the late Board detain this Sum upon fresh grounds, I shall first take leave to rectify a misconception upon which they are founded. —— They observe, "That the "usual official documents and Vouchers for the "Number of Bullocks, not being produced conformably "to the orders of the Court of Directors, the Board "do not think themselves authorized to admit "this charge."

The Honorable Court of Directors however only require the Directions of the Commanding Officer

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Officer well knowing from undeniable authority no less than the auditor himself, that the official Vouchers for the Summers were regularly deposited with him. I shall therefore proceed to substantiate these directions from the Commanding Officers Letter of the 12th March 1789. on your records.

"In regard to the first Article amounting to Pagodas 3610-21- being the hire of certain Bullocks left at Tirchinopoly - while the Army marched to Tinnivelly - they were kept upon the Strength of the Army by my express desire, the state of affairs at that period being such as could not by any means have justified me in discharging them."

"I do not for my own part comprehend how evidence can be more explicit, than this of the Comptroller General, and Commanding Officer to the facts required to be proved by the Honorable Court for the Release of this Sum.

The second and next in order is for Pagodas 10,638.- retrenched from the Carriage Contract for rice which retrenchment not having been appealed to the Madras Government the records do not afford sufficient light for the Committee

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Committee to judge of its propriety".

The Ground upon which this Contract was set a side obviously accounts for its not being appealed to the Government of Madras - Viz: the Record there affording no trace of this transaction, and the other contracting party in behalf of the Company who alone could supply official testimony being then in Europe, nothing further could be obtained in time for that appeal beyond what had already been laid before the auditor.

The Court of Directors require more Compleat information than had come before them on this article, whereupon the Comptroller General in his Report, observes, "That Mr. Digby produces a letter from Colonel Fullarton, on the 2d Para. of which he says; That respecting the Star Pagodas 10,638 - - - struck off the Contract for the Carriage of Rice, it is impossible for me to speak with any precision to the grounds on which the Auditor rejected that claim, but I am fully enabled to speak with Certainty to the merits and particulars of the Contract

itself

"which was concluded at the time, I received instructions
"to march the Army for the third time into the dominions
"of Tippoo Sultaun. I stated the Circumstance of that
"Contract to a Meeting of the Field officers after we
"had entered the Enemy's Country at Ayecotta in Spring
"1784. And I communicated to the Board of Madras
"the arrangements in question, retaining the original
"Agreements in my own possession."

Your Comptroller General concludes hereupon that as Colonel Fullarton who commanded the Army not only authorized the Contract but Reported it as as he says to Government I presume this charge may be allowed, especially as the Honorable Court of Directors have been pleased to decree. That Paymasters are to make such disbursements

" as their Commanding officers shall order not-
" withstanding their orders may militate against those
" issued by Government. They being responsible for any
" deviation thereby."

Nevertheless the late Board refer this Article home again remarking "That the information obtained here is similar "to what was before the Committee of Correspondence. The letter "from Colonel Fullarton of the 12th. March 1789 being to the "same purport as that which was produced before the Committee "of Correspondence under date 28th. October 1787"

That the purport was similar as to its general tenor, is undeniable, for Colonel Fullarton

has

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has been uniform in his declarations and appro-
bation, but essentially different in furnishing
that Compleat information required, The letter of
prior date speaking merely to our system of
aconomy, and to the powers delegated to him,
but without any specification of particular Charges
whatsoever. It was in Consequence of this being
adjudged inadequate to these precise articles
that I addressed to him my requisitions
under date the 12th January 1789 but before
I could obtain his reply of the 12th March, the
Court of Directors had finally closed their Report,
and to that unfortunate delay to Colonel Fullarton
I can ascribe in a great measure, if not solely, the trouble I am under
the necessity of giving your Honble Board at
this instant

In dessenting from the opinion of
your late Government on this point which
alone seems to have impeded the Release of

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this Sum, I have not trusted entirely to my own judgement having respectable authority for maintaining that this last letter would be decisive evidence more especially when corroborating the official Vouchers under the Sign manual of the Commanding Officer, that accompanied my last addrs.

When this Sum was withheld by the auditor - the Records were silent - The President and Commanding officer both absent, and the authority of the latter very little respected in matters of accounts at present I am enabled to bring it forward under very different colours, and I think too highly of your equity and liberality to apprehend that I shall longer suffer from an omission in the outset, and from incidents in the sequel I could evidently neither occasion, nor govern,

The last Article is for Pagodas 1378.15. being a portion of Secret Service money which

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has been declared must be paid upon official
Voucher being produced.

The whole of this disbursements was made as a private accommodation, and this particular portion was paid by my Servants to different denominations of Black people, who if they granted receipts, they were such as I paid little attention to when I left India, never dreaming at that hour that I should be referred to the Company for the recovery of it. It is needless entering into further discussion hereupon which would only engage much of your time since in my present predicament I must have recourse to my affadavit as prescribed by the Madras Government in case of loss of Vouchers for disbursements, and I do it with less regret as not a single one for my public charges has been deficient through the whole series of my very voluminous Accounts. —

Before I conclude this Article I must rectify an oversight in the last Report which states —

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states that the Sum Pagodas 1897. 3. should be deducted from this Balance whereas it has already been deducted from the Sum total in the following manner

Sums paid on Col Fullartons Act. for Secret Service 11,202.37.-

Received from him - - - - - - - - - 1897.3.-

9305.34.-

Released by the Board on officers Vouchers 4927.19.-

Balance due Supported by Affadavit - - 4378.15.-

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
Honorable Sir & Sirs,
Your faithful Servant,
/Signed/ R. Digby.
Pay.r to the late C. Army.

London 20th December 1790

Wallace
Lt.

Chas. Oakeley.
" Wm. Dhee
" Thos. Hudleston

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

John Hudleston Esqr

The Honble Major General

Tuesday 31st May 1791. Five o'Clock P.M.

Medows absent upon absent.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The acting President informs the Board that he has judged it necessary to call a Council for the Purpose of laying before them, a Letter which he has just received by Express from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, Commanding at Bangalore.

This Consult. Meeting called for the purpose of taking into immediate consideration a letter just received from Bangalore

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St George

From Lieutenant Colonel Oldham — advising of Earl Cornwallis Intention to return to Bangalore — stating the great want of Forage and Provisions and the reduced State of the Cattle with the Army — the Battering Train destroyed on account of the want of Bullocks

Honble Sir,

This day I had the honor to receive a Letter from Lord Cornwallis dated the 22d Instant informing me of the want of Forage, Provisions

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Provisions, and the reduced state of the Cattle of the Army have rendered it Necessary for His Lordship to return immediately to Bangalore, — every Exertion on my part shall be made to Collect all the Grain, Cattle, and Sheep within 20 Miles of this place — I expect Captain Read with a Detachment from Vellore about the 30th and I trust with his assistance we shall be able to procure an ample Supply for the Army. —

I am sorry to add my Intelligence says His Lordship for want of Bullocks has been under the Necessity of Destroying the Battering Train.

Bangalore
26th May 1791

With great Respect
I have the Honor to be
Signed / Wm. Wm. / John Oldham

The acting President recommends that a Copy of this foregoing be immediately transmitted to Bengal and accompanied by the following Letter

The acting President recommends that a Copy of the Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham be immediately transmitted to Bengal, and that it be accompanied by the following Letter

To

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To the Honble Charles Stuart

&c &c Gentlemen of the Council

Fort William

To the Supreme Council with copy of this Letter just received from Bangalore.

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to enclose Copy of an express just arrived from Bangalore. This is the only account we have received of the Lord Cornwallis's Intention to return to that place. our latest advices from his Lordship is dated the 9th which we communicated yesterday. The purport of that Letter indicated considerable distress with regard to the Cattle, and we are much concerned to observe that his wants have at length forced him to endeavour for the present, the object of his enterprise.

We have the Honor to be,

Wa: Wa:

Signed Chas Oakeley

Wa Council

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ordered

Ordered accordingly

Ordered also, that a Copy of the Lieutenant Colonel Kham's Letter be transmitted by this Night's Dispatch to Bombay, Poona, and Hydrabad.

Copies of Lieutenant Colonel Kham's Letter to be transmitted to the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad and to Bombay.

Resolved,

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Resolved, that the following orders be immediately issued.

orders to be immediately issued in consequence of the foregoing Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Kelham

1st To countermand the orders for Selling off the old Rice and Paddy at the Arrac and Liegar. To direct the Storekeeper at Arrac, to get in all the new Paddy in his power. Tho' a certain Expence, and only a probable advantage, nothing should be left to Chance.

2d To Mr Kindersley to continue to throw in all the Grain he can to Amboor and Vellore and to order all the Slaughter Cattle and Sheep procurable in the Barramahal, to be secured in the Neighbourhood of Amboor.

3d To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to send Rice from Madras to Amboor - also 15 Garse of Salt, and 20 Candies of Biscuit.

4 To the agents for Spirituous Liquors to send immediately to Amboor 200 fifty Gallon Casks.

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5 To the Military Board to
direct the Military Storekeeper to make
up immediately one hundred new &
Wrack Carts - and one hundred Platform
Carts - the latter will probably be &
required, as many of those with the Army,
from the Mortality that has prevailed,
amongst the Cattle, must be lost - and
many broken in the bad Roads.

6 A Circular Letter to be written
to the Collectors, to the Northward and
Southward directing them to obtain without
the least delay as large a Number of &
Draught and Carriage Cattle as may &
be supplied from the Districts under their
Charge, allowing the Owners a liberal &
Consideration for them, and to transmit
immediately an Estimate of the Number
which may be furnished within 14
days after their receipt of the order, and
of the Number which can be furnished
in one Month, stating the Draught and
Carriage distinctly.

7 To the Board of Revenue, to stop
all

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All Sales of Grain in the Districts of the Carnatic and Tanjore.

" Chas. Oakeley.

" Hudleston

J. Agilone Esqr

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: for the month of June Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

From the Agent for purchasing horses

From the Agent for purchasing horses requesting that the Arrears due to him as Agent may be discharged by the Paymaster to the Troops in the Center Division.

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provision

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions enclosing an Indent for 10 Garce of Rice.

From the Commandant at Palamcotah

From the Commandant at Palamcotah advising of the Number of Horses, Mares, and Colts he has received from the Nabob's Manager states that Jaffer Cawn has retained six of the best horses, saying that he cannot deliver them up without the Nabob's order.

From Ensign James Wilson

From Mr James Wilson enclosing a Certificate of his appointment as a Cadet on this Establishment; and requesting that his Rank may commence from the 30th April 1788, the date of his appointment in this Country.

From

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From the Officer Commanding at Bellumcondah — representing the Necessity of rethatching the Lepoy's Barrack's in that Garrison previous to the setting in of the Monsoon.

From the Officer commanding at Bellumcondah

Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C: C: No 130) enclosing Copy of Mr Andrews's Reply to the Complaint preferred against him by Ananderow; & requesting his Highness will discourage such groundless representations in future.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

Sent the following Letters

Circular Letter to the Collectors
in the three Divisions of the Arcot Province
in the three Divisions of the Jaghere
in the Ongole Nellore and Palnaud Districts
at Guntoor
in the three Divisions of the Masulipatam Havelly
at Coimbatore,
at Carroore,

Circular letter to the Collectors — directing them to collect Bullocks and report the Numbers which can be furnished in 14 days and the Number which can furnished in one month after the receipt of this order

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will obtain without the least delay as large a Number of

Draughts

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Draught and Carriage Cattle as can be supplied from the Districts under your Charge allowing the Owners a liberal consideration for them and you are immediately to transmit an estimate of the Number which may be furnished within 14 days after you receive this Letter, and of the Number which can be furnished in one & Month stating the Draughts and Carriages & distinctly — I am further directed to desire you will acknowledge this Letter immediately on receipt of it.

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

Fort St George
1st June 1791

To Avanadum Paupiah Bramany

To Paupiah Bramany — no Cognizance can be taken of the Charges he may prefer against others until he come upon his defence for the Charges which are exhibited against & himself.

I am directed by the Honble the & President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 27th Ultimo, & to inform you that in your present situation, he & cannot, without manifest Impropriety, attend to any accusation which you have to prefer against others, while you are actually in & Confinement for a very serious Accusation against yourself, and while you pertinaciously refuse to acknowledge the Authority of, or to come upon your Defence before the Committee &

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which have been appointed under the Sanction and by the authority of the Governor General in Council.

If the Charge which you have preferred against Babarow can tend to your Exculpation, you certainly do yourself an essential Injury in not coming forward in a proper Manner before the Committee, where every opportunity will be afforded you, of stating every Circumstance which you might have to say in Justification of yourself — But, as you have already been informed, no Cognizance can be taken of what you have to offer, until you come upon your Defence for the Charges which have been exhibited against you.

By order of the Honble the Governor in Council

Signed W^m. C. Jackson Secretary

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

To Major General Medows enclosing copy of Major General Musgraves recommendation in favor of Captain Little and Ens. Pierce

We have the Honor to enclose for your opinion, Copy of a Letter from Major General Musgrave, recommending the appointment of Captain Little to the Command of the 18th Battalion of Sepoys, vice Westropp deceased — and of Ensign Pierce to succeed Captain Little as Brigade Major to the

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1 the 4th Brigade.

We have the Honor to be
Wr: Wr:
/Signed/ Chas Oakeley
Wr Council

Fort St George
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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General Wr: Wr: Wr:

To Earl Cornwallis —
Bullocks collected at
Trichinopoly — Measures
adopted in consequence
of the advice received
of his Lordship's
intention to return
to Bangalore.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose to your Lordship a Triplicate of our Letter under date the 25th Ultimo, advising of the Number of Bullocks that had been provided at Amboor, in consequence of your Letter of the 30th April.

We have now to inform your Lordship that there are collected at Trichinopoly with Maistries and Drivers complete 2459 Draught and Carriage Bullocks.

We have been informed by Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, in a Letter dated the 26th Ultimo, that your Lordship has found it necessary to return to Bangalore immediately, in consequence of the Scarcity of Provisions and the reduced State of your Cattle — upon the Receipt of this Letter we gave immediate Directions, for throwing Supplies into Amboor and Vellore and for Collecting Cattle — we sincerely hope we the Intentions of Lieutenant Colonel Oldham

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Wm Oldham and Captain Read that the Distresses of the Army will be considerably relieved on your Lordship's arrival at Bangalore.

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

Fort St George
1st June 1791.

To the Honble Commodore Cornwallis

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships & Vessels in the East Indies.

To Commodore Cornwallis requesting the Surgeons Bills for the Sick of his Majesty's Navy received into the General Hospital.

Sir,

We have the Honor to inform you that in compliance with the Request contained in your Letter of the 4th of October last, we directed the Comptroller General of Army Accounts to report upon the Surgeon's Bills for articles Wn furnished for the Sick of his Majesty's Navy in the General Hospital at Madras. We according have addressed us a Letter on the Subject, a Copy of which we beg leave to enclose for your Information. —

as the Comptroller General had reported to us, that "he could not pass any "public Ground Object to Mr. Harris's Bills, we directed the Sum of Eight hundred (800) Pagodas to be paid in part, and the Remainder

to

to be settled upon your arrival in such Manner as you might think most eligible — The Subsequent Charges for Bazar Medicines are reduced from Seven to four fanams ⅌ Diem for each Patient. —

We take the Liberty of enclosing an account, Shewing the sums which have from time to time been advanced by our order on account of the Sick of his Majesty's Navy recieved into the Company's General Hospital. —

We have the honor to be,
with great Esteem,
Wa: Wa:
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Wa Council

Fort St George
19 June 1791

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nos 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26. —

To the Resident at Poona and Hyderabad

To the Resident at Poona & Hyderabad — with Copy of the letter from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, containing advice of Earl Cornwallis's Intention to return immediately to Bangalore. —

To the Secretary at Bombay

To the Secretary at Bombay as above. —

To the Secretary to the Military Board

To the Secretary to the Military Board — approving the Military Board's Recommendation

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1. Recommendation of engageing Tonnage for the Transportation of Military Stores to the Northward.

To Messrs Topping and Parry—

To Messrs Topping and Parry

the Board consent that the Contract to be entered into with them shall be continued for the Term of five years — the alteration mentioned in their Letter of the 30th Octr in the Price for 18 Pr Field Carriages may be made.

To the Military Board—

To the Military Board

with advice of the above.

To Do directing them to give

To Do

orders to the Military Storekeeper to make up, without loss of time, one hundred new Arrack Casks, and the same Number of the Old Casks.

To the Military Storekeeper—

To the Military Storekeeper

informing him of the alteration in the Term of Messrs Topping and Parry's Contract and in the Price of the 18 Pounder field Carriages.

To the Agent for the Bullock

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors

Contractors — directing him to suggest such Means as may occur to him the most likely to effect the speedy Collection of Cattle for the use of the army.

To the Acting Agent for Spirituous

To the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Liquors — directing him to send immediately to Arnbor 200 fifty Gallon Casks of Arrack for the use of the army.

To

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To the Paymaster at Vellore — directing him to inform Lieutenant Colonel Tolson, that if he think it necessary to make a Temporary non Commissioned Officers Staff, he must prefer his application through the Commander in Chief to Government.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Chengleput — the Board consent to the Expenditure of the Sum of Pagodas 42 in repairing the Building occupied by the Public artificers at Chengleput.

To the Paymaster at Chengleput

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army — the Board consent to the Continuance of Captain Read's Charge for Hircarrahs &c.

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army

To Captain Alexander Read — informing him of the Gratuity to be allowed Mahomed ally Beg — stating that the Board cannot, in the present Situation of Affairs, give him any Specific Instructions for the Guidance of his Conduct.

To Captain Alexander Read

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — directing him to countermand immediately such orders as he may have given, for selling off the Grain at Trichenopoly, Tiagar, Pondamallee, Chengleput, Tanjore and Arnee, — informing him of the orders given to Mr Kindersley for throwing

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

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Thro'ving in Grain at Amboor and Vellore, &
for Collecting Slaughter Cattle and Sheep from
the Baramhaul in the Neighbourhood of
Amboor — orders to be given to the Storekeeper
at Arnee to receive all the new Paddy in his
Power — 15 Garce of Salt and 20 Candies of
Biscuit to be sent from the Presidency to
Amboor — and 64 Garce of Rice to be sent
from Poondamallee to Amboor, and as
much more, to be forwarded from hence, as
he may judge Necessary.

To the Collector in the Northern
Division of the ancd Provinces — directing him
to lay up at Amboor and Vellore as much
Grain as he can collect from the Districts
under his Management.

To the Collectors at Tanjore
directing them to consider the orders given them
on the 31st Ulto as countermanded, and the
former Instructions for storing Grain
as still in force.

To the Board of Inland Revenue —
the armed Peons in the Tanjore Country to be
continued for the present, agreeably to the Recom=
=mendation of the Collectors.

To Do — directing them to
give

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gave immediate orders to Mr. Kindersley to store
at Amboor and Vellore as much Grain as may
be procurable in the Districts under his
Charge and to exert himself in collecting
Slaughter Cattle and Sheep — also to instruct
the Collector at Trichinopoly to stop, for the
present, the Sale of the Grain under his
Charge. —

To the Board of Revenue —

To the Board of Revenue

desiring them to give immediate Instructions
to the Collectors in the Jaghire, not to sell
any more of the Grain without further
orders. —

To Ditto — to instruct Mr.
Balfour to relieve the Guard of regular
Sepoys placed over Vendatta Swamy by an
equal Number of Revenue Troops. —

To Do

To Lieutenant Riddell — with

To Lieutenant Riddell
at Conjeveram

advice of the above order. —

Received the undermentioned

2 Letters as entered in Mr. B: No. 47. 28. —

From the Resident at
Hydrabad — with a Letter under a Flying Seal for the Right Honble the Governor
General. —

From the Resident
at Hydrabad

From

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From Major General Musgrave

Sirom Major General Musgrave requesting to be furnished with an Extract of the last Letter Sirom the Honble Court of Directors, on the Subject of the Pay and allowances of an eventual Commander in Chief of the Forces in the Carnatick.

Sent the following Letter to Commodore Cornwallis.

To the Honble Commodore Cornwallis

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships & Vessels in the East Indies.

To Commodore Cornwallis informing him of the orders received from the Court of Directors respecting the manner of sending home the Electoral Troops requesting he will state what of the Transports are likely to be discharged from his Majesty's Service

Sir,

We have the Honor to inform you that we have received Instructions from the Honorable Court of Directors to co-operate with the Governor General in carrying into Execution the Company's orders for sending home the Electoral Troops serving in the Carnatick.

The Honble Court have recommended to his Lordship to avail himself of the means presented to him of sending home the Hanoverian Troops by the returning Transports and by his Majesty's Ships — we shall therefore be obliged to you to inform us when you think those Transports are likely to be discharged from his Majesty's Service.

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We beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter to us from the Governor General on the Subject of the Transports, and have the honor to be, Wa: Wa:

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/Signed/ Chas Oakeley
Wa: Council

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President

John Huddleston Esqr
The Honble Major General &c

Friday 3d June 1791

Members absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following Letter from

Colonel Bridges.

W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — respecting one application made by the Collector of Madura for a Battalion of Sepoys and two field Pieces — Captain Lieutenants Irwin gone to Palamcotah with Eighty Seven horses. &c

I have the Honor to enclose for the information of the Honble Board copy of a Letter from the Collector of the Madura District Wa: with my reply thereto — In my Letter to you of the 20th Instant, I mentioned having directed Captain Moore to proceed to Mellore for the purpose of assisting in

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in the Collection of the Revenues, and which, after endeavouring to effect by the mildest means possible, but without success, he deemed it necessary finding it impossible to Subsist his people without proceeding to Hostilities to retire to Madura, and there to await future orders.

I doubt not but that Mr. Macleod the Collector has been very full in his report to Government, and indeed he must be better acquainted than I can possibly be of the causes that have produced so strong an opposition to his Collections in that part of his District

I have just received a Letter from Captain Lieutenant Lorin of the Cavalry, dated Palamcotah the 26th Instant, informing me that he had that day arrived with Eighty Four Horses for the Company, Sixty of which were ready to proceed, and which only waited for orders.

Tinnivelly
26th May 1791.

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

To Colonel Bridges.
Commanding Detach.t of the Coleroon.

Sir,

A great number of the Colleries

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of Mellore being in a refractory state, it is & absolutely necessary that a force equal to a complete Battalion of Sepoys, with two & field Pieces, should be stationed there — on this the Collection of the Revenues depends entirely. — The importance and exigency of the Public Service, therefore, induces me to request, that you will be pleased to furnish me with a force equal to a Battalion of Sepoys, for the purpose of assisting me in the Collection of the Mellore Revenues

Two Field Pieces (3 Pounders) can be spared from this Garrison, but as here are no men to work them, I request that a sufficient number may be sent for that & purpose. — (Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Collector

Madura
26th May 1791

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Collector in the Madura Districts. —

Sir,

I had the honor to write you on the 19th that, in compliance with your application of the 17th for Troops to be stationed, for a short period, at Mellore for the purpose of & assisting in the Collection of the Revenues, I had ordered

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ordered Captain Moore with a party of his Lybendee Battalion to march there.

Captain Moore has since informed me of his arrival, and has given me to understand, that the end proposed has not been answered, and that he has been obliged to retire to & Madura; I was much concerned to find matters in such a State in the Mellore District as he represented, and which your Letter of the 26th which I have just had the honor to receive, confirms, and in reply to which, I can only say & that a Garrison consisting of two weak Battalions of Lepoys is ill able to afford the assistance you deem necessary; But that, at any rate, was I ever so strong I could not think of taking such a Step without a previous communication with Government, and their orders in consequence, on the Subject — I write the Board by this days Tappy.

Trichinopoly 29th May 1791

(Signed) Thos. Bridges

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 the Collector at Madura representing the refractory conduct of the Collectors in the Mellore District and the Impossibility of overawing them & without the appearance of a considerable & Military Force.

Honble Sir,

We do ourselves the honor of enclosing for your information Copy of a Letter from Mr. Macleod

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Macleod, by which you will observe the small probability of realizing any revenue from the Mellore Country upon a Complaint which the Inhabitants preferred some time ago. & against the renter, we directed that Mostul Ulla pilla's authority over them should be immediately suspended, and that their rents should be collected by Aumany & Management: we did this with a view no less of freeing them from the exactions of the renter, of which the Collector informed us, they had some reason to Complain, than of conciliating their minds by the immediate Mildness of the Company's Government. To this indulgence they made a very unsuitable return: still, as we knew that the state of affairs could not assist us with sufficient & Military aid, we directed the Collector to use the most lenient measures, to impress them with a sense of the Company's justice, to assure them of the inevitable resentment which their Conduct would provoke, and to endeavour to reconcile them to his authority. It is now too Evident that they have sought pretences for taking advantage of our

Situation

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Situation: Encouraged by the Successes, which they have been wont to reap from the fluctua=tion, and instability of the Country Govern=ments they doubtless expect the same advantages from our present embarrassments; but they ought to be made Sensible that tho' accident may for a time delay the Company's just resentment, they must in the End be overtaken by the ruin=ous Consequences of their folly and obstinacy.

We have the honor to be;

Fort St George
3d June 1791

Wa: Wa: Wa

Signed J. Hudleston
" David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

John Hudleston Esqr
President Wa: Members of the Board
of assumed Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

on resuming Charge of these Districts, I found that the Mellow Country had been Placed in amanee, & that the amildar was on his Journey thither, with one Company of the Madura Provincial Corps.

From

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From Communications with some of the Head Colleries, it appeared, that all the Inhabitants of Mellore, except those of three Particular Villages, were disposed to pay the Company's Revenue — Received an address from all the principle people, in the Name of the Inhabitants, stating that the amildar ought to proceed to Mellore attended by two or three Companies of Sepoys — This force, they said, was necessary for the purpose of intimidating the Common people who had been guilty of Depredations.

This account, agreeing with other Information which I received, there was which no greater force could be detached, a Company belonging to this Garrison, from Company of Revenue Troops sent from Trichinopoly, and 100 Men of the Madura Provincial Corps; two nights after the above force arrived at Mellore, a great number of Colleries assembled round the Place in which the Sepoys were stationed, they made a great Noise, used very insulting Language, and threw Stones at the Centinels.

On the following Morning the Colleries

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Collonel appeared on the plain in considerable bodies, and remained at the distance of about half a Mile from the Troops; — The Com=manding Officer, Captain Moore, sent a Message to them by a Soubahdar who had been with them during his former Command in Mellore, desiring to know the reason of their assembling, and requesting that the Head Men would come to him and explain what they wanted.

The Soubahdar who knowed all the Head men of the district, saw none of them — but he conversed with the four principal Men of one Village — These as well as the whole body of Collonel, treated the Message with the utmost Contempt, asked why we dared to enter a Country which their Swamy had given them, free from Tribute, during the next Seven years, and why we thought of getting Tribute from them while our whole Military force was employed against Seringapatam —

The Soubahdar, finding he could pro==cure no other answer than this sort of abuse and Derision, returned, and made his report

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to Captain Moore.

The Amildar being anxious to have a Communication with those head men who were well disposed, Captain Moore, at his request dispatched the Soubahdar to the place where they were supposed to be — the Colleries stopped the Soubahdar & would not allow him to proceed to the head men, who they said, "should never appear again" —

a Naigues Guard, being stationed near a Tank, which supplied the Troops with water, fifteen or twenty Colleries came up, & told the Naigues standing, for that — they would prevent the Sepoys from getting any Water — Captain Moore seeing the Naigues begining to retire, Sepoys ordered him by sending out a Havildars Guard and then a Soubah- -dar — upon this, the Colleries, whose — Number had increased to about three — hundred, went away from the Spot — no water could be had except from this — Tank. — Captain Moore finding it — impossible to get provisions for his Sepoys, without making use of Force, withdrew his party from Mellow and Came to Madura

The Colleries followed him, part of the way, in great Numbers, — many —

of

of them, who appeared to be quite intoxicated, &c came near the line of March; but without offering to Molest either the Lepoys or the Coolies who carried the Baggage — they kept in distinct parties, each party retiring to their own &c village, as the Lepoys marched past it.

This retreat must have encreased the insolent Disposition of the Colleries; and in that idea I was anxious for Captain Moore's &c immediate return to Mellore with a proper Supply of Provisions — but as it is probable the Colleries might begin Hostilities against so small a force, & lives be lost without benefit to the Service; and as a body of Six or eight &c hundred men would insure their obedience, and the Collection of the Revenue, I have &c applied to Colonel Bridges for a Speedy and Sufficient Reinforcement.

Upon the fullest Information I am of opinion that no Revenue can be collected from Mellore, unless a force equal to a Batta=lion of Lepoys with two field Pieces, be &c Stationed there — but with that force the whole may be realized.

Being uncertain whether or no Colonel Bridges may think himself autho=rized to Comply with my application, I

Submit

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Submit to the Consideration of the Board, the propriety of obtaining an order of the Government for the number of Troops required. The Means used for Collecting Revenue must be suitable to the nature of the people from whom the Collection is to be made — I think the Collerics will submit on the appearance of a large Military force — It is possible however, that some of them, from their Savage Nature, may resist in such a manner that nothing short of Military Severity, will Compel them to payment. I therefore request the Board will be pleased to furnish me with Instructions for my Guidance in the possible event of my being under the Necessity either, of giving up a Considerable part of the Mellore Revenue, or of endeavouring to obtain it by Military force.

Some Months ago the Collerics offered to pay their Kist regularly, provided Mootal rella Pillah were removed from the District — He was removed — notwithstanding which they continued and Still continue refractory, firmly believing that a Sufficient force cannot, at this Juncture

be

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be drawn together to Compel their obedi=
=ence.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex. Macleod
Collector

Madura
25th May 1791

a true Copy
(Signed) J Webbe
Secretary

Agreed that Major General Musgrave be desired to state whether a Batta=
=lion of Lepoys can be sent from Trichenopoly without endangering the safety of that Dis=
=trict, to quell the Disturbances occasioned by the refractory Conduct of the Collerics &c in the Mellore Country, and whether a fewer Number of Troops might not be able to effect the Service.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters

Read the following &c Proceedings of the Hospital Board (with Enclosures entered in M.B. No. 29. 30.)

Hospital Board
4th June 1791

Read a Letter from Mr Rollo Surgeon at Cuddalore enclosing Copy of a Letter to Mr Dashwood, Acting

From the Hospital Board on the Subject of Mr Rollo's having been put in arrest without their knowledge arrival of Mr Nash with the appointment of assistant Surgeon

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acting Resident there — which (agreeably to his desire) the Hospital Board have the honor to transmit to Government.

As they are totally unacquainted with the nature of the Complaint preferred against Mr Rollo, further than his own letter expresses, they are incompetent to make any observations on the subject, but beg leave to annex a Copy of a General order issued the 21st of December 1786, in consequence of Mr Mallet having been put under arrest without the knowledge of the Hospital Board.

The Charge for which Mr Rollo has been put in arrest, is for neglect of his Public Duty — whatever observations he may have to make regarding the conduct of others cannot be attended to in his present Situation — the Members of the General Court martial before whom he will be brought, will be the best Judges whether his Charge Lieutenant Colonel Hughes ought to have given the necessary Information to the Hospital Board — He will be written to on the Subject against the acting Resident can be of any service to his own Cause — had Mr Rollo preferred them before any complaint had been preferred against himself, they would have been properly attended to.

They have the pleasure to inform Government of the arrival of Mr Thomas Nash with the appointment of assistant Surgeon, from the Court of Directors.

Mr Thomas Nash, has been announced in General orders, as an assistant Surgeon on this Establishment

(Signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General

" Wm Duffin
head Surgeon

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary

Sir,

From the Collector in the Northern & Division of the Arcot Revenue - stating the Difficulty of procuring Bullock Drivers & the Scarcity of Bullocks in the Districts under his Management

I have duly received your letter of the 21st Instant and had previously indeed used every endeavour to assist the Contractors for Bullocks in procuring Drivers, but they will absolutely not entertain - Grain is sufficiently Cheap - & the Inhabitants not numerous, - the consequence is, that I have in vain offered an instant & advance of two Months pay, except to a very few. - as for Cattle my Division, which was but Sparingly provided, is almost exhausted

Vellore
30th May 1791

I am &c. &c.
Signed (N.E. Kindersley)
Collector

Mr. W. C. Jackson
Secretary
Fort St George

From the Collector in the Northern & Division of the Jaghire - states that there is not, in the Districts under his Management a Sufficient Number of Bullocks to carry on the Cultivation. -

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 1st instant, directing me to procure the Draught and Carriage Bullocks from the Districts under my charge. -

I beg

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I beg leave to inform you that in compliance with orders from the Board of Revenue to furnish the Contractors, I purchased for them all the Bullocks I have been able to procure. at this period the Inhabitants are in want of Cattle to carry on the Cultivation owing to the large supplies afforded to the army while in the Jaghire, and to the incursions of the Enemy, by which a great loss of Cattle has been sustained.

Trivalore
2nd June 1791

Jam &a. &a.
(Signed) John Clerk,
Collr. N.D.J.

Mr. Hudleston begs leave to enter the following Minute.

Minute in Council 3rd June 1791.

Mr. Hudleston's Minute recommending that all persons residing at the Presidency be called upon to give up their Carriage horses for the public Service.

The Letter lately received from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham affords too much cause to apprehend that, after bringing the War to the very point of a glorious conclusion, by exertions that have never been exceeded in any age or Country Lord Cornwallis has been under the necessity of Relinquishing the enterprize against Seringapatam & retiring with the army to Bangalore, nor is this the most unfavorable part of the Information, for Colonel Oldham's Intelligence adds, that

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his Lordship has been obliged to distroy the &c
Battering Train - I need not expatiate on the
extent of the exigency which could compell the
adoption of these measures it is manifest that
the whole object of the War, and the glorious &c
efforts which have distinguished it, are in
danger of being lost, and frustrated for want
of the means of drawing the Guns and convey=
=ing the Stores belonging to them - and the
consequences may be even still more serious,
should the remaining Bullocks be insuffici=
=ent to enable the army to move from Bangalore,
not a Moment has been lost in taking every
measure that prudence and forecast could &c
suggest, to obtain supplies, and have them
collected at Amboor, but, by the Letters now read,
it is to be feared it may be out of the reach
of exertion, to supply the Bullocks, or any consi=
=derable part of those which have been lost -
In this exigency then, I beg leave to Suggest to
the Board the calling upon the Patriotism &
public Spirit of the Community by proposing
that every Member of it shall give up his &c
Carriage horses, for the purpose of enabling the
army to resume offensive operations against
the Enemy - there is not in my mind the
smallest doubt that the horses which this

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settlement can furnish, might, under account of the
draft Bullocks, be of the most essential use in
drawing either the heavy Guns or field pieces, but
admitting there were any doubt on that point,
it is, at all events, certain, that they would
prove a most acceptable and valuable supply
to the Regiments of Cavalry which are known
to be extremely reduced in Horses, both as to
numbers, and the Strength of those which
remain. It seems to me that we might
reckon with certainty on Lord Cornwallis's
approbation of such a measure, but if the
President thinks it advisable to defer the
consideration of it until we shall have
heard from his Lordship I acquiesce.

/Signed/ J. Huddleston

Sir charles Oakeley enters the following Minute

I have no doubt the zeal of
Individuals would manifest itself upon any
call the Board might think it necessary to
make for the public Service, but I should be
unwilling to require a sacrifice of personal
convenience unless some adequate advantage
could be obtained by it. A supply of 150 or 200
Horses / the utmost we could expect / would
yield **no** sensible relief tho' this effort of zeal
might

Acting President observes
is of opinion that the
adoption of this Measure
recommended by Mr. J.
Huddleston would not
yield any sensible relief.

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might deprive many families for a considerable time of a principal source of gratification and of health. —

Public exigencies I conceive should be met by general and systematic measures: while the Carnatic is convulsed, and a part of the Mysore Country subject to our influence we may hope, by a persevering activity, to repair the heavy loss of our Cattle. To resort to private Contributions, and for so feeble a supply, would betray a distrust of our resources which might operate unfavorably to the cause we are engaged in: nor can we, I think, with the whole country before us, be justified in making distressful applications to the zeal of individuals. —

If Lord Cornwallis should deem it advisable, from any circumstances with which we are yet unacquainted, to call for such assistance, he will no doubt suggest the measure to us, and in that case I shall most chearfully support it with my best endeavours. —

(Signed) Charles Oakeley.

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Paliacatchery. —

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department

Sir

From the Commandant at Paligautcherry recommends that a Quantity of Rice be removed from that Place to Coimbatoor and that Bullocks be hired for the purpose

As it is probable that Lord Cornwallis may shortly have occasion for the Rice now in store at this place, I request you, & will inform the Hon'ble the Governor in Council that the rains commonly set in about the middle of next Month, after which period it will be impossible to remove it for at least three Months, and that I submit it to their judgement whether or not it would be adviseable to remove a part of it immediately to Coimbetore — with the assistance of two thousand Bullocks and Gunnies I could in the course of a few days lodge ten thousand bags in Coimbetore. A few Bullocks might be procured here, but not to any considerable Amount.

Palghautcherry 28th May 1791

I have the honor to be,

Wa: Wa:

(Signed) J. Cuppage

Major Commanding

Resolved that Mr. Corbett be directed to hire Bullocks for the purpose of transporting Rice from Paligautcherry to Coimbatore.

Minute thereon

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding the Detachment Serving with the Nizam's Army.

Wm C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

From the Officer Commanding with the Detachment serving with the Nizam's army — advising of the Surrender of the Garrison of Bahadder Bundar — enclosing Copy of the Terms of Capitulation — the Enemy's Garrison of Kopaul is wanted safe to the Frontiers agreeably to the articles of Capitulation.

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Honble Board that the Enemy's Garrison of the Fort of Bahauder Bendah Surrendered that place on the 3d Instant, and which was immediately taken possession of by a party of his Highness's Troops — a Persian Copy and English Translate of the Terms of Capitulation which I signed are enclosed, as also of Terms which the Garrison at first demanded, both which I absolutely refused.

On the 30th Ult.o I received orders from his Highness the Nizam to proceed on that Service Bahauder / the person who has hitherto Commanded the Detachment on the part of the Nizam / in possession of Copool and Bahauder Bendah, and then to proceed with the Detachment to Gunjy Cottah, but as Conhah Lung declined taking Charge of the Forts, I judged it necessary to request further Instructions, however as the Troops were very Sickly from as I suppose the Badness

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badness of the Water, and our Cattle starving for want of Forrage I took upon me to march as far as Cannickgueery, a place 12 Coss on our Route, where within a few hours any orders from his Highness could be carried with effect as well as if I had remained at Copool — I arrived at Cannickgueery the 7th Instant, and there received a Letter from the Resident, & containing his Highness's Commands to detach four Companies as an Escort for Treasure from Gunjy Cottah to Nellore — those I sent off the 10th under the Command of Lieute=nants Coupland and English — on the 13th I received his Highness's further Instructions to proceed to Gunjy Cottah. marched on the 14th from Cannickgueery, and this Morning arrived here, which is about 28 Measured Miles East of that place.

Ray Annoop Ram with a Battalion of his Highness's Troops, accom=panied the Detachment — I have also the pleasure to add that Onkah Jung, who has been of much Service from his acquaint=ance with the Country, still continues with us.

I expect to be at Odoire on the 18th Instant

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Instant, it is about 40 Miles from hence, & on the Route to Gunjy Cottah.

Camp at Lindoor 15th May 1791

I am &c: &c:
(Signed) Andw Read
Captain Commanding

P.S.

The Jemadars party have just arrived which went as an Escort with the Enemy's Garrison of Copool to the Frontiers, they bring a Letter from the principal man to me which says, that the Jemadar had punctually fulfilled the orders I had given him, and that they had all arrived in perfect Safety.

(Signed) A R:

Translate Terms of Coule signed by Captain Read to the Enemy's Garrison of Bahauder Bindar 26th Shauban (or 7 May 1791)

To the Killadar, Naicks, Peons, and Accomptants of the Fort of Bahauder Bindah you may with entire confidence evacuate the Fort, with your Wives and Children, your Cattle and private effects, and deliver it up to the Sircar — to whatever place you wish, you shall be sent, no person will molest you — whatever effects, Cattle or public property there may be, must be delivered over to the Sircar, none will be permitted to be carried away — know this Coule to be respectable.

(Signed) Andw Read

A true Translate
(Signed) A Binny
Lt P.I.

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Translate Terms of Capitulation demanded by the Garrison of Bahauder Bindah and which Captain Read refused to guarantee.

The representation of Syed Hussein Khaun Killadar of Bahauder Bindah.

The Cattle and Sheep belonging to the army that have been taken by the Garrison, what remained of them unexpended have been returned to the Sircar, but what have been expended, we hopes to be forgiven for.

The Wives and Children of two Sons in Bahauder Bindah, confined in the Fort of Copool, to be liberated.

That I with my Wife, Children Cattle and effects may be protected.

Bullocks for Carriage will be wanted, and I hope granted.

That no accompts may be demanded from the Accomptant that is along with me.

That I may have a letter from you to the Nabob Durah Jah Bahauder, to wait upon, and obtain one from him of recommendation to his Highness the Nizam, to confer on me a Jittle and Jaghire, & to wait upon his Highness with it myself.

That two Thousand Rupees shall be granted

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granted for the payment of the Lebundy & Lepoys in the Fort.

That the Coule of the Nabob Man=naver udoulah Bahauder Ladoolah Khaun Bahauder Kaim Khaun, Captain Read & Bahauder Ouhah Jung Bahauder, Rai & Annoop Ram, and Mahomed Assed-ulla Jemedar be granted.

a true Translate

(Signed) A Binny
Sr. P.T.

Minute thereon

The Board observe with Much Satisfaction that the Articles of Capitulation for the Surrender of Copoole have been strictly adhered to by the Nizam's Officers.

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper.

The Honble Major General Medows

From the Military Storekeeper applies for an advance of cash on account of arrack and Platform Carts and Gunpowder ordered to be made use.

President and Governor &a in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir,

Having this Morning received orders from the Military Board to make up with all possible Dispatch one hundred arrack and as many Plat-form Carts, I take the Liberty to lay before you an Estimate of the Cost of said Carts, as well as of Gun Powder for the present Month amounting to Pagodas 6175.— and

request

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request you will be pleased to order the said &
amount to be advanced.

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

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(Signed) Jos. dee, Pre Porcher
Military Storekeeper

Ordered that an advance of
six thousand, one hundred and Seventy five
(6175) Pagodas be made to the Military &
Storekeeper from the Company's Treasury.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter
and Enclosure from Mr. Moubray.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary

From Mr. Moubray
— enclosing a Petition
from Nineapah head
Writer in the Super=
=intendants office &
recommendation in
favor of the Petitioner

Sir,

I request you will lay the
Accompanying Petition before the Honorable
Board and hope it will be favorably &
received, as I can speak from my own &
knowledge of the Services of the Petitioner
Nineapah for eleven years that he &
acted under me as head Writer in &

the

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the Superintendant's Office, that few, if any Native Servant, is more deserving of the Bounty of the Honble Company to support him now that he is incapable from Infirmity to continue to do his duty in their Service.

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I have the honor to be,
Wa: Wa:
(Signed) Geo: Moorbray

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

Petition of Niniapah Writer in the Superintendant's Office stating the Length of his Service to the Company and requesting that a Provision may be made for his Family.

Sheweth

The humble Petition of Niniyapah Head Writer and Bookkeeper in the Office of the Superintendant of His Highness the Nabob's Accounts with the Honble Company.

That ever since the year 1762 your Petitioner had the honor of Serving the Honble Company in the said Office which

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which was formerly called or known by the name of Commissary General's office and at all times discharged the Duties of his such station to the ample Satisfaction of the Several Gentlemen who held the Employ Vizt. Messrs Robert Palk, & Charles Bourchier, John Call, Warren Hastings, John Smith, Colonel Capper, Francis Jourdan, George Proctor and & George Moubray.

During the time Mr Jourdan acted as Deputy Commissary & General several Gentlemen Namely the Honble Edward Monckton, Messrs Charles Raitt, George Westcott, James Daniel, & William Wynch, and Robert D. Munro & have desired your Petitioner to engage in their Service in the Capacity of Head Dubash and Accountant to go with them to different out Stations, but your Petitioner was by Mr Jourdan prevented from em=bracing those favorable opportunities &

which

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which had he done, he might probably
have long ago made up some Fortune
for the Maintenance of himself and
Family in his old age and infirmities.

At a time when there were
but a few Book keepers in the Settlement
your Petitioner has faithfully and
deligently served the Honble Company
in that Capacity for upwards of 30 Years
upon the usual Monthly pay without
any other emoluments and while he was
Head Writer under Mr. Macbray in the
Superintendents Office his pay was 25
Pagodas p Month but since that Office
was abolished under John Lewin Esq
acting President and Council, your
Petitioner having no other Employ was
obliged for a Subsistance to engage in
the Military Paymaster General's Office
as a common Monthly Writer for 15
Pagodas p Month But from frequent
indisposition particularly a Rheumatic
Compliaint in both hands your Petitioner
finds himself unable to do the common
duety of this inferior Station as he is often
taken

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Father ill and having lost his Strength and
Ability in the course of his long Service for
upwards of 30 years your Petitioner humbly
Solicits that the like favor may be shewn
to him as has lately been granted to other
old Servants in the like Situation.

Your Petitioner age and
infirmities render him unable to follow
any other Employment he therefore
most humbly begs and hopes that
your Honble Board will in Consi-
deration of your Petitioner long
and faithfull Services as a Head
Writer and Bookkeeper to the Honble
Company and be pleased to order such
a Pension to be allowed your Petitioner
as may be sufficient for his Maintenance
and the future Support of his Family
in doing which your Petitioner as in
Duty bound.

Shall ever Pray.

Signed Nainiapah

Resolved

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Resolved, in consideration of the Length of Service and good Conduct of Nenapah, that he be allowed a Pension of fifteen Pagodas p.r Mensem.

Nenapah Pensioned on fifteen Pagodas p.r Mensem

Read the following Letter from Mr Sub. Secretary Lumbelle.

To W.m Jackson Esq.r
Secretary at Fort St George.

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - desiring to be furnished with Invoices of the Stores expected from Europe this Season and to be informed whether the Stores captured at Bangalore will form any of the Supplies already indented for on that Presidency.

Cir.a 5.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to request, that the Governor in Council at Fort St George will be pleased to transmit to this Government, immediately after the arrival of every Ship from Europe, during the ensuing Season, Copies of the respective Invoices of Ordnance and Military Stores, that they may be the better enabled

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enabled to judge of the Supplies that may
be necessary to be sent to Madras on
the Change of the Monsoon.

The Government at Fort

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St George are further desired to inform
the Governor General in Council for
the same Reason, how far the Military
Stores taken in Bangalore will render
unnecessary any, and what, part of
the Supplies mentioned in the List
dated the 31st of March last, and
transmitted by you to Mr Hay.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Stumbell
Sec. to Govt

Fort William
the 6th of May 1791

Agreed that a Copy of the
foregoing Letter be sent to the Military
Board, with Directions to comply as
with the Requisitions of the Government

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General therein contained.

Chas. Oakeley.

" Wm. Petrie

" Huddleston

J Ogilvie
Ex.

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Sy. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38.—

To the Gentlemen in Charge of the Male orphan Asylum.

To the Gentlemen in charge of the Male orphan Asylum with the 18th Para of the General Letter from the Court of Directors under Date the 15th December 1790 desiring them to furnish an annual Account of the Fund, and of the Number of Boys upon the Establishment, with their ages &c.—

To the Hospital Board.—

To the Hospital Board with the 11th Para of the Letter abovementioned requiring them to state whether the late Promotion of Mr. Berry to be Full Surgeon be any Bar to his Resumption of the Office of Secretary to their Board.—

To Major General Musgrave.

To Major General Musgrave acknowledging the Receipt of his Letter of the 2d Instant and enclosing Copy of the 19 and 20 Para.s of the abovementioned Letter for his Information.—

To Major Maule of the Corps of Engineers.—

To Major Maule with the 35. 36 & 37. Para.s of the abovementioned Letter desiring

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4th desiring he will pay due Attention to the Instructions therein contained.—

To the Town Major

To the Town Major / as to Major Maule / with the 45. & 46. Para.s of the General Letter.—

To W.m H. Topping Athronomer and Marine Surveyor.—

To the Compan.y's Athronomer and Marine Surveyor—with the 27 Para.s of the Letter before mentioned.—

To M.r W. Gordon Surgeon.

To the Hospital Board.

To the Military Board.

To M.r W. Gordon with the 28.th Para of do

To the Hospital Board with the 24 Para of do

To the Military Board—with the 14 Para.s of do

To the Military Paymaster Gen.l

To the Military Paymaster General with the 3.d Para.s of the General Letter from the Court of Directors under Date the 5.th January 1791.—

To the Town Major.

To the Town Major with the 5 Para.s of the Letter abovementioned.—

To the Hospital Board.—

To the Hospital Board with the 6.th Para.s of the Letter abovementioned.—

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General with the 8.th 9.th and 10.th Para.s of the Letter abovementioned desiring him to state the Cause of the great Irregularity so justly complained of by the Honble Court—and to take the

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4th The necessary Measures respecting Pay advanced to Officers in Europe.—

Received Letter from Pardon Range / as entered in 66. N° 131 / attributes his present Confinement to the Misrepresentations of his Enemies and Complainers of Bommaraze's Conduct to his Relations and Dependants.—

Substance of a Letter from Pardon Range.—

Sent Letter to the Nabob / as entered in 66. N° 132 / informing him of having sent a Party of Sepoys into the Chettoor District to receive Charge of the Bullocks that may be collected and requesting his Highness to assist by every means in his power the speedy Collection of Cattle for the Public Service.—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.—

5th Sent Letters to the Vencatachemy Rajah and Bommaraze and to the Rajah of Calastry / as entered in 66. N°. 133. 134. / Calastry as entered in 66 N°. 133. 134. / desiring them to collect without a Moments Delay as large a Number of Bullocks as possible within their respective Districts and deliver them to Captain Macleay who will pay them a fair Price for the Amount.—

Substance of Letters to the Vencatachemy Rajah and Bommaraze and to the Rajah of Calastry.—

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in MB. Fos 39. 40. 41. 42. 43.
44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49.—

To Captain Macfey enclosing
To Captain Macfey the abovementioned Letters for the Rajahs of
Calastry and Vencatagherry and Bomrauze
desiring them to proceed to their several
Districts with the whole & such Part of the
Sepoys under his Command as he may judge
necessary for the Purpose of collecting Bullocks
for the use of the Army the Cattle as they
are collected to be delivered to the Contractors
agent, who is to pay a fair Price for them.—

To the Commandant at Cuddalore
To the Commandant at Cuddalore expressing the Dissatisfaction of the Board
at this want of Attention to the General
Order of the 21st September 1786 at the Terms
of his putting Mr. Rolle under Arrest.—

To the Military Board—with
To the Military Board. Extract of a Letter from Mr. Sub Secretary St
Jombelle desiring them as soon as they
have prepared Copies of the Invoices
required to send them to the Board to be
forwarded to Bengal.—

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To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General informing him that in consequence of the Recommendation contained in his Letter of the 31st. ultimo in favor of Veneapah a Pension has been granted him of 15 Pagodas p. Mensem.—

To the Civil Paymaster General informing him of the Pension granted to Veneapah.—

To the Collector at Palegautcherry directing him to hire as many Bullocks as he can procure to convey Rice from Palegautcherry to Coimbatore.—

To the Commandant at Palegautcherry informing him of the orders sent to the Collector.—

To Major General Musgrave requesting him to state his opinion on Mr. Macleods application for a Battalion of Sepoys and two Field Pieces and to order an Inquiry into the Charges preferred by Mr. Saccadou against Captain Conran & Mr. Lewis.—

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province desiring

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desiring him to lose no time in collecting from the Baramaul as much Slaughter Cattle and Sheep as he can procure for the use of the Army.—

To the Commandant at Bellumcondah

To the Commandant at Bellumcondah informing him that any representation he may have to make to Government respecting Quarters at that Place, must be preferred through the officer Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar.—

To the Commandant at Vellore.—

To the Commandant at Vellore desiring him to send into the Chettoor District a Party of Sepoys under the Command of a discreet officer to collect Bullocks, (with the Assistance of the Jaghiredar's People) for the use of the Army.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB No. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58.—

From the Collector in the Northern Devision of the Arcot Province.

From the Collector in the Northern Devision of the Arcot Province stating that he expects to be able to procure about 5 or 600 Bullocks in a fortnight and as many more in another fortnight

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Fortnight.-

From the Collector in the Center Division of the Arcot Province

From the Collector in the Center Division of the Arcot Province stating that the deserted State of the Districts under his Management puts it out of his Power to form any Estimate of the Number of Bullocks that might be procured.-

From the Collector in the Nellore Districts.-

From the Collector in the Nellore District intends transmitting as early as possible an Estimate of the Number of Bullocks that can be collected from the Districts under his Management-requesting to be informed to whom, and at what Place the Bullocks when purchased, are to be delivered.-

From the Commandant at Madura.-

From the Commandant at Madura stating that frequent Desertions must be expected if the Board insist upon Rice being served to the troops from the Stores at so high a Rate as Pag. 104. 32. 5/4 para recommending that the Execution of the Order for selling off the Rice in Store be postponed for two or three Months.-

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From the Storekeeper at Madura &c

From the Storekeeper at Madura requesting to be informed who is to take Charge of the Articles of Stores and Provisions captured from the Enemy now remaining at Dendegal.—

From the Resident at Hydrabad

From the Resident at Hydrabad enclosing a Letter for the Governor General, stating that as it contains little Matter of consequence he has not thought it necessary to leave it open for the Instruction of Government.—

From the Commandant at Vellore

From the Commandant at Vellore have sent one hundred Sebbendies to Mr. Kindersley with their Complement of Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Invalid officers—intends dismissing all the Sebbendies now remaining above three hundred.—

From Major General Musgrave

From Major General Musgrave Lieutenant Dugherty and Ensign Peter Smith apply for leave to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of their Health—Captain Ogg applies for permission to retract his Application to his proceeding to Europe

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5th in favor of leave to go along the Sea Coast.—

From the Commandant at Ongole.

From the Commandant at Ongole Lieutenant Grace with a Company of Sepoys proceeds on his March to receive charge of the Treasure from Lieutenant Copeland every precaution has been taken to send out the Route by which Lieutenant Copeland will approach.—

Received the following Letter

To C. S. White Esqr.
Secretary at
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Subscriber Secretary at Bengal Ship to be dispatched to Europe from that Presidency about the middle of August.—

It being the intention of this Government to Dispatch a Vessel to Europe in August next I am directed to acquaint you therewith, for the Information of the Governments of Fort St. George, and to desire that should they wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending any Dispatches to the Honble Court of Directors, the same should be forwarded in time to reach this Presidency on or before the 15th of that month.—

I am &c &c
(Signed) J. L. Chauvet
Sub Secy
(Signed) Robert Clerk
Dy Secy

Fort William
12th May 1791.

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To the Honourable the Governor of Fort St. George
at Madras.-

The humble Petetion of John Lord a
Recruit on board the Ship Albion
Captain Paker from London.-

Sheweth

Petetion of John Lord complaining of having been very severely beat by Mr. Herring 2d. Mate of the Albion without any Provocation.-

That the Pt. John Lord on the 17th Day of May Instant suffered very much by a severe Beating which he received from Mr. Herring the 2d second Mate of the Pt. Ship without the least Cause; the Particulars were as follow, it being a pleasant Evening on the Pt. 17th the Pt. John Lord together with several others was amusing himself very innocently and conscious of no offence to any one on the Leeward Side of the waste, during that Time some malicious Person have a Tub of Urine from the windward side upon the Pt. John Lord and the Rest, upon which Lord took up the Tub and have it overboard; the second Mate who at that Time had the Watch upon Deck, hearing of it immediately R took up a Rope that lay in the waste and R gave him sixty Lashes with it, when he exerted himself to the utmost of his Strength in

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in the aforesaid brutal Exercise insomuch that the Back and Sides of the unfortunate young man were in a very bad State, he not being able to walk about for some Time after, in the Time that Lord was receiving his Lashes the Doctor who was a Spectator, requested Herring to be as aware as possible, the fourth Mate also requested him to make a knot at the End of the Rope to torture him the worse, to all which Transactions the St. John Lord can bring good Evidence; Lord as soon as he was able, went and complained to Captain Parker who gave Mr. Herring a very severe Reprimand, and threatined him very hard if ever he knew him use any Person so again; the St. John Lord therefore entirely relies upon your Goodness and trusts he will obtain ample Justice and Satisfaction for this so base and inhuman an Injury.—

Received Letters from

Substance of Letters from the Calastry Rajah and Temmanair —

the Calastry Rajah and Temmanair as entered in 66 F. 135. 136. the former stating that the Detachment raised by his Son Temma Nair having plundered some Cattle &c. from

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the Setteram pore District were pursued by a Body of his Troops that the Killedar of the fort of Tyeore near which Place the two Bodies were about to engage had interfered, and secured the Battle and the Commandant of this Sons Troops and requesting that orders may be sent to the said Killedar to deliver up the Cattle and Commandant to his Annildars the latter requesting permission to proceed to the Presidency for the purpose of making known the Misrepresentation of this Enemy.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

Tuesday 7th June 1791. John Huddleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.-

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

Read the following Letter

from Mr. Edward Holland.-

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir

I took the earliest opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 25th ultimo, and having expressed the mortification I felt, at the Resolution of the Honble Board, I informed you, that I proposed before the next Council day to transmit to you a full Answer supported by my affidavit to the Charge brought against me, by Mr. Roebuck, and requested you would have the goodness, to lay it before the Honble Board In pursuance of this Intention I immediately Sat about preparing the necessary Papers, but finding it requisite, previous thereto, to be possessed of the Proceedings, respecting Mr. Roebucks former Complaint, which I did not receive till Wednesday last it became impossible for me to transmit to you, my Answer till now — you will therefore Sir be so good, I hope to make my apologies, to the Honble Board, for this delay

and

From Mr. Edward Holland declaring that he is not conscious of having made use of any insulting Gremaus towards Mr. Roebuck on the 16th ultimo and that had it was not his Intention to insult him — enclosing an affidavit and other Papers in support of his Assertion. —

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and Submit to them, the following answer, to the present Complaint, brought against me by Mr. Roebuck.—

I request that the Honble Board may do me the justice to believe that in any thing which the peculiar Circumstances of my Situation has rendered it necessary for me to say in my own exculpation, it is in no respect my meaning to put my own weak and inexperienced opinion in competition with the Judgement of my Superiors who must have been sufficiently satisfied of the propriety of their own Conduct in deciding upon my Case after I was called before the Board to hear the Charge brought against me, and receiving my immediate verbal reply instead of furnishing me with Copies of the charge and giving me a reasonable time to prepare and deliver my defence— but as I am satisfied that the disadvantage which I may have suffered in this respect did not proceed from any prejudice against me— I shall now hope for the Indulgence of the Honble Board in

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in being now allowed to offer what I should then have said with a perfect reliance on their Candour and Justice which will not impute to youth and inexperience any wilfull intention of disrespect or disobedience to that authority to which I am sensible that it is my duty & to submit.—

Mr. Roebuck begins his Letter by stating the pain he felt, in preferring his Complaint, of which it is not necessary, or perhaps proper for me to take any further notice than to remark that such general Expressions do not seem to require any particular notice he then states, that the Subject of his Complaint as set forth in his affidavit pointed out my Intention, so obviously as not to be mistaken what this obvious Intention of mine was he does not think it necessary to Specify, but what I suppose, he means is that it was my Intention personally to insult him—I do Comply however & declare in reply to this Charge, and I have deposed it, before a Magistrate, that I am

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not Conscious of having used any insulting &
Grimaces towards Mr. Roebuck and that it
was not my Intention to insult him. The &
affidavit, which I have now the honor of &
enclosing, states, that Mr. Roebuck upon
his first meeting me, assumed a very scornful
and Contemptuous Look and that I verily &
believe he meant by such an appearance
to draw me on, to some behaviour on which
he might found a Complaint to the Honble
Board. It also states, and in this it is supported
by the testimony of two Gentlemen in the
Civil Service who have long known me that
I have a habit of Striking my hand, upon
my Thigh, which Mr. Roebuck has perverted
by saying that I Slapped my Breech at
him. Feeling as I do the great impropriety
of such a behaviour and Conscious to myself
that I had no intention of using it. I am
exceedingly mortified, that the Honble Board
should give such implicit Credit to this
charge of Mr. Roebuck, as in the heat of
an agitated mind, it might be easy for him
to misconceive as well as to misconstrue
what

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what he shews -

The third Paragraph of Mr.
Roebucks Letter, states that since his last
Complaint, he had never been in my Company
and that without either the opportunity or
Intention, it was not possible to have given
me any Cause of Publick affront or done me
any personal Injury that therefore it
remained only for him to Regard me as influ-
enced by his Line of Publick Conduct, towards
my Relations and that under this Consideration
alone, he had the honor to address Govern-
ment, I submit entirely that he never has
been in my Company, as he states, and of
Course it must follow, that I have never
been in his, therefore in Mr. Roebucks own
words it is not possible, I can have given
him any Cause of personal affront or done
him any personal Injury, I have indeed as
Carefully as he Can have done avoided
meeting him, and the fact proves, that such
must have been my Conduct from our never
having met before and ever meeting then, to
have proceeded from perfect accident. -

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It must be obvious that had my intention been otherwise and that I had ever meant to insult Mr. Roebuck sufficient opportunities might have offered for so doing whereas two months and upwards have elapsed without my ever once having meeting him — The Honble Board will recollect that the occasion of Mr. Roebucks former Complaint did not originate from any thing Mr. Roebuck did in the execution of the special trust Committed to him but for some illeberal expressions made use of in private Company and I still disclaim the smallest interference with Mr. Roebuck in the publick duties enjoined him. It therefore is not fair or just in Mr. Roebuck to say that it only remained for him to regard me as influenced by his publick line of Conduct for if I had used such Grimaces but which I utterly deny there was another obvious and sufficient Cause for them to which his own private indiscretion and illeberality had

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illeberality has given occasion —

In regard to Mr. Roebucks
private feelings which are the subject of this 4th
Paragraph I have nothing to say —

In the 5th Paragraph his
fidelity, his services to the Company, his patriot
ism, his zeal and his integrity are urged as
motives for Government's interference, the
occasion indeed of his Complaint was so very
trifling, that it was natural for him to urge
some stronger motives to induce them to listen
but I cannot however think that his loyalty
and patriotism are greatly displayed on so
childish an occasion and as to justice to his
brother servants of the Company I have reason
to believe they do not all conceive that they have
required any additional dignity from Mr.
Roebucks present procedure —

The 7th Paragraph which forms
and animated address to Government for their
peculiar case of Mr. Roebucks pardon from
the Line in which he is embarked I can only
say is unnecessary with regard to me as I have
declared I did not mean to offer him the
smallest

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smallest personal injury and as the 8th Paragraph
pursues the same idea the same answer will be
sufficient — Towards the Conclusion he has attributed
the Considerable delay between the time of our
meeting and the date of his Letter to undisposition
It is plain that the reflections incident to
sickness had no effect in prompting him to
forget what even in the manner he has stated
was no great injury and as I have stated no
Insult at all so far otherwise has it operated
in his mind that had he employ'd the
whole interval in forming the Letter he laid
before the Hon'ble Board, he could not have
drawn it up worse more art with a greater
perversion of truth or a more marked design
of essentially injuring me —

The best observation that
can be made on Mr Roebuck's affidavit will
be taken from Comparing it with the one
I now enclose with regard to what he asserts
of my having used insulting Gestures I have
stated that I am unconscious of it, and that
I had no intention of insulting him, and as to
throwing my Coat on one side and clasping
my

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my Breech with my hand I have likewise stated that I have long had a powerful filthy habit of striking my hand on my Thigh I take the Liberty of enclosing Copies of two Letters I have received from Gentlemen in the Service with whom I have been long acquainted in Testimony thereto.—

I have now sincerely to lament that the Honble Board should at once and so suddenly think me unworthy of the Honble Company's Service not only as it deprives me of all my future prospects but as it immediately inflicts a Stigma on my honor and Credit which I shall have throughout my life a difficulty perhaps impossible to remove, the World I cannot expect will enquire into the Cause of my disgrace, that I have been suspended will be known to every one, the Reason of it will be known to scarce any. and every pleasing hope that at my time of life I might have indulged, will be at once darkened over by this early blemish on my Character.—

I hope and trust that from my youth, my inexperience in these Contests as well as in the Service, the trivialness of the

charge

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Charge the Mortifications I have already experienced
the marked hostility of Mr Roebuck, and
many other Circumstances that will I flatter
myself occur to them on the perusal of this
Letter, they will be pleased to reconsider their
former Resolution and allow me to Continued
in the Honble Company's Service and I shall
endeavour by the most respectful behaviour
to Government, and the most Faithfull
discharge of every duty I owe to my Employers
to prove myself not undeserving of this
mark of their indulgence. —

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7th June 1791.

[Signed] Edwd Holland

Edward Holland of Fort St. George
maketh Oath and Saith that at the time he
met Mr. Roebuck on the 16th of last Month
he is not Conscious that he made use of any
Insulting Grimaces nor was it his Intention
to Insult him — and he further says that
in regard to this Deponents slapping his
Breech with his hand as is asserted by
Mr Roebuck that he did not do so in the
manner represented by Mr. Roebuck. His
acquaintance

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Deponent acquainted him that this Deponent has a habit of striking his hand on his thigh as he walks, which he might very possibly have done then. This Deponent further says that Mr. Roebuck at the same time and when he first met the Deponent put on a very Contemptuous and Scornful Look as if he meant to induce this Deponent to make use of some Insult towards him which he believes was really his Intention in order to found a Complaint to the Honble Board. This Deponent also says that ever since the first Complaint made against him by Mr. Roebuck as for from wishing to insult him he has always endeavoured to avoid meeting him and he can no way account for the Charge brought against him but by attributing it to the unfriendly disposition of Mr. Roebuck towards him. -

(Signed) Edwd Stollond

Sworn to before me in
Fort St. George this 7th June 1791.

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Mayor

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To Edwd Holland Esqr.

Dr Holland

I am favored with yours of the 29th Instant in which you Intimate a wish that I would inform you, if I had ever observed a habit you are accustomed to of Striking your hand against your Thigh.—

I myself have very frequently seen you do it both here and on Board of Ship and have lately heard several Gentlemen declare positively the same Circumstance, whom I can name if necessary. In regard more particularly to myself I am very willing to attest it upon Oath.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) John Wm Thursby

Madras
30th May 1791.

To Edward Holland Esqr.

Dear Holland

I am favored with yours of the 29th Instant, in which you intimate a wish that I would inform you if I had ever observed in you a habit of Striking your Thigh, which you were accustomed to.—

I have very frequently observed you

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you to do it, even so far back as at sevral
besides having lately heard Several Gentlemen
declare positively the same Circumstance, whom
I will name if required — In Regard more P
particularly to myself I am very willing to
attest it on Oath. —

&c &c &c

(Signed) Alex.r Mackenzie

Madras
30th May 1791.

The acting President informs
the Board that upon the receipt of the P
foregoing Letter he sent to Mr. Roebuck
to whom he mentioned the purport of the
affidavit delivered in by Mr. Holland, P
and enquired of him if it were not possible that
he (Mr. Roebuck) might have misconceived
the actions of Mr. Holland that Mr. Roebuck
solemnly declared it was not that on the contrary
his Mind was most perfectly convinced of the
Fact, and that since his second Complaint
had been before the Board, supported by an
affidavit, he had experienced a similar
Conduct from Mr. Holland. —

Mr Roebuck declares to the acting President that it is impossible that he could have misconstrued the Actions of Mr. Holland and that since Mr. Holland delivered in the foregoing Letter he has experienced a similar Conduct from him. —

In consequence of the Information
Communicated by the acting President, it is resolved
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to write the following Letter to Mr. Holland.—

To Mr. Edward Holland

Sir,

To Mr. Edward Holland in Reply to the foregoing Letter.—

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3d Instant with the affidavit and other papers enclosed:—

The Board sulvery sincere concern whenever their duty compels them to take any measures of severity and this concern would be much encreased if they thought that in their former and late proceedings respecting you there had been any want of attention to the principales of justice or to the particular circumstances of your situation.—

With regard to the mode of calling for your defence, the Board conceived that the nature of the complaint did not require more than that the purport should be simply stated to you. If you had offered to bring any evidence to disprove the facts or had Wrought it necessary to desire a further time to answer the charge it would undoubtedly have

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have been given.—

The Board will submit what you have now offerd in your Justification, to the Hon'ble Court of Directors.—

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Jam &c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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The acting President lays before the Board an Extract of a Private Letter from Camp.—

The acting President lays before the Board, the following Extract of a Private Letter from an Officer of the Grand Army, dated Camp four Miles North of Seringapatam 26th May 1791 at 4 P.M.—

Extract of a private Letter from Camp advising of the Arrival of the Mahratta Army in the Neighbourhood of Seringapatam

"Just at closing this Letter, accounts are brought, that Purseram Bow's Nephew & with 16,000 Men and two Bombay Battalions & with 150 Europeans are encampt behind a hill 2 Miles off— This will change our System— it is great good luck, they have great quantities of Grain, and took an Escort, yesterday, of 5000 Bullock load of Rice,— the whole Country from hence to Darwar open to us— the great road to Biddenore block'd up by Purseram Bow his whole force is 8 Guns, 30,000 Infantry and 50,000 Horse— Major Scott of Lord Cornwallis family

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family is just gone with the Body Guard, to the young Bows Camp. If we can but get 12 Days Grain. Tippoo is received, with his Family and Army all of whom are now on Seringapatam Island we hall tomorrow, in Consequence of this junction, and perhaps commence a Blockade."

Minute thereon.

The Board feel the most sensible Satisfaction at the opportune Arrival of the Marratta Army in the Neighbourhood of Seringapatam and they sincerely hope it will enable Lord Cornwallis to remain before that Capital, which in the critical situation of Tippoo's army would probably in a few days be attended with the most decesive effects. The Board have great Confidence in the Exertions of Captain Read; and they trust, if the Army should be under the Necessity of retiring that their wants will be considerably relieved by those exertions and by the measures taken to draw fresh resources of Cattle and Provisions from the Carnatic.

As the Elephants lately arrived at Vellore from Bengal, cannot immediately join

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join the Army, it will be useful to employ them
in transporting Rice from Vellore to Amboor -
agreed therefore to inform Captain Welliamson
that the Elephants must proceed on their service
as soon as possible, and continue on it, until
he shall receive Orders from Lord Cornwallis
respecting them; subject, however to the Determi-
-nation of Captain Read as to their proceeding
immediately to the Army or to Bangalore with Rice.

The Elephants lately arrived at Vellore from Bengal to be employed in carrying Rice to Amboor. -

agreed that the Paymaster
at Vellore be informed of the Order to Captain
Welliamson, and directed to make up 100 Elephants
Bags each large enough to contain 80 Mercalls

Rice Bags to be made up for the Elephants

40 on each Side. -

Read the following Letter from
Mr. Benjamin Roebuck, Attorney for the
Honble Basil Cochrane. -

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President

Honble Sir,

From the Attorney for the Honble Basil Cochrane applying for the Balance due to his Constituent and enclosing an Affidavit and other Papers respecting the Quantity of Grain supplied by him for the use of the Army in the Year 1781. -

I have the honor to lay before
you Copy of a Letter to Colonel Capper &
Comptroller General and his Reply with
copy of a Letter addressed by Mr. Cochrane
to the Honble Board on the 6th. July and copy

of

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of a Letter addressed by Colonel Capper to the Honble Board on the 2d July, and have to hope your Honor will be pleased to take such Steps as you may think Proper to adjust Mr. Cochranes Account a considerable Balance has been long due to him and he has taken hitherto in vain every means in his Power to get his Accounts as Collector of Grain in the Tanjore Country Adjusted and finally closed.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) B Roebuck
for the Honble Basil Cochrane

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30th May 1791.

Abstract of Rice & Paddy delivered to the Troops Viz.—

No 1	as per Account	Rice	for August 1791	Cullums	218.6 1/2
2	—— do.	do.	for Septr. do.		3304 3 "
3	—— do.	do.	for October do.		3957 5 "
4	—— do.	do.	for November do.		5706 10 1/2
5	—— do.	do.	for December do.		4003 — "
6	—— do.	do.	for different months	——	5093 7 1/2
				Cullums	21776 7 1/2
No 7	as per Account	paddy	for different months	do ——	2734 10 "

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Collector of Grain in Tanjore
and Districts.

I Basil Cochrane do make Oath & say that the above quantity of Rice being Cullums Twenty

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Twenty one Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty
Six Cullums Seven Mereallsandone ahalf
measure and the above quantity of Paddy being
Cullums Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty
Four Cullums and Ten Mereallsweree by me
delivered for the Publick Service agreeably to
the above abstract and that the necessary Vouchers
were by me transmitted to Mr. Sullivan Resident
of Tanjore my Superior and admitted by him
to be Just and proper and Corresponding with
the above abstract.-

(Signed) Basil Cochrane

Sworn to before me in Madras
this 8th Day of July 1790.

Signed Vinc. Corbett
Mayor.

I Ventanjah Broadly Servant
to the above signed Basil Cochrane do make
Oath and say that the above Quantity
of Rice being Cullums Twenty one Thousand
Seven Hundred and Seventy Six Cullums Seven
Mereallsand one and a half measure and the
above quantity of Paddy being Cullums Two
Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four and

Ten

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Ten Mercalls were by the said Basil Cochrane delivered for the Publick Service agreeably to the above Abstract and that the necessary Vouchers were by him transmitted to Mr. Sullivan Resident of Tanjore and admitted by him to be Just and proper and Corresponding with the above abstract.—

(Signed) Veerabarajah Modelly

Sworn to in Madras
this 8th Day of July 1790.
before me
(Signed) Vin.t Corbett
Mayor

To Colonel Capper
Commissary General
Sir,

I request to know whether you have as yet had time to Audit the Accounts and Vouchers of the Honble Basil Cochrane as Collector of Grain in the Tanjore Country he has now been many years kept out of a sum of Money Bona fide expended by him for the Publick Service I trust therefore that some measures will be taken to

reimburse

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reimburse him for the Sum the Honble &

Company stand indebted to him.—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Benjn Roebuck

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11th May 1791

a true Copy

(Signed) B Roebuck

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
attorney to the Honble Basil Cochrane.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 11th Instant, I must beg leave to inform you that I have already Examined the Accounts of Mr. Cochrane as far as I am able, without neglecting business of much greater & importance, and besides as I have before observed it is entirely an extra official business to me, for I was not in the Country when the orders were issued for the purchase of this Grain, neither do I know of whom the Grain was purchased, or by whom the price was to be regulated; and consequently it is impossible for me to judge of the propriety of Mr. Cochrane's charges from the

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the cursary examination of the Accounts, which I have been able to make, there is every appearance of regularity in them excepting in the deficiency of some few Vouchers, which Mr. Cochrane is ready to swear, were formerly delivered over to the care of Mr. John Sulivan.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Capper

C. G.

Fort St. George
12th May 1791.

a true Copy

(Signed) B Roebuck

As Mr. Cochrane has only sworn to the Delivery of so much Rice and Paddy for the use of the Troops, without stating in his affidavit the Price of the Grain or that he had actually and bonâ fide disbursed the Sum charged to the Company the Board can take no Step towards the adjustment of his Accounts as Collector of Grain in the Tanjore Country.—

Minute thereon.

The Transaction took place so far back as the year 1781, and there appears to have been time enough for Mr. Cochrane to have procured Mr. Sulivan's Testimony in

Do.

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in regard to the Equity of the Charge that A
Testimony as the Vouchers are not produced
with the Declaration upon Oath of the
actual Disbursement of the Money for the
Purchase of the Grain, would have enabled
the Board to come to a Determination.—

Minute thereon. agreed that the above be notified
to Mr. Roebuck.—

Read the following Letter
from Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery—
The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
President and Governor in Council.
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

I was not until within
these three Days proving to my being on the
Road from Masulipatam, whither it was
first sent, that I was favored with Mr. Secretary
Jackson's Letter of the 10th. Ultimo informing
me that a Copy of the Letter to the Paymaster
which formed a part of the Inclosures in
mine of the 10th. October last to Captain A
Kennaway had been forwarded by him to
Government.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery containing further Testimonies in vindication of his Conduct.—

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The Anxiety which I felt that a Letter exhibiting so unequivocal Proofs of my wish to promote Oeconomy in the Expence of the Detachment, should be in the Possession of your Honble Board, occasioned a Doubt whether it had been forwarded, which was increased by my observing that it was not noticed in any of the different Letters I had afterwards the Honor of receiving by Order of the Board.—

Under these Impressions, I took the Liberty to accompany my last Address to your Honble Board with a Copy of that Letter, and now beg leave to express my Hope that on an attentive Consideration of it, and of the particular Situation in which I then stood, being enjoined, besides conducting the usual Military Duties of my Command, to pay an unremitted Attention to, and comply with every Requisition of the People with whom I was sent to cooperate, a Task which from their incessant Applications either for Advice or Assistance, was of itself a sufficient

Employment

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Employment even for a Person in much
better Health than I then was / your Honble
Board will be of opinion that the Mode
I adopted was calculated effectually to do
away every Impropriety which might
have arisen, had I confided to my own ^
imperfect and unascertained Controul,
and to cut off every Possibility of irregular
or unnecessary Charges being paid, by ^
submitting them before Payment to that
Board which must have decided upon ^
them after it, and from whose competence
to decide there could consequently be no ^
Appeal - altho' an Interference of my ^
Authority / with means of Information
so trifling and Powers of so undefined ^
a nature / might, and undoubtedly would
have brought on a troublesome and perhaps
tedious Altercation, and have harrassed ^
my Superiors with References and Complaints
which I was solicitous to avoid, having ^
already a Correspondence which from the
variety of Duties which pressed upon ^
me, I found it exceedingly difficult to keep up

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It was with infinite Satisfac-
tion I observed by the Letter addressed to me
by Mr. Secretary Jackson under the Orders
of your Honorable Board on the 6th April
last — "that your Animadversions on my
"Conduct respecting the Paymaster's Accounts
"were founded on my want of Attention to
"the extraordinary and incidental Charges
"and not as I apprehended on a neglect of
"Controul over the Paymaster's Department"
to which is subjoined in express Terms "that
"the Paymaster alone is responsible for any
"Deviation from the printed Regulations
"and for the current Monthly Allowances"
and this Satisfaction was increased by
the Reflection that the Sentiments so
expressed by your Honble Board in the
fullest manner confirmed what I had
invariably, tho' without effect, stated to Captain
Kennaway, as the Usage of the Coast. —

I request however the Honble
Boards Permission to observe that the
Idea I had entertained of my having been
censured for a neglect of Controul over

the

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the Paymasters Department originated in
the Military Secretary's Letter of the 26th
December last, which has the following Words
"Altho the Censure of the Board applies more
"particularly in the first Instance to the
"Paymaster, who in the different Departments
"of which he performs the Duties, has made
"the greatest part of the exorbitant charges, it
"also, with the utmost Propriety, extends to the
"Commanding Officer of the Detachment, who
"instead of restraining, gave a Sanction to
"those Charges" — From these Words I was led to
think that the Censure of Government went
generally to a Neglect of Controul over the
Paymasters Department — I have therefore
great Pleasure in finding it confined to
the contingent and incidental charges not
provided for in the regulations; entertaining
the fullest Confidence, that so far as I can
be deemed to have incurred any Responsibility
thereon, no Imputation of Neglect or
Inattention to Oeconomy, consistently with
the good of the Service, can lie against me. —
The principal, if not the
only, charge of the above Descriptions, which
was

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was adopted under my sanction, was the providing Grain for the Detachment a Measure for which I have already stated my Reasons to the Government, and must now be permitted to repeat that it was not recurred to upon the hasty or ill-founded Conjecture, but upon the Representation of Officers Commanding Corps backed by the earnest Advice of the Sirdar deputed to attend us by the Nizam, and by the concurring Opinion of every Person acquainted with the Nature of the Country we were entering and the predatory and uncertain manner in which the Nizam's Troops procured their Supplies. On these Reasons it was humble Sir and Sirs, that I first adopted the Measure of the necessity of which Experience now affords the clearest Conviction. But having said thus much as to the part which I conceive myself responsible for in the Measure, it is necessary to observe, that after it had once been authorized by me, the carrying it into Effect became the Province of the Paymaster and the Accounts of Disbursements &c. were in his keeping. My Powers therefore did not, by any Order with which I was acquainted extend

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extend to the Inspection and Examination of such Accounts and even had they done so such Accounts and even had they done so having no Establishment of Servants for that purpose, and the other Duties of my Station together with the necessary Intercourse with the Nabob and his Officers leaving me very little time, any Examination I could have made must have been very cursory, and from the little Information I could come at on the Subject, very inadequate to the Expectations of Government. yet every thing in my Power was done to prevent any Expence beyond what might be actually necessary I directed the regular Certificates of the Price of Grain procurable in the Bazar of Mohaubut Sung, should be delivered in to me which was accordingly done under the Hand of the Principal Bazar Man there, and attested by Lieutenant Benny, attached to the Detachment by Captain Kennaway as Persian Interpreter. I also availed myself of the earliest Opportunities of reducing the Expence, by diminishing the Number of Bullocks employed and finally, by the

Letter

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Letter I have had the honor to state to you in the beginning of this Address, I directed the Accounts, to which I set my own Controul inadequate, to be submitted to the proper Office of Audit, previous to any Payment taking Place thereon with my Knowledge or Consent by which means I flattered myself that I had effectually prevented any irregular or improper Expenditure.—

Such, Honorable Sir and Sirs has been my Conduct with regard to the only Contingent Charge which originated under my Sanction. I therefore hope and trust that I shall stand acquitted in the Opinion of your Honorable Board from the Censure under the Effects of which I now labour.—

I must however request your Permission to add, that the Abstracts I delivered to Captain Kennaway as Probable ones, upon which I laid a Stress as having drawn upon me the Censure of Lord Cornwallis were not those for August transmitted on the 9th September, but two rough Sketches the first drawn up by me, the other in Explanation

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Exlanation of it by Heads of it by Heads of Departments, and forwarded to Captain Kennaway one on the 24th and the other on the 28th June merely for his Information as to the probable Amount of the ensuing Month's charges, and with no view of demanding from him or any other any specific Sum on Account of them: it afterwards appeared that the former of them had been transmitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General as a Charge preferred by me, tho' expressly stated in my Letter accompanying it to Captain Kennaway to be a rough Abstract for his own Information.

In regard to the Abstracts for August, I forwarded them officially from the Paymaster to Captain Kennaway. They have neither my Signature nor were considered by me as coming within my Department, not appearing in the Shape of Charges preferred for my Sanction. The Expression in my Letter accompanying them that I saw no Ground "upon which I could reasonably found an "Objection" was certainly never meant by me to imply that objections might not be

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be made by those who were competent to the Subject, but only that from the scantiness of my Information or Power, I could not warrant myself in objecting to them - Many Charges might occur, which I could not object to, for want of proper Knowledge or Information relative to them, but which yet might be disallowed at the Board of Audit, who are in Possession of so much better Information, and are so much more conversant with the Business of Account And for this, among other reasons, I cannot help being of Opinion that when your Honorable Board reflect on the Measure I directed, of submitting every contingent Charge to that Audit, previous to my authorizing the Issue of money for its Discharge, my Conduct will rather be commended than censured by them. -

How earnest I was that these Charges should be properly examined before their Payment will appear from this - that I sanctioned the Payment of none nor did I authorize or concur in any Demand either

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on the Nizam or others for their Discharge — The
only Sums received by me Monthly from the
Nizam were those stipulated by himself for
the Subsistence of the Detachment and I
with these Interfered no further than by
receiving and immediately delivering them
over to the Paymaster. —

As an Instance of my wish
to promote Oeconomy in the Expence of the
Detachment, I beg leave further to state, that
after the Military Board in their Report &
sanctioned by Government, had declared that
all Bullocks employed "should be furnished
by the Contractors at the Contract Price" yet
when Captain Kennaway persisted in &
objecting to it alledging that the general Rate
of Cattle in that Country "was from 4 to 5 &
"Rupees per Head" that the Nizam would
certainly object to paying more" — I willing
to lessen our Expence as much as possible &
mentioned to him that "should it meet &
"with the Approbation of our Superiors, and
"should he be able to furnish the requisite
"number of Bullocks, and to be answerable
"for their Appearance and Execution of the
necessary

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"necessary Duties at the Rate he mentioned, "I should with infinite Satisfaction concur "in a Measure which promised so considerable "a Saving to the Company" but to this, as well as to the Letter in which I requested him to take the Controul of the Detachment & Expenditure upon himself, I received no Answer.—

I have the honor to be

Madras June 4th 1791.

&c. &c.

(Signed) H. Montgomery

Minute thereon

The Board do not find from the above Letter that Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery has thrown any new Lights on the Subject.—

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (as entered also in C.C. No. 137.—

Translation

From the Nabob requesting that Major Johnston may be appointed to the Command of the vacant & Revenue Battalion at Tinnevelly.—

From the Nabob Waulauja to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 30th Rumzaun 1205 Hegery

or

3d June 1791.

Received 4th June 1791.

Major Francis Johnson lately returned from

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from Europe, whether he had gone on account
of his Health, is an old officer in my service,
and having been frequently employed during
the late War, is I conceive entitled to the same
advantages enjoyed by his Brother officers,
who at the Conclusion of it were taken
into the Company's Cavalry, formerly mine,
with their Rank. —

If my Friend dont think
himself authorized to grant Major Johnson
the same Privilege without Permission
from the Court of Directors, I hope in
the mean time he may be appointed to
the Command of the three Reserve Battalions
in Tinnevelly Country, or if this cannot
be done, to the Battalion at present vacant —
What can I say more —

A true Translation
(Signed) J. Garrow
Dn Fr

Minute thereon

agreed to inform the Nabob,
that the Board will with great Pleasure
recommend to Major General Medows that
major

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Major Johnson be appointed to the Command of the vacant Battalion of Revenue Troops at Tinnevelly, as soon as it is known from his Highness that it is not in the Expectation of Major Johnson to receive any Emoluments or allowances beyond what are attached to such Command, and what are actually enjoyed at this time by Captain Everett an officer in his Highness's Service at present in the Pay of the Company.—

Read the following Letter from Bengal.—

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

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal on information & required respecting the Male orphan Asylum at this Presidency.

I. The Managers of the Orphan Society in Bengal having made an application to the Governor General & in Council for Permission to charge the Monthly Sum of five Rupees for each Child admitted to the Benefit of the Fund established for the support

and

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and Education of the Children of the Non-
-commissioned Officers and Private Europeans
of this Presidency, and having stated, in
Support of their Application that they
were well informed the full Sum of
Five Rupees was customarily drawn at
Fort St. George on this Account, I am
directed to request, that the Governor
General in Council may be fully informed
of the practice of the Madras Government
in this Respect.-

2. The Governor General in Council also wishes to be informed, if the full allowance of five Rupees is drawn for each Child, whether at School or with their Parents.-

3. I am further instructed to request, that this Government may be favored with the Information above required with the least possible Delay.-

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Lumsdaine
Sub Secy

Fort William
the 11th May 1791.

agreed

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Minute thereon.

Agreed to inform the Supreme Council that in consequence of Orders from the Court of Directors the Monthly Sum of five Rupees is allowed to each Boy in the Male Orphan Asylum that this Allowance extends to one hundred Boys & but no further and that it is only drawn for such as are actually taken into the Asylum.—

Read the following Letter from Commodore Cornwallis.—

To the Honorable the Governor in Council Madras

Sir

From Commodore Cornwallis & information respecting the victuallers now in these Roads.

I have had the Honour of receiving your Letter dated the second Instant, relative to the Transports sent out by Government under the direction of Lieutenant Ogilvy of the Navy.—I do not conceive, that I have any thing to do with them, unless the Service should require it. I therefore conclude that He will act under your direction in regard to unloading the Vessels, and preparing them to receive

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the Troops you mentioned.—

I am just informed that the Commissioners of His Majesty's victualling Office have sent out some salt Provisions for the use of the Squadron by the India Ships already arrived—it is therefore probable that I shall have occasion to apply for—very Little, if any of that sent out by the victualling Vessels, which the Right Honorable the Governor General received Instructions concerning the disposal of—I shall be happy to co-operate, and to be aiding, and assisting in all public Service, but I do not think, I should be justified in sending any of the Kings Ships at present with me to Europe particularly after the last Letter which I have had the Honour of receiving from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State

It is probable I may soon hear from, or have an Opportunity of advising with the Right Honorable the Governor General, which will give me

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me very great satisfaction.—

Crown
Madras Road
5th June 1791.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. Cornwallis

Agreed that Lord Cornwallis
be informed of the Sentiments of the Commodore
in Regard to the Victuallers, and that no Step
Minute thereon. be taken until his Lordships Determination
is known.—

Read the following Letter
from Captain Alexander Read.—
To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
&c. &c.

Sir,

From Captain Alexander Read enclosed a Copy of a proposed Plan for employing the Detachment under his Command & establishing Tappals

I arrived here to day with all
my Detachment excepting a Company which
a Company which is left behind to bring up some
baggage, and I shall move hence with the least delay
possible to escort the Banjarries further, and
to procure Supplies by every other means.—
If the return of the Enemy does not
make it impracticable, I shall be back to
Bangalore, I expect, in a few days, in order
to

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to secure, what, in that time I may collect, and afterwards shall march for Ankalgerry, if I receive your Orders to that effect, or attack on another excursion to which ever quarter shall offer the greatest inducement.-

I have established a Hospital from Amboor to Baitmunglum and on account of the unsettled state of the Country between the last mentioned place and this, have stationed Agents here and there, and a number of runners with each, to forward dispatches, which will be done, I hope, without interruption.-

I am with great respect
&c &c
(Signed) Alex Read

Minute thereon.

Agreed to inform Captain Read that as the actual Situation of the Country is but imperfectly known, it must be left entirely to his Discretion to take such Steps as may appear to him most proper for collecting Supplies, whether by drawing them from Amboor, or from the Vicinity of Bangalore.-

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Government of Columbo.-

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor and President
and the Gentlemen of the Council
at
Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive the letter with which you favored us of the 6th Instno.-

From the Government of Columbo declaring that the conditions of the Treaty entered into between their Government and the Nabob respecting the Trade in the District of Madura and the Maravars has been strictly & adhered to by both Parties.-

It has no where occurred to us, that his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, has undertaken any thing against our Trade and Priveledges and the Coasts of Madura & and the Company on her part maintains the Treaty mentioned in our former letter we therefore can not conceive what orders those are that his Highness has refused to give in conformity to the said Treaty.-

Therefore on both Parts there are no reasons, Gentlemen why & that this Treaty should not be held in

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full force and Value.-

We have the honor to be with the highest Esteem.-

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. J. Van de Graaff
M. P. Raket
C. V. Driberg
B. L. Vand Tretter
A. Samlant
A. Vollenhoven

Columbo the 18th of May 1791.

Agreed that his Highness the Nabob be informed of the Declaration of the Dutch Government that no Differences had aresen between them and his Highness relative to the Treaty concluded with Mr. Buchanan, agreed also that Copies of the above and of the Letter from Columbo dated the 28th March last be transmitted at the same time.-

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Captain Kennaway.-

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

Sir,

From my Letters to the Governor & General

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From Captain Kennaway with Copy of Instructions given to Lieutenant Copeland and on account of the Treasure intended for the Nizam's Cavalry serving with the Grand army. —

General which have been transmitted upon through you, the Board will have learnt the particulars of what has passed between me and this Durbar on the subject of the Treasure which has been dispatched from hence for the pay of the Nizam's Troops serving with our army. The Minister finding at length, while I assured him as much care would be taken of it, as our own property, that I would not agree to pledge the Company for it by giving such a receipt as he wanted, or submitting it into the sole charge of the Company's officer gave up his unreasonable request to that effect, and has consented to receive a Letter to Lieutenant Coupland of which the enclosed is a Copy. The account in Persian of the amount, which I sent with my letter, was accompanied with a Translate of which a Copy is enclosed. no arguments, I am satisfied, are necessary with the Board to convince them of the necessity of taking every precaution in their power to get the money conveyed in safety to Bangalore or such other place as they may deem most convenient for its being

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being forwarded to the Army, since, exclusive of other considerations Lord Cornwallis will probably deem it incumbent on him to make such advances of Cash to Rajah Siege Want as may prevent his suffering any great inconvenience till it's arrival. By my last accounts from the army of the 3d. Instant the Nizam's Cavalry were already greatly distressed for Money, owing to the Scarcity and consequently enhanced price of Grain in his Bazar I have not yet been informed of the name of the Nizam's Servant who is to proceed in charge of it, but should the Board find it necessary to send any Direction for his Guidance before I can acquaint them of it, such directions may be addressed to him generally without his name being mentioned and forwarded to the Company's officer commanding the Escort. It was the Nizam's original intention that the Money should be sent to Camp in the different coins which it is at present composed of, but as the last Letters from Siege Want intimate there being a very great loss in Camp on the exchange of Pagodas, I imagine his Highness's Vakeel at the Presidency will be

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be directed to turn them into Rupees there.—

I have the honor to be

Paangul

23d May 1791

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Lieutenant Copeland

Commanding the Escort proceeding with

the Nizam's Treasure

Sir,

you will please to proceed towards Nellore with the Escort under your Command in Company with a party of Cavalry which his Highness has sent with the Treasure intended for his Cavalry serving with our Army. you will not neglect taking every precaution to ensure the Security of the said Treasure whether pointed out to you by the Nizams Servant in ~~in~~ whose charge the Money is or proceeding from the dictates of your own prudence you will see, in Company with him that the number of Sealed Bags is agreeable to the enclosed Person List and compare one with the other from time

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time to time to be satisfied that they are right. As there is a necessity for your speedily rejoining your Corps I have requested of the Board that you may be relieved as soon as possible and an Escort sent to conduct the Treasure to Nellore Madras or to such other station as may be convenient for dispatching it to the place of its destination concerning which I suppose the necessary information will be given to the Nizam's Servant from hence for his guidance you will constantly write to the Collector of Nellore acquainting him of your progress for the information of the Board and let me know from time to time how you go on. —

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Kennaway

Paangul
21st May 1791.

True Copy
(Signed) Grame Mercer
Acct assist

Translate

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(Translate)

Account of Treasure for the Nizam's advanced Army under Rajah Teige Wunt dispatched the 4th Razan (8th of May) with an escort under Yacoob Khan and others, 100 Horse from the Rassaeah of Seiful Mulk Bahaudur, and 200 Sepoys from the Rassalah of Tojedar under Mahommed Hedayut ulla and Mahommed Ibeatim Soubedars.—

Number of Bags

699 { 675 Bags containing Rupees 671,491.6
24 do. cong Pagodas . . 125,036.—

Belonging to Sercar 500000.

524 500 Bags cont.g Rupees 125,000. } Belonging to the undermentioned chiefs with Rajah Teige Wunt 175 Bags containing Rupees 171,491.6 and 36 Pagodas.—

		Rupees
Azeem ul Mulk Bahauder	52 Bags	50,423.6
Sardar ul Mulk Bahauder	49 do.	49,000.—
Umjud ul Mulk Bahauder	37 do.	36000.—
Monowar Gar Beg	4 do.	3000.—
Roos Govind Kishen	15 do.	15900.—
Budder ud Dowlah Bahauder	18 do.	17,168.—
	Bags 175	91,71,491.6

Detail of Rupees

Hoondee chelaun	2,50,000
Chelanee Lushan	96,000
narainphete adone	14,1000
Hyderee . . .	13000.
	Rs. 5,00000

Detail of Pagodas

18 Bags cont.g each	5000.	90000
2 do. do. . .	5500.	11,000
4 do. . do. .	6000.	24000
24 Bags		Ps. 125000.

The 36 Pagodas in the Bags belonging to Govind Roos Kishen

True Translate

(Signed) Grame Mercer
Act.g assist

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

To W.r Wm Colin Jackson.—

Secretary to the

Military Department.

Sir,

From the Commis=sary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that an advance of Cash be made to the Storekeper at Arnee for the purpose of Pur=chasing Grain

Agreeably to the orders of Government I directed the Storekeeper at Arnee to use his best endeavors to procure new Paddy into Store— Mr. Wynch informs me he has purchased 20 Garce at 28 Pag.s pr Garce half ready money and half to be payable in a Month and that he has a prospect of getting about 200 Garce in the Course of a Month, but requests money may be sent to him as the surest means of procuring an immediate supply— I recom=mend therefore, that 5000 Pagodas may be immediately dispatched to him and as the Granaries are full Orders should be sent to the Commanding Officer to give up to the Storekeper, for the present, the Officers quarters now occupied

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unoccupied to serve as a Temporary Granary.—

Madras
6th June 1791

Iam &c. &c.

(Signed) Tho. Cochburn

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Sum of five thousand Pagodas be advanced from the Treasury to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, for the Purpose of purchasing Grain to be stored at Arnee.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Walter Balfour, Collector in the Jaghire.—

To Mr. William Collins Jackson

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire stating that scarce a Bullock can be procured from the Districts under his Management except by pressing them from the Ploughs.

Iam this moment favored with your Letter of the 1st Instant and have to reply in answer that I much doubt of the Possibelity of procuring either Draught or Carriage Bullocks— It is not ten days since I made Advances of Tecavy to the Miserable Inhabitants of the different Destricts under my charge and who are at this moment purchasing Cattle and Seed for next years Cultivation— If therefore the

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Board are determined at all events to have the
battle I must be under the necessity of preserving
and taking them by force from the Bullocks
when the Grand Army lay encamped in
the Neighbourhood of Conjeveram there
was scarce a Bullock left either in that
District or Chengleput and the Inhabitants
suffered more by our own Army than from
the Incursions of the Enemys Horse — you
will oblige me by answering this Letter
immediately that I may take Measures
accordingly — but I thought it my duty to
represent things as they really are —

If Government are determined to
raise Bullocks, at all Events I shall be sorry
Health permits set off for the Inland parts
of my Division and exert myself as much as possible
to forward the Cattle —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Walter Balfour
Coll.

Covelong 8th June 1791.

P.S. Pray answer this as soon as possible Bullocks are
very difficult to be procured and Government
seem to want them with all possible Dispatch —
agreed

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agreed that the Collectors in the Jaghire be informed that the Order of the 1st Instant was not meant to extend to the 4 Bullocks at the Plough, but that each Village should be assessed with one or two Bullocks according to its ability. That if this be done with due attention to the circumstances of the Inhabitants, and a just Value paid for what is taken, the Board are inclined to think it will occasion no Distress - but that if the Collectors shall have ascertained the Contrary to be the fact and that even so small a Supply as 2000 Bullocks cannot be obtained from the Jaghire without real Distress to the Inhabitants and Injury to the Cultivation, they are authorized to act accordingly, and to consider the Order as revoked. -

Minute thereon.

Mr Hudleston begs leave to enter the following Minute. -

Minute in Council

7th June 1791.

Mr. Hudleston's Minute agrees to defer the Consideration of the Measure proposed in his last Minute till the Arrival of the next Advices from Lord Cornwallis. -

It is an irrefragable position, that public Exegencies should be met by general and Systematic measures; and it is not less true, that

that

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That Exigencies will sometimes arise of so
so extraordenary and urgent a nature, and so rapid
in their effects, as not to be met by the slow &
and regular operation of System; but, as the
President does not think the present exigency
such as to call for the measure I proposed, or that
it could yield any sensible relief, I consent
to relenquish it, observing only, that, with
respect to the Inconvenience it would occasion;
I cannot, under the present Circumstances, give
any weight to that Consideration, if so opposed
to the object of assisting the Army with
the means of conveying a Brigade of Guns, or
Compleating to the Establishment a single
Regiment of Cavalry. The Keeping a Chariot
or Chaise in a Country which the Community
are enabled to enjoy by the advantages or
protection they derive from the Company and
they ought to be ready, at all times, to yield it,
when by so small a Sacrifice the Welfare
of the Company can be promoted: a Palankeen
is a mode of conveyance that answers every off
purpose of business, or health, and the temporary
exchange of a Carriage for it would be a

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species of distress that We should have less
compassion for, than for that sort of distress
which is likely to be occasioned, if We persevere
in our orders for Bullocks, to the extent of
taking them from the Plough. The expedient
of calling on the Inhabitants to assist with
their horses in recruiting the Cavalry &
receiving liberal prices for them, was &
adopted by Lord Macartney in the late War,
and chearfully acceded to, and, as His's our general
situation is happily very different from
what it then was, the present circumstances
at Camp, in regard to the Bullocks and Horses,
are descriptive of immediate exigency, equal
to any that existed during that War. I am not
apprehensive of our incurring any discredit,
or giving birth to distrust, either by the
exigency itself, or the measures We may take
to remove it. The inclement Weather which
destroyed so many of the Cattle cannot affect
the reputation of our Arms, tho' it may
impede their success, nor can the exhausted
state of the Carnatic, in respect to Bullocks,
occasioned by the prodigious Numbers already
furnished

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furnished, lessen the general credit of our Resources - I readily acquiesce however in waiting Lord Cornwallis's next advices, hoping only, that, if they should be such as to make it eligible to have recourse to the aid I have suggested, We shall not leave to his Lordship the task of soliciting it - and, in the event of our calling on the European part of the Community to assist with their Horses, we shall be fully justified in calling on the Native Inhabitants for their Hackey Bullocks of which I conceive there are not fewer than 300 fit to draw Artillery. -

(Signed) J Hadleston

Read the following Letters

from Captain Massey. -

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary - Military Department

Fort St. George

From Captain Massey Timman air declines proceeding to Calastry - thinks his Conduct is materially influenced by the advice of a Bramin named Cunchil Soobrow recommending that his Person be seized, and that Timman air be ordered immediately to Calastry. -

Sir,

In consequence of your letter to me of the 14th Instant regarding Timma. Vair's letter to Government, I arrived here yesterday having

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having deferred coming for some days expecting Timma Nain's reply as to his meeting me here which I have only just now received, acquainting me, after a delay of 9 days, that circumstances will not, for some time, admit of his coming to which effect, after a like delay, he also writes his Father — I am convinced that this conduct in him is chiefly, if not wholly, owing to the influence of some of his late advisers, whom, notwithstanding his most solemn promise to me, and agreement with his Father, he still retains in employ about him, especially one, the Perincipal, a Bramin, named Cunchit Soobrow, whom, I am told, on receipt of my letter, and that of his Father, he despatched to Madras, in order to intrigue with some dubashes there particularly one named Trimmal Naik, who, through him Soobrow, has encouraged him in an Idea of being supported, by his influence with the Gentlemen at Madras, against the Rajah his Father — Cunchit Soobrow has further in commission, with perfect assurance, to effect my removal from my station — even such an insolence

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insolence I trust would not be overlook'd — But that apart I humbly submit to Government the propriety of securing the person of this Bramin, who undoubtedly has been a principal in the irregularities of Timma Nair, and I believe is too notorious to produce security for future good behaviour — he now palpably incurs a penalty, for breach of his written engagement here, lodged with the Rajah, never to interfere or correspond on any account with Tima Nair. This step I am confident would have a good effect on Tima Nair and his followers, and should the Honble the President judge fit to command the attendance of Timma Nair on his Father and me here, immediately I conceive it might obviate all further trouble to Government on this Occasion. —

I am happy to acquaint the Honble Board that the people who were lately troublesome in the Rajahs Country Northward, have withdrawn.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) C. Massey
Captn.

Calastry
31st. May 1791.

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To Wm. Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary - Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Massey - recommending that positive order be sent to Tummair to dismiss all this armed Peons Captain Williamson with a Detachment of Elephants Passes Calastry on his way to Vellore. -

Since my letter to you of the 31st. ultimo for the information of the Honble Board, I have written twice to Timma Nair, as & likewise has the Rajah, to command his presence here, but without effect, he only returns & frivolous excuses, evidently seeming to delay as waiting some particular event, perhaps the result of the suppos'd influence of his black friends at Madras, wherein, I humbly submit to Government the propriety of & his meeting with such disappointment as his folly and misconduct deserves - my people whom I sent with Letters to him, and other report, inform me, that he has & now with him, near 500 Peons, instead of 50, only, allow'd by his father, I therefore now write him to dismiss every man of them under pain of severe punishment from Government, and get the Rajah to write him to the same effect, threatening, in case

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case of delay, or continuing to deviate in any respect from his agreement, to deprive him immediately of his Jagheir — the Peons he has collected, & I understand are chiefly of those who served him and were lately dispersed, at the Northward — the Rajah's Peons, in General cannot be confided in opposed to his Son. —

I yet think, Timma Nair's being divested of the idea of support at Madras, against his Father, will have the requisite effect, it can be only that which prevents his coming to confer with me. —

I shall this evening make a run up to my Station in order to see matters there and make my Returns, and shall wait there according to circumstances, the further orders of the Honble Board, leaving here in the main while with the Rajah, a Guard of Sepoys at his request. —

Captain Williamson, and two Subalterns, with two Companies of Sepoys, escorting from Bengal 16 Elephants for the Army, proceeded on the Route to Vellore from hence, this morning having halted

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halted here yesterday.—

Calastry
3d June 1791

Jam &c &c
(Signed) C. Massey
Capt.

As it appears that Timma Nair has been influenced in his contumacious & conduct towards his Father, by the bad & advice of a Bramin named Cunchill & Soobarow, who is now at Madras it is & resolved, that the Board of Assumed Revenue be desired to take immediate measures for securing his Person, and sending him to Captain Massey.—

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters

Agreed that a Letter be & written to Timma Nair, directing him immediately to proceed to Calastry, agreeably to his Father's Orders.—

Do.

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Angole.—

The Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c.

From the Paymaster at Angole with a & Petition from Basker Naig requesting that his Pension may be continued or that he may be put in Possession of the Country which formerly belonged to him.—

Hon'ble Sir,

I have been requested by & Barker Naig one of the Comburn Poligars pensioned

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pensioned from the Company to forward to you
the enclosed Petetion He having heard that you
have procured the other Polygar / Jey Ram Reddy /
his Country from the Nizam, expresses his
hopes that you will be friend him in like manner
he being by the Loss of his Pension, [illegible] being
restored to his Pollam / destitute of every means of
supporting himself. -

I have the honor to remain
&c. &c.
/ Signed / Sam.l Lyoung

Ongole
20th May 1791.

To the President & Members of the Honble Board.

The humble Petetion of Telly Basker
naik One of Cumbum Poligar. -

Sheweth.

That your Petetioner possessing in
his own right the Country of Poolabavaroo
near Cumbam, Seiding the Justice of the Honble Company
War on late Hyder, did assist the Honble Company as
far as lay in his Power to the Loss of 500 of his
People and his Country, that your Petetioner having
thus Lost his Friends Followers Property and
Country in the Service of the Company War the
Lord Macartney and Governor did take Compassion
on your Petetioner and did give him 30 Ps
p Month for Subsistence and Promised to give the
same Recredon

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aukeeveedoo Nundanavaram Bommeraddy Pulla allavala pawdoo and Sankavaram Countries are reward for his Service But afterwards Hyder take this Countries and your Petetioner Lived at Ongole on the 80 m Pos. pr Month But now Mr. Samuel young Paymaster Refuse to pay the 80 m Pos. telling he has your Honble Governor Orders and I and my Family have got no Subsistance I humbly beg your Honble Protection or I must Starve that your Honors will restore me the Pension of 80 M Pos. or Order Nizam to give the Countries to me I Pray for good of the Company night and Day.—

as in Duty
Bound Shall Ever Pray.

Agreed that Mr. Young be authorized to offer to Basker Naig the arrears due to him on account of his Pension, and one Month in advance provided he leave the Company's Territories, and to inform him that in this Case, the President will give him a Letter for the Resident at Hydrabad recommending him to the favorable Notice of his Highness the Nizam.—

Minute thereon.

Chas. Oakeley
Hudleston

Wilkie
Exr.

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Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C. C. No 138) informing him that Major Johnston will be recommended to Major General Medows for the Command of the Vacant Revenue Battalion at Tinnevelly, as soon as His Highness has stated that Major Johnston does not expect to receive any other Emoluments or allowances than are at present enjoyed by Captain Everett.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 59. 60.

To the Attorney for the Honorable Basil Cochrane - informing him that the Board cannot come to a Determination upon the Claim of his Constituent without being furnished with Mr Sulivan's Declaration mentioned in his Letter of the 30th Ultimo - and with a Declaration, upon Oath, of the actual Disbursement of the Money for the Purchase of the Grain.

To the Attorney for the Honorable Basil Cochrane

To Captain Alexander Read - informing him that as the actual Situation of the Army is but imperfectly known the Board leave it entirely to his Discretion to take such steps as may appear to him most proper for collecting supplies &c.

To Captain Alexr Read

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Received Letters from the Nabob and the Rajah of Calastry (as entered in C. C. Nos 139 140) The former stating that a great Number of Bullocks may be procured in the Guntoor Circar and that he has sent Orders to Chittoor on this subject Recommending that a Battalion of Sepoys be sent into the Countries of Vencata:gherry Calastry Bomrauze, and Bhandaru where Lacks of Cattle might be collected - The latter requesting that Captain Massey may be Ordered to call upon Timma Nair to disband immediately the Sirdars and Troops still entertained in his Pay. —

Substance of Letters from the Nabob and Rajah of Calastry —

Received the following Letters

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Honble Sir & Sir,

I have received the letter addressed to His Excellency by the Honorable Board dated May 25th —

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz - respecting Errors in the account transmitted to the Rajah of Sums advanced on account of his one fifth —

His Excellency looked over the accounts and found two mistakes which were imme:diately acknowledged and corrected by the

Gentlemen

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8 Gentlemen Collectors.—

His Excellency wished to know how much he might still expect from the fifth part of Revenue, and he was assured to be informed of it within a week.—

I am, respectfully

Sir, &c.

Signed C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
June 7th 1791

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

From the Resident at Travancore — Intelligence of the Capture of Pinapatam and Bettapore by General Abercromby's Army, and of a Victory obtained by Lord Cornwallis over the whole of the Enemy's Army —

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Honble Sir,

I have this Instant a Letter of the 19th from Major Auchmuty, Military Secretary to General Abercromby which contains the following Paragraphs —"On the 16th We advanced to Pinapatam — The Garrison "and Inhabitants abandoned it on our approach taking "with them most of the Stores and Provisions, and setting "fire to the mines constructed to dismantle the works "every Tower in the Place was mined, in consequence of "orders from Tippoo to destroy the Place, but our arrival "before they were charged has saved them all — "Four Cavaliers at the angles were destroyed, but it "is of no Essential consequence, and the Place may

yet

& "yet be put to good account in keeping the com:
"munication open to the Westward and to hold out
"Stores and Provisions, —

"The Principal Inhabitants have since
"returned, and the neighboring Country has taken
"Cowle — The Fort of Dustapore about 100 miles from us,
"garrisoned by 300 men has also surrendered, and
"I am in hopes, if Tippoo does not disturb the Country,
"we shall collect a quantity of provision — We mean
"to remain until we receive His Lordship's Orders
"to advance."

I have the Honor to remain most
respectfully &c &c
(Sign'd) George Powney
Resident

Cochin
May 28th 1791

P.S. This moment a Letter of the 20th is come in from Major Auchmuty — I do not delay to transmit the news it contains, altho' it is probable you may have received it by another route, before this reaches you. the following is an Extract of Major Auchmuty's Letter. — "I have the pleasure to inform you, that
"yesterday after the Dispatch of my Letter, the
"General received one from Lord Cornwallis dated
"a mile & 1/2 from Seringapatam Island the 16

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8th "and acquainting him, that the day before, he
"attacked and defeated Tippoo's Army, took four
"pieces of Cannon and drove him to the Island,
"where he remained with his whole Infantry —
We have no particulars of this great Event, except
that the River was so swelled, that his Lordship
could not find a Ford to the Southward of the Island
but intended to march 9 miles to the Northward,
and cross, after which our Junction would take place —

Sent Letter to Timma Nair as entered in
Substance of a Letter to Timma nair — C. C. N° 145 directing him to proceed immediately to
Calastry under Pain of the severest Displeasure of
Government. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
as entered in M. B. N°s 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68.
69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74.

To Captain Massey &c. — to Captain Massey enclosing the
abovementioned Letter for Timma Nair and informing
that Orders have been given for securing the Person
of Cunchilli Soobarow. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — enclosing Copies of Letters from Captain Massey dated
the 31st Ultimo and 3d Instant, and desiring them to
take immediate Measures for securing the Person

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of Cunchell Soobarow —

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave informing him that the Board have been pleased to comply with the Applications of Captain Ogg, Lieutenant Dogherly and Ensign Smith as communicated in his Letter of the 5th Instant —

To the Storekeeper at Madura —

To the Storekeeper at Madura &c informing him that as soon as the Provisions &c captured from the Enemy, and now in Store at Dindigul have been valued by the Commandant, on the part of the Captors, and by himself on the part of the Company, he is to receive Charge of them, and give the Captors credit in his Books for a Moiety of the Amount at which the Articles have been Valued —

To the Paymasters at Tanjore & Chingleput

To the Paymasters at Tanjore and Chingleput with Permission to proceed to the Presidency

To Lieutenant Colonel Collins Mr Hugh Boyd and Captain Corner —

To Lieutenant Colonel Collins Mr Hugh Boyd and Captain Corner appointing them to be a Committee for investigating the Charge brought against the 2nd Mate of the Albion by John Lord, and desiring them to call upon such Persons as they may think proper, to give their Information. —

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Albion —

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Albion informing him of the appointment

of

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To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — informing him that the Troops in Garrison at Madura are not to be charged more than Seventy Pagodas & Parra for Rice from the Stores and that if they have any objection to receive it at that Price the Grain is to be sold in the Bazar on the Company's Account —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commandant at Vellore to direct the Officer he has sent into the Chittoor District, to attend to such Acquisitions, respecting Bullocks, as he may receive from Mr Hindersley —

To the Commandant at Vellore —

To Mr Hindersley — with advice of the Orders given to Captain Macleay and Lieutenant Colonel Tolson respecting the Collection of Bullocks —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot & Districts —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Saghire — stating that unless a Supply of 1000 or 1200 Bullocks can be procured from the Districts under his Management without real Distress for the Inhabitants and Injury to the Cultivation, he is to consider the order of the 1st Instant as revoked. —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Saghire —

To the Collector in the Vellore District stating that the Bullock Contractors Agent will receive

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6th receive charge of, and pay for such Draft and Carriage Cattle as he may collect. —

To the Paymaster and Store Keeper at Vellore directing him to make up 110 Elephant Bags each large enough to contain 80 Measures, 40 on each side, and dispatch them with Rice to Ambour on the — Elephants under the Charge of Captain Williamson - enclosing under a flying Seal a Letter to that Officer. —

To the Paymaster and Store Keeper at Vellore —

To Captain Williamson - informing him of the Orders given to the Store Keeper - Instructions respecting the manner in which the Elephants under his Charge are to be employed, —

To Captain Williamson in Charge of a Detachment of Elephants at Vellore. —

9th Sent the following Letters

To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council,

at Fort William.

To Bengal - respecting the Male orphan Asylum at this Presidency -

Gentlemen,

Para 1 Our Secretary has laid before us Mr. Sub Secretary Fombelle's Letter of the 11th Ultimo. —

2 We have the Honor to inform you that in consequence of Orders from the Court of Directors the Monthly Sum of five Rupees is allowed to each Boy in the Male Orphan Asylum; and that

this

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9th this allowance extends to one hundred Boys, but no further - there are on the Foundation at present ninety seven. —

3 The Company's allowance is only drawn for such Boys as are actually taken into the Asylum. — We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley,
John Hudleston.

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

My Lord,

Having consulted with the Commodore on the subject of the victuallers lately arrived from Europe, he has informed us, that he does not conceive he has any thing to do with them, unless the service should require it; and that he supposes Lieutenant Uzuld, who is in charge of them, will act under your or our Direction in regard to unloading the Vessels, and preparing them to receive the Hanoverian Troops. —

We shall postpone giving any Orders to Lieutenant Uzuld, until we have been —

favored

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9th favored with your Lordship's Reply to our Letter of the 25th ultimo.

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We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Chas Oakeley
J. Huddleston

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C. C. No 142 enclosing Copies of Letters from Columbo respecting the Treaty existing between the Dutch East India Company and His Highness. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Ltr B. Nos 73-76-77-78. —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - informing him that 5000 Pagodas will be advanced to him from the Treasury, for the purpose of purchasing Grain to be stored at Arnee - and that an Order will be sent to the Commandant at that Place to give up to the Storekeeper, for the present, the Officers Quarters unoccupied. —

To the Commandant at Arnee —

To the Commandant at Arnee - directing him to give up to the Storekeeper the Officers Quarters unoccupied, to serve as a temporary Granary. —

To the Paymaster at Ongole —

To the Paymaster at Ongole - desiring him to offer to Basteen Naig the Arrears due to him

to

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9th on account of his Pension, and one Month in advance provided he leave the Company's Territories, and to inform him that in this Case he will be recommended to the favorable notice of the Nizam.—

To Mr George Luccadow

To Mr George Luccadow informing him that a Court of Enquiry has been ordered to assemble for the purpose of investigating the Charges of Complaint which he has preferred against Captain Conran and Mr Lewis.—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 79-80-81-82-83-84-85.—

From the Collector at Trichinopoly

From the Collector at Trichinopoly will deliver in without delay an account of the Number of Bullocks that may be procured within the Periods specified in the order to him of the 1st Instant.—

From the Collector at Madura

From the Collector at Madura thinks he can collect, from the 6th Instant, about two thousand Draft and 1000 Carriage Bullocks in 14 Days, and about 3,000 Draft and 1,000 Carriage within one month desiring to know if he is to purchase saddles for them.—

From Major Maule of the Corps of Engineers

From Major Maule applying for the List of Plans referred to in the 37th Paragraph of the Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under date

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9th date the 15 December 1790.—

From the Chief at Pulicat

From the Chief at Pulicat — stating that a Soldier named John Nelsbeing who was received into the Hospital at that Place on the 30th Ultimo is perfectly recovered.—

10h From Mr. Conolly — containing Remarks upon the Report of the Hospital Board upon the Question "whether the Promotion of Mr. Berry to be full Surgeon be any Bar to his Resumption of the Office of Secretary to this Board.—

From Mr. H. Conolly

From the Collector in the Tricheinopoly District

From the Collector in the Tricheinopoly District — hopes to procure, from the 7th Instant, within fourteen Days, 400 Draught and 600 Carriage Bullocks; and, in the Space of a Month, an additional Number of 400 Draught and 600 Carriage.—

From the Collectors at Tanjore

From the Collectors at Tanjore — will report with as little Delay as possible the Number of Bullocks that may be collected in 15 Days and in one Month.—

At a Consultation Present,

Friday 10th June 1795

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting President

John Gudleston Esq.r

The Honble Major General Meadows absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis, received this Morning.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir, The rapid Destruction which the late heavy Rains and the want of Forage have occasioned amongst our Cattle, or addition to the very unexpected obstructions to a Junction with General Abercromby, which I mentioned to you in my last Letter, that I had met with from the Badness, and indeed almost Impracticability of the Fords of the Cavery, has obliged me not only to give up all thoughts of attacking Seringa-patam before the setting in of the Monsoon, but also to destroy the heavy Iron Guns, which for these last several Marches, have been drawn almost entirely by the Soldiers. — The Famine which prevails among st our Followers has likewise encreased our Difficulties by creating an alarming Deficiency in our Public Stock of Provisions - for, when Rice sells in the Bazars for a Pagoda a Seer, it is not to be expected, that Maistries and Bullock Drivers will be able to withstand the Temptation of plundering the Bags committed to their Charge on every March. — I

From Lord Cornwallis - the late Destruction among the Cattle and the Badness of the Roads oblige him to destroy the heavy Iron Guns, great Deficiency in the Public Stock of Provisions - intends marching towards Bangalore and Vencatighery - Bullocks to be collected at Amboor —

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I have been obliged to remain here to secure the Retreat of General Abercromby, who had advanced to Periapatam; but I shall march on the 26th to Bangalore and Vencataghery; and I must request, that you will order every Bullock that can be procured to be sent, with all possible Expedition, to Amboor, that I may be able, without Loss of time, to procure supplies for the Troops, and to replace such part of the Stock of Bangalore as I may be obliged to make use of during the March.—

I have the Honor to be

Camp at Kannambady
Ford
24th May 1791

with great Esteem and Regard,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

The great Exertions which have been already made to procure Bullocks, and to throw Supplies into Amboor and Bangalore, will, the Board trust, afford considerable Relief upon the return of the Army to the latter Place, if such measure should become indispensible.—

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the agent for the Bullock Contractors that, as fast as Bullocks are collected both South and North, he must give orders for their being sent to Amboor—agreed also that he be desired to

Do

state

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state the Number already collected, and the number expected to be at Amboor in the Course of a month in six weeks.—

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

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue representing the Impropriety of Chiel Naig's making predatory Excursions into the Enemy's Country, and levying Contributions on Passengers—

We do ourselves the honor of inclosing for your information Extract of a letter from Mr Landon, and of recommending that measures should be taken for restraining the excursions of Chiel Naig and for preventing him from levying contributions on Passengers—

We have the Honor to be,
&c &c

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(Signed) J Hudleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Extract of a Letter from Mr Landon

Dated 1 June 1791

Chiel Naig, who I understand, has taken Cowle from Lord Cornwallis, frequents part of the Country bordering upon the Changamah Pass, from

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from whence he makes excursions into the Enemy's Districts for the sake of plunder, as this circumstance may be attended with much detriment to this and the neighbouring Districts, I take the liberty of mentioning it to your Board, the Inhabitants living in constant apprehension that Chief Naig's conduct will provoke retaliation on the part of Audeylima Naick and other Poligars in the Baulau Ghaut, which has been frequently threatened - Chief Naig also has claimed the duties collected at Changamah, and because they have been refused him, he levies heavy contributions on all passengers. — A true Extract,

Signed J Webbe
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Agreed that Captain Alexander Read be desired to take the necessary measures for restraining the Excursions of Chief Naig, and for preventing him from levying Contributions on Passengers. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. —

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Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson transmitting an Extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under Date 15 December 1790 relative to Mr Berry's resigning his Station of Secretary to the Hospital Board, desiring they will State whether the late promotion of Mr Berry to be full Surgeon be any Bar to the resumption of that Office - as the Honorable Court of Directors have been pleased to take notice of Mr Berry's reasonable Instance in so honorable a manner they consider his promotion as no Bar to holding the Station of Secretary to the Hospital Board - but as he is at present on public Service and can only be relieved by the Orders of Government they recommend that Orders be issued for that purpose.

Read

Proceedings of the Hospital Board Mr Berry's Promotion is not considered any Bar to his Resumption of the Office of Secretary to this Board recommending that Mr Vanderput be appointed a Sub Assistant - that a Supply of Medicines be sent to Amboor for the use of the Army and that a monthly allowance be granted to Edward Gardiner for making up Trusses &c

The appointment of Mr Berry confirmed - Major General Medows will be requested to Order Mr Berry to return to the Presidency, as soon as his Services can be dispensed with in the Field - Mr Conolly may continue to act as Secretary until he is relieved by Mr Berry

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Read a Letter from Mr. Mein Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly recommending Francis Vunderpoet who has been bred up in the Hospital for some years past as a fit person for a Sub assistant, which he is much in want of, as this discription of persons is very useful, the Hospital Board recommend he be appointed.

Approved

The Hospital Board have directed the Apothecary General to Dispatch what Medicines can be spared from the Stores for the use of the Army to be sent to the Care of the Comm.anding Officer at Amboor, and recommend that Government may direct their being forwarded the first safe Opportunity

Approved

Edward Gardiner a pensioner in the Service, having shewn the Hospital Board some Rupture Trusses and different

The monthly allow.ance of five Pagodas to Edward Gardiner recommended by the

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the Hospital Board cannot be granted — Trusses &c. must be included in the next Indent —

different kind of Bandages, which are executed in a very masterly manner they recommend that he may be granted an allowance of 5 Pagodas monthly (to furnish those Articles as the Stores have never been properly supplied with them from Europe. —

Jas Anderson
(Signed) Physician General
William Duffin
Head Surgeon.

Read the following Letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis —

To the Honorable the Governor in Council
Madras.

From Commodore Cornwallis respecting the Rate of Exchange charged by the Purveyor General of the Hospital

Sir,

On examining the Accounts presented to me by Mr Garrow, Purveyor to the Honorable Company's Hospital for the victualling the men sent sick belonging to His Majesty's Ships under my Command, I find that he has valued the Star Pagoda only at ~~thirty~~ Six fanams; which is different from any accounts

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Accounts hitherto presented to me at this place, — He says that he contracts with the Honorable Company for the supply, at five fanams ℔ man ℔ Diem and the Pagoda to be at the Rate of thirty six fanams. —

I am to request the favour, that you will be pleased to signify to me at what Rate the Pagoda should be paid — and whether that is the Contract Price with the Honorable Company. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) W Cornwallis

Crown
Madras Road
8th June 1795

Agreed to inform the Commodore that the Surveyor to the Company's Hospitals has been always permitted to value the Star Pagoda at thirty Six fanams, and that his accounts have been constantly passed and paid at that Rate. —

Minute thereon,

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave. —

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

From Major General Musgrave opinion of Mr. Macleods application for a Battalion of Sepoys to assist in the Collection of the Malbar Revenues

Honble Sir,

I have had the Honor of &c.

Secretary

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Secretary Jackson's letter of the 4th Instant acquainting me of the desire of the Board that I should state my Opinion upon the application of Mr. Macleod for a Complete Battalion of Sepoys with two field pieces for the purpose of assisting him in the collection of the Mellore Revenues, and likewise whether fewer Troops might not be able to execute this Service.—

From Mr. Macleod's Statement of affairs in the Mellore District and the inability of the late Detachment under Captain Moore to effect their object, I do conceive that the force which he represents as necessary to reduce the Collenies to obedience is as small as can be employed with effect against them, the consequences of failure in an instance of this kind might be attended with more pernicious consequences than the original evil, and of the strength requisite to effect such service Mr. Macleod must be the best Judge from his knowledge of the numbers likely to rise in opposition, from his experience, and the stations he fills.— Although I am of opinion that Mr. Macleods requisition is not unreasonable in point of numbers, yet considering the present critical

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critical juncture of affairs, the weak state of the
Southern Garrisons, together with the difficulty
of subsisting so large a body in that District
I am induced to think that it would be impolitick
in Government to order either the provincial Troops
which are necessary for internal defence, or the
Regular Battalions that may be called into
the field on any service unconnected with the
General cause, and still more to detach Artillery=
=Men who are at present so much wanted both
in Garrison and in the Field; Should Government
however, be compelled to use Military Force with
these people I conceive that a body of Polygars
might be raised, and employed advantageously
on a Service, which from its desultory nature they
are more accustomed to and better adapted for
than more regular and disciplined Troops. —

I have the Honor to be,
with Respect,
Sir &c
(Signd) Thos Musgrave

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Minute thereon

Resolved in consequence of the Opinion
of Major General Musgrave, that the Board of
assumed

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assumed Revenue be desired to acquaint Mr. Macleod that as the Force cannot be spared, he must temporize with the Poligars and Colleries, and endeavour by moderate Measures to obtain from them Arrears of Tribute. —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Montgomery. —

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary —

From Cornet Montgomery, reports Number of Horses to be purchased at the Presidency

Sir,

I have been honored with the Board's instructions respecting Horses through Major General Musgrave, and have in consequence given the necessary directions. —

I have likewise examined some horses that are here; twelve or fifteen of them will answer for the service — and I think it will not be difficult to procure more in the course of a little time. —

I beg you will solicit the Honble Governor &c. to order me a Credit on the Paymaster General for any amount he may judge proper, to be drawn by me, according as I have an opportunity of making purchases.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Signed H. Montgomery agent for the purchase of Horses

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The acting President informs the Board that he understands Horses can be purchased with more advantage to the Company in the Palnaud District than at the Presidency— He therefore recommends that Major General Musgrave be desired to direct Cornet Montgomery to proceed thither, and that Mr Erskine the Collecter be ordered to make an immediate advance of $000 Pagodas. ——

The acting President recommends that Cornet Montgomery be ordered to proceed into the Palnaud District where Horses may be purchased with more advantage to the Company

Approved and Ordered accordingly

The acting President's recommendation approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Edward Holland. ——

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 7th Instant, and beg you will inform the Honorable Board, that when they were pleased to call me before them the necessity of requiring a further time to answer the Charge which was then announced to me, did not at the moment occur to any recollection nor will this, I humbly presume, be thought extraordinary in a situation, where persons, as I have reason

From Mr Edward Holland stating, that when he was called before the Board the necessity of applying for a further Time to answer the Charge brought against him by Mr Petrie, did not occur to his Recollection

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reason to believe, less exposed to disadvantages of
youth and inexperience, than I am, have repeatedly
been assisted and relieved by their Superiors without
any deviation from the Orders of the Honorable the
Court of Directors in cases no way Claiming more
Indulgence than that to which I am now exposed
and although in advancing this much on my
own behalf, the only means of defence which is
now left me, 'tis not my intention to allude to
particular Instances, in a matter where the
Honble Board is in possession of much better
Information than I can presume to suggest. yet
I shall still hope from their candid Indulgence
that no Offence will be taken, under Circumstances
which render it necessary for me to submit to
their further Judgment what I now take the
Liberty to offer. — I am, &c. &c.

(Signed) Edw. Holland

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Ordered that the Contents of the
foregoing Letter be mentioned in the next Dispatch
to the Honorable Court of Directors. —

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Read the following Letter from Captain Williamson, in Charge of a Detachment of Elephants at Vellore.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department &c.

Fort St George.—

From Captain Williamson reports the Condition of the Elephants under his Charge—applies for an advance of Cash, and desires to know if the Elephants are to be furnished with Rice from the Company's Stores—

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you that I arrived this morning at Vellore with one hundred and fourteen Elephants being the number I left Bengal with—there are some of them in a very weak state—a halt of Ten or Twelve Days will I hope recover them after their long march.—

I did myself the Honor to write to you from Nellore representing that I should be in want of Cash by the time I should arrive at Vellore, for some days past I have been feeding the Elephants out of my own private Cash.—

May I beg to be informed as soon as convenient if the Elephants are to be supplied with Rice from the Company's Stores or to be purchased for them out of the Bazar, at present Rice sells in the Vellore Bazar for Twenty measures of Rupee.

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If you have any Commands to honor me with, by signifying such they shall be obeyed —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Vellore
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(signed) Jas Williamson
Captain, in Charge of Elephants
for Bengal —

Agreed that the Paymaster at Vellore be directed to advance to Captain Williamson the Sum of ten thousand Rupees, which he must bring to account under the Head of 'Bengal Detachment', as so much money advanced Captain Williamson for the use of the Elephants under his Charge —

Minute thereon

As Rice can easily be procured in the Vellore Bazar, it is agreed to recommend to Captain Williamson to purchase from thence the Quantity he may require for the Elephants. —

Do

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr Swartz. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From the Reverend Mr Swartz - reports the sentiments expressed by the Rajah on Mr Lamballe's Claim

Honble Sir & Sir!

I have received the Letter addressed to This Excellency by the Honorable Board in

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in behalf of Mrs Lamballais.—

His Excellency observed that as the Property of that poor widow was not taken by the Circar, but by the Inhabitants with whom Mrs Lamballais carried on a Trade, he should be glad if She could find out those Inhabitants who were her Debtors - As for Colonel Muller who received half of that Sum which he demanded, Mr Hudleston best knows, that the Rajah paid it merely to please Sir Archibald Campbell who represented in Strong terms how much the Court of Directors had prefsed that point.—

However Mr Hudleston had hopes to get at least a part of that debt, which the Inhabitants owed to Mrs Lamballais - She sent her Peons as Evidences of her just claim I was Translator and accordingly translated the Evidences given by her Servants in order to urge the Payment - But Mr Hudleston and I likewise were astonished when these Servants of Mrs Lamballais turned Evidences against that unfortunate Lady - whether they were bribed to act so treacherous a part, I do not know, when

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those Evidences appeared against her, Baba, then Sirdar, refused to pay any thing and Mr. Huddleston was obliged to desist - This is the true account of that melancholy business.

I am, respectfully &c.

(Signed) C. F. Swartz

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President in Council &c.

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz - Conference with the Rajah respecting the allowances of his Family states that the Rajah's last letter to the Board was not written by his Excellency but by an European at the Presidency -

Honble Sir & Sirs

According to the direction of the Honorable Board I have delivered their Letter to His Excellency dated May the 20th. — In our conversation concerning this Letter I took the Liberty to ask His Excellency what benefit he promised to himself by writing such a Letter, and in so uncommon a Style. He replied that it displeased him when he observed, that the Honorable Board never fully enquired into the accounts concerning the allowance made to the Family of the late Rajah - Either prove that the account given by one, is false, or that the account given by the late Rajah's Mother and Widowes is untrue - and then I shall be satisfied - I answered in the following manner - your Excellency has often desired me to look into those accounts, and I have fairly confessed that I look upon it

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it as an Impossibility, to ascertain that matter. No
one charges your Excellency and the late
Rajah's Family with untruth - all that I have
asserted and still assert amounts not to a disbelief
of any ones account, but to an impossibility of
coming to a Certainty in this affair - The ready
money paid to that Family may be ascertained
But how shall we make out how much they
have received daily of Rice, Sugar, Oil, Butter
Spices &c. out of the Circars Magazine - how
shall we state the price of all the fine and
course Cloths which were sent them, nay the
very Pay of all their Servants was given by the
Circar - All these Articles, which were given
them in abundance, create a difficulty in
stating the accounts so, as to injure none, I
can assure your Excellency that, was it not for
these unsurmountable difficulties, I would fain
spend some days in looking over those accounts.
His Excellency replied that in his Opinion
the difficulty was not so great. — Then

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Then he mentioned the other point which principally affects him - Can't you, said he, reunite us - I said not immediately because your Excellency has filled the minds of those Ladies with too much fear - may you continue to do so - Two years I have intreated you to treat Serfogee mildly and to bestow frequently benefits on those Ladies - and all would applaud your kindness towards them - But you refused to hearken - But though the late Rajah's Family will not immediately wish to be united to your Excellency I dont think it impossible if you will follow my advice - Friendship is not to be produced by unkindness. —

As to the letter, which His Excellency has written to the Honorable Board, it is plain that a European has written it - and that European is in Madras - more than once I observed, that when the Honble Board addressed his Excellency in a letter, the Contents of that letter were known before hand in the Palace - That Letter which His Excellency has written to the Honble Board and which is surely penned by a Gentleman, has produced bad effects. —

I am, respectfully &c &c

Signd C F Swartz

Resident

Tanjore
June 6th 1791

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The Consideration of the foregoing Letters deferred till the next Meeting

Resolved that the above Letters be taken into Consideration at the next Meeting —

The Effective Artillery at the Presidency to do Duty at the Mount under the Command of Major Robert Tuft —

The Acting President recommends that the effective Artillery at the Presidency be ordered to do Duty at the Mount under the Command of Major Robert Tuft —

Ordered accordingly —

Chas Oakeley

Ex. Wyllie. Ex

J Huddleston

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Diary

Received the undermentioned

Letters as entered in No: B. 11. 86. 87. 88. 89.

90. 91. 92.

From the Secretary at Fort St George

William acknowledging the Receipt of 11

Letters from this Presidency under Dates the

From the Sub Secretary at Fort William

30th April, 2nd 5th and 6th May.

From the acting Resident at

Cuddalore stating that he had prevented 40

Elephants from that place being sold until the

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore

is informed whether or no Government

may have occasion for them.

From the Collector in the

Tinnevelly District stating he had collected

from the 7th Instant two thousand Bullocks

From the Collector in the Tinnevelly District

in the Space of a fortnight and as many

more in the Space of a Month which

which Number not above 250 will be

fit for Draught recommending that the

Bullocks be hired instead of purchased

as the owners would then accompany the

Cattle & keep them in good Condition.

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From the Collector in the District of Coimbatoor

From the Collector in the District of Coimbatoor — cannot collect from the Districts under his Charge a greater Number Bullocks than 1500 in fourteen days from the 8th Instant, which he will be obliged to press from the Plough.

From the Collector in the Northern & Center Divisions of the Masulipatam Havelly

From the Collector in the Northern and Center Divisions of the Masulipatam Havelly — stating that he has very little prospect of being able to collect as many Draft or Carriage Bullocks in the Districts under his Management the Cattle principally employed in that part of the Country being Buffaloes.

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Masulipatam Havelly

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Masulipatam Havelly — no Draught Bullocks can be procured in the District under his Management — will collect and lay before Government every possible Information respecting Carriage Bullocks without Loss of time.

From the Commandant at Paliyaut-

From the Commandant at Paliyautchery

-chery — recommending that orders be sent to the Storekeepers to deliver out as part of the Rice to the Troops and Followers in that Garrison six parts of their Pay.

Dispatched the undermentioned

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Letters as entered in M.B. No. 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99.

To the Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad

To the Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad — enclosing Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Letter dated the 24th Ultimo.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore — desiring him to advance Captain Williamson 10,000 Rupees and place the same under the head of "Bengal Detachment" as so much Money advanced Captain Williamson for the use of the Elephants under his Charge.

To Captain Williamson

To Captain Williamson — with advice of the order abovementioned — desiring him to account for the Sum to the proper Officer with the Bengal Detachment and to purchase Rice for the Elephants in the Bazar.

To the Collector in the Madura Districts

To the Collector in the Madura District — informing him that the Bullock Contractors will furnish Saddles for the Carriage Bullocks — desiring him to deliver over the Bullocks as collected to the Contractors Agent, previously marking them the Carriage Bullocks CCB the Draught CDB and correspond and settle with Mr. Cockburn on all Matters relative to their pay and Dispatch.

To the Collector at Trichinopoly

To the Collector at Trichinopoly — desiring him to deliver over the Bullocks, as collected, to the Contractors Agent &c. in like

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11 like manner as above.

To the Attorney for Mr Digby —

To the Attorney for Mr R. Digby

with an Extract of the Minutes of Consultation, respecting the Claims of his Constituents as referred by the Honble Court of Directors to the Consideration and Decision of this Government.

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors — desiring him to give orders to his Agent at Tanjore, Madura, and Trichinopoly, to receive charge of, and pay for, such Bullocks as may be delivered to them by the Collectors — The Bullocks as they are collated to be sent to Arnboor, — and a Report to be made to the Board immediately of the Number of Bullocks already collected, and the Number that may be expected at that place, and the same Report Monthly &c &c.

To the agent for the Bullock Contractors

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.

To the Honble Charles Stuart

To Bengal with copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 21st ult. stating the Orders that have been issued to collect Bullocks &c for the army

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Fort William

Gentlemen,

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We have the honor to enclose copy of

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of a Letter which we have received this Morning from Lord Cornwallis.

2d The great Exertions which have been made to procure Bullocks, and to throw Supplies into Amboor and Bangalore, will, we trust, afford considerable Relief upon the return of the Army to Bangalore, if such Measures should become indispensible — But, we are not without Hope, that his Lordship will still be enabled to remain before Seringapatam, as we understand by private advices from Camp, that the Mamatta army encamped in the Neighbourhood of that Capital on the 26th Ultimo, and had brought with them a Supply of Grain &c.

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

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Received the following Letter

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

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore — advising of his having put Captain Lieutenant Braidwell in arrest for Striking him in the Execution of his Duty.

Honble Sir,

I am sorry to acquaint your Honor &c. that I have this moment been

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under the necessity of requesting Lieutenant &
Colonel Hughes to put Captain Lieutenant
George Brudenell, Invalid Cavalry, in
arrest, for striking me in my public Capacity,
at the time he was preferring to me a Com=
=plaint against a Subaltern — my refusal to
inflict punishment on the accused, previous
to enquiring into the nature of his fault, &
produced this instantaneous and inconsiderate
Insult — I beg permission also to inform your
Honour that some time ago Mr. Brudenell came to my
house at four o'Clock in the afternoon, desiring
that I would immediately advance his pay,
and upon my being under the necessity of &
denying him, from the want of Public &
Treasure, in hand, he drew his broad &
Sword, and hung it over my Head, threaten=
=ing to cut me down, which, I believe, he
would have done, had I not promised to &
pay him instantly out of my own private
Cash, concerned at what was broken in upon
by Surprize, and scarcely awoke from &
my afternoon's rest — as he appeared, &
however, raised to a pitch of madness
from intoxication, I was induced, from
motives

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motives of Charity, to suppress my feelings and public representation on that occasion — and even now, Sir with the deepest concern that his mis= =conduct obliges me to relate his past Errors & to prefer this Complaint.

I have the Honor to be with profect Respect. &c. &c.

Signed / R.D Dashwood

Cuddalore
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W.m C.n Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department
Fort St George

Sir,

From the Resident at Hyderabad — Names of the Nizam's Officers appointed to proceed with the Treasure — recommendation respecting their conveyance & Escort to Adoni. —

I have the Honor to acquaint you that Seyd Dowlet ali Khan and Mahommed Wizier Khan are the names of the Officers appointed to proceed with the Nizam's Treasure for the Payment of his Troops with our army: they have been directed to move with all expedition from Gunjicota by such route as the Com= =pany's Officers in command of the Four Companies, shall point out to them; but under their present instructions are not to pass the limits of our ancient territories into those of the Enemy. This I shall endeavor to

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12. to get rectified, and as Latitude allowed them to proceed as far as Bangalore, from whence the Governor General will be able to secure the safe arrival of the money in Camp: I mean while, I conceive an order should be given by the Board for it to proceed to Amboor, there by such route as they may determine on, and directions sent to Captain Alexander Read the Comm= =mandant of that Fortress concerning its further disposal.

I enclose a Letter to be forwarded to the Governor General and have the Honor to be

Wa: Wa:

Signed/ John Kennaway

Paungul
30th May 1791.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President Wa: Council
at Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sir,

From the Resident at Gunjam dated the 30th ult. announcing his arrival at Gunjam. Measures adopted. Death of Captain Whitcapp

I have received Mr. Secretary Jackson's letters of the 30th ultimo and 1st Instant, with the Enclosures contained in the latter.

In my letter of the 19th ultimo I had the Honor to communicate to you, that the

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12 The occurrence of some Disturbances in Coimbetor,
which I hoped were of a temporary nature, as
had induced me to Detach a Company of Sepoys
to Goarycan upon Situation in that
Zemindary, Subsequently however it became
necessary to move the Company to Colarah,
which is now centrically Situated, and recently
I have received Information from the Officer
Commanding there, that the troubles are
rather increasing than Subsiding, the In-
surgents having burnt several more Vil-
lages and shewn a Disposition even to
attack the Rajah in force.

I have hopes still however,
that the movement of the Company will
attain to the wished Effect, of restoring tran-
=quility in that Zemindary.

I am commanded to acquaint
you, that I have received Information, that
Captain Lionel Westropp Commanding Officer
of the 18th Battalion in this District de-
=parted this Life at Coringa on the 18th
Instant. I have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect &c. &c. &c.

Signed H. Crawford
Sec.

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To

Sent the following Letters

To the Honble Commodore Cornwallis

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies

To Commodore Cornwallis respecting the Expence allowed to the Surveyor General of the Hospital

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d Instant, and to inform you that the Surveyor to the Company's Hospitals has been always permitted to value the Star Pagoda at Thirty Six Fanams, and at that Rate his Accounts have been constantly passed and paid.

We have the honor to be,

Wa: Wa:

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Signed / Chas. Oakeley

Wa Council

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor Wa: Wa: Wa:

Hon'ble Sir,

To Major General Medows requesting he will permit Mr Barry to return to the Presidency as soon as his Services can be dispensed with.

The Honble Court of Directors having reappointed Mr Surgeon Barry to the Office of Secretary to the Hospitals Board, we beg leave to request you will be pleased to give him Permission to return to the Presidency as soon as his Services can be dispensed with in the Field.

We have the Honor to be,

with Esteem.

Wa: Wa:

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Signed / Chas. Oakeley

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Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C: C: No 143) enclosing a List of established Servants employed by the several Collectors in the assumed Countries.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nos 100. 101. 102. 103. 104.

To the Commandant at Amboor desiring him to take the necessary Measures for restraining the predatory Excursions of Chiel Naig and for preventing him from levying Contributions on Passengers informing him that Mahomed ally Beg has received a Gratuity of one thousand Rupees.

To the Commandant at Amboor

To the Board of assumed Revenue communicating Major General Musgraves Report in Mr Macleod's application for a Battalion of Sepoys informing them of the orders given to Captain Read respecting Chiel Naig desiring them to instruct the Collector in the Palnaud District to advance Cornet Montgomery 5000 Pagodas on account of purchasing horses.

To the Board of assumed Revenue

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To Major General Musgrave —
to order Lieut. Montgomery to proceed to
the Palnaud District, for the purpose of
making purchases of horses, and furnish
him with such Instructions as he may
deem requisite advice of the orders given
for advancing Cash to his Corps. —

To Major General Musgrave

To the Chief at Pulicat —
returning acknowledgements for his
attention to the English Soldier mentioned
in his Letter of the 7th Instant. —

To the Chief at Pulicat

To Major Maule — informing
him that the List of Plans referred to in
the 39 Parav. of the Letter from the Court
of Directors dated the 15th December 1790
has not been received and desiring him to
have Copies made of all the original
Maps in the Chief Engineer's Office. —

To Major Maule of the Engineers

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Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 105. 106.
107. 108. 109. 110. 111. —

From Major Maule —
will pray attention to the Instructions
abovementioned. —

From Major Maule

From