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From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Dist. stating that he has in Ten days actually delivered to the Contractors Agent 650 Bullocks and that he has at present 500 more of which about 400 are serviceable expects shortly to compleat the Number 1000 Bullocks to 2000 mentioned in Strong Terms the assistance he has received from Lieutenant Cosprage.

From the Collectors at Tanjore

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expect to be able to collect in fourteen Days, from the 11th Instant, about 14,000 Bullocks.

From Mr Cockrane at Guntoor

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From Mr Cockrane at Guntoor thinks he will be able to Collect, from the 6th Instant 1000 Draft and 1000 Carriage Bullocks in fourteen days and the like Number in one Month.

From the Officer Commanding the 1st Regiment of Cavalry at Arcot requesting that the Tappal Runners may be ordered to pass regularly through the Lines, and that a Corricopoly may be appointed to receive and deliver the Letters.

From the Officer Commanding the 1st Regiment of Cavalry.

From

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From Captain Williamson — requesting that some Lascars may be sent to him from Vellore to assist in Loading and unloading the Elephants — is much distressed for want of Cash.

From Captain Williamson

From Ditto — with a Return of the Elephants under his Charge — requests to be furnished with Instructions under whose Charge he is to place Eight of them that must be left at Vellore owing to sickness — states that his people are very clamorous for their pay.

From Do —

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 14th June 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President

John Hudleston Esq.r

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Letters from the Reverend Mr Swartz entered on the Proceedings of the last Consultation now taken into Consideration.

The Board having attentively considered the Letters from the Reverend Mr.

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Mr. Swartz entered on the Proceedings of the last Consultation, it is resolved that the following Letter be written to the Rajah of Tanjore, vide also C. C. No 1464

To the Rajah of Tanjore

In the reply which I had the honor to write to your Excellency's Letter of the 4th Inst. I took the freedom to remark upon the Sentiments you had expressed concerning the allowances granted to the Family of the late Rajah. From the Style of that letter I confess my suspicions were very strong that your Excellency had not only yielded to the influence of unfriendly Councils, but that you had permitted the author of those Councils to dictate his advisive language unsuited to your dignity and altogether unprovoked by any thing I had either done or written.

To the Rajah of Tanjore representing the impropriety of his abetting Foreign advisers and Counsel, and earnestly requesting him to communicate his Sentiments through the immediate Channel of the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

Dissident however of my own judgement I transmitted a Copy of your Letter to the Reverend Mr. Swartz who has expressed his opinion to the same effect, adding, that the Letter evidently by appears

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appears to have been the production of an European pen: Mr Swartz's knowledge of your language, and his long experience at the Durbar of Tanjore, qualify him sufficiently to judge upon this point.

The uneasiness I felt at the disapprobation so strongly marked in that letter is now entirely removed. From the moment I composition I am unable to distinguish what belongs to your Excellency, & must necessarily reject the whole. your opinions and wishes your conduct will be respected & when I can clearly ascertain them, but the remarks and animadversions of those who have no right to concern themselves in your affairs cannot have the smallest influence on my mind. It was with a view to establish the most unexceptionable channel of communication with your Excellency that I requested Mr Swartz to undertake the management of the Company's business at your Durbar - Mr Swartz is equally the friend of your Excellency & the Company and while we mutually

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confided in him we cannot be deceived — on
this account I am induced to request you will
open yourself candidly to him upon all
occasions of uneasiness or difficulty, and be assured
that every thing which comes to me through
this medium will have the fullest claim to
my attention and regard. It will afford me
pleasure also when you write, if you can
will do me the favor of delivering your letters
to him to be transmitted — To a friend
what can I say more?

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/ Signed Cha. Oakeley.

Resolved that the Reverend Mr Swartz be informed, That the Board
long since Suspected his Excellency's Letters were
conducted through the Medium of some improper
Influence not less discreditable to the Rajah
than injurious to the Company — and that
being now confirmed in this opinion by the
Light thrown on the Subject by him / Mr
Swartz / it is highly necessary for the Rajah's
welfare & honor, that measures be adopted
for the Prevention of this Evil.

Observations on the foregoing Letters to be communicated to the Revd Mr Swartz

Resolved that the Letter to the Rajah be delivered by Mr Swartz, & that he be requested to enforce its Contents by such argu-
ments as he may think most likely to produce
the desired Effect.

Wells

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With respect to Mrs Lamballe's case,
it is agreed to inform Mr Swartz, that from his
Statement of it, the Board perceive she will find
it difficult, if not impossible to recover the Money
due to her in the Tanjore Country - and that
her dependence therefore must be on the Genero=
=sity of the Rajah, which they would be glad to
hear had been exercised in the occasion of his ma=
=rriage, that will reflect honor on his Excellency

Read the following Letter from
the Reverend Mr Swartz.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Honble Sir & Sirs,

The last letter wherewith the
Honble Board have honored me, dated May 29th
concerns the Generous addition, the Honble
Board have made to the annual allowance
of the late Rajah's family - This letter I have
not yet delivered nor shall I deliver it till I
get an express order to do it: for I have ob=
=served in his Excellency's minda Lowness,
since that fatal letter, which doubtless was
penned at Madras & of which his Excellency
got the Marhatta Copy, was sent to the
Honble Board, from which his Excellency
expected more than he got, & thought it
therefore

Memorandum Mr Swartz's Letter respecting Mrs Lamballe's Claim

From the Reverend Mr Swartz recommending that some additional Grants in the last Letter to the Rajah respecting the additional Allowances of Pagoda to the late Rajah's Family.

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therefore expedient to wait till his mind became more sedate. and besides this, as I was to urge his Consent I thought it improbable to succeed as my name was mentioned and the Honble Board declared that if any representation for addition was allowed. This would deprive me of all propriety of urging his Excellency's Consent. But if the Honble Board would think it fit to mention the Complaint of the late Rajah's family of the insufficiency of the allowance and their Petition (which they have sent often to me) for some addition, I would then urge their necessity.

I hope to be pardoned for these free remarks, which have been suggested to me from the consideration of his Excellency's present temper of mind.

I am respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. L. Swartz

Agreed that a Letter be written to Mr. Swartz Minute thereon the Rajah of Tanjore in the Terms recommended by Mr. Swartz.

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C. No. 145.

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Translation

From the Nabob Mudanapa to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 9. Shawell 1205 Hegery
12 June 1791.
Received 13 June 1791.

From the Nabob expressive of his astonishment at hearing a report of the Intended Government to continue his Country for another year.

I Shall heard with great grief that you have it in contemplation to recieve proposals for renting the Carnatic another year — what am I to imagine Sir from this report to me it appears too improbable to be true and yet it has been repeated to me from different quarters — But I have not received any the least intimation of the Measure from you and I am led to believe you would not, considering its importance have left me in ignorance regarding it until it had been nearly effected — My mind has suffered inexpressible agitation since the report was first communicated to me — I am persuaded my friend Lord Cornwallis Bahaudur will not give his Sanction to the Measure — and I know therefore how to request you will be pleased to favor me with your information on the Subject and relieve me from a load of the most painful inquietude — all the consolation I am capable of receiving until I am favored with a Letter from you, is, that as the ally of the King of Great Britain & the Friend of the Company, relying on the good faith of the English Nation, I conceive you would not longer render me a Cypher

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amongst the surrounding Native powers and by Us
reducing me to the Shadow of a Prince — a Prince
bereft of his Country and power, bring down my
my Gray hairs with Sorrow to the Grave the
English nation would Shudder at the Idea.
What can I say more?
(attested translation)
(Signed) Joseph Gannon
Pr. Ld. Tr.

Agreed to inform his Highness
that the orders of which he complains, were
given as a Matter of Course, for as the Time of
making the annual Engagements drew at hand,
the Board could not have neglected it without
a Manifest violation of their Duty — that,
this measure besides, was strictly conformable
to the Principles of the last year's proceeding
under Ld Cornwallis — that the War still
continued and with encreasing weight upon
the Company's Revenues — that the same or
Provision for even greater if it could be found,
must be made this year that was made
in the last — and that the Board did hope
while the Company were so cheerfully con-
tributing their Resources both here and in
Bengal to the Public Exigency, that his highness
would

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would have observed with Pleasure, the con-
=tinued Arrangement for appropriating the aids
of the Carnatic.

The acting President lays before
the Board a Sealed Letter from the Nabob
to Lord Cornwallis, and as he has some Reason
to believe it contains Matter of Complaint
on the foregoing Subject, he recommends that
a Copy of the Nabob's Letter to the Board,
and of their intended reply be transmitted to
his Lordship, at the same time.

The acting President lays before the Board a sealed Letter from the Nabob to Lord Cornwallis, supposed to contain Matter of complaint on the Subject before-mentioned — His recommendation thereon.

The acting President's recommendation approved.

ordered accordingly

Agreed also to mention to Lord
Cornwallis that the Nabob's letter to the Board
is evidently the Production of an European
Pen, and hence it is to be inferred that his
Highness has been prevailed on by the in-
interesting Designs of some one who has
access to his Presence, to remonstrate at a
measure which he could not but know
was unavoidable at the Commencement
of a Revenue year.

Further remarks to be made to Lord Cornwallis on the Subject

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

To

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

Honble Sir,

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors applies for an advance of Cash on account of Bullocks employed with the Grand army in March and April last.

I am under the necessity of re= =questing an advance of Cash on account of the Contractors Grand Army Bills for Bullocks employed in the Months of March and April last - Pagodas 40,000 - and hope it will be in your power to make one half of the payment in Cash.

I have the honor to be,
Hon. Sir
Signed Thos. Cockburn,
for the Contractors.

Madras
16th June 1791

Minutes thereon

Ordered that twenty thousand Pagodas 20,000 be issued from the Treasury to the Bullock Contractors - and that a Bill on Bengal be granted to them for a Similar Sum

Read the following Letters from the Military Storekeeper.

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

From the Military Storekeeper with an Estimate of Cash wanted for Military Stores ordered to be made rep

Honble Sir,

Having this day received orders from the Military Board to provide Certain

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Ordered that the Sum of Eleven
Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Pagodas —
Thirty Six Fanams and twenty nine Cash / 11380 36 29 / be advanced to the Military Storekeeper
for the use of this Employ. —

Memdum the two foregoing Letters

Read the following Letter
from the Governor and Council of St
Helena. —

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis KG
Governor General &c. &c. &c. / or in his absence /
To the Honble the Governor
and Council at Fort St George

From the Governor and Council of St Helena — with a return of Troops embarked on the Alfred — Instructions &c relating thereto. —

My Lord, & Honble Sir and Sirs,

Agreeably to what we believed
the Honble Court of Directors would wish
we forward by the Alfred Captain Largue =
- harson most of the able and healthy Men
that we think we can safely spare from
this Garrison — They carry with them Field
Guns, Arms and every necessary we could
think of to fit them for taking the Field
the moment of their arrival in India
and consist of three Companies as per List
enclosed — If the Companies could conveniently
be kept together during the Mon perhaps the

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with Jemulation and desire of a name as might possibly lead them to particular Expectations to deserve particular notice, this idea we thought it our duty just simply to Suggest.

The Detachment are all Volunteers and have taken the extra Leaventy necessary to secure their Services for five years the Certificates of which we send by Lieutenant Dan Ladiffe our Garrison adjutant who has charge of the Detachment while on board Ship, we have directed him with our Serjeant Major, and Drill Serjeant Stanley, according to what appears the desire of the Honble Court of Directors, to return by the first opportunity, and to bring back with them the Drums, Fife, & Arms if they have not a positive order to the Contrary. That the Men may arrive safe and in good order, and prove serviceable to your Establishment, and that your Arms may be gloriously triumphant is the sincere prayer of

My Lord, &c Honble Sir & Sirs,

Wa. Wa.

St Helena
11th April 1791

Signed Rt Brooke
" S. Robson
" Bd S. Wright

agreed

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Agreed that Major General Mees=
=guaw be desired to give his opinion in re=
=gard to the Disposal of the Troops landed
from the Ajax - and informed that re=
Minute thereon Lieutenants Dewsnapp - the Serjeant Ma=
=jor and the Drill Serjeant are to return
to St Helena by the first opportunity - and
to Carry with them the Brass Ore, and re=
=turns that were sent with the Detachment

Read the following Proceed=
=ings of the Hospital Board.

Hospital Board
13th June 1791.

The Physician General having received a letter from Mr Barry intimating that he had returned to Cambon in consequence of having heard

Proceedings of the Hospi=
=tal Board Mr Barry
returns to Cambon in
consequence of the orders
from England respecting
him Mr Dewsnapp
recommended to do duty
at Cuddalore during the
arrest of Mr Pollo and
Mr Nesbit at the General
Hospital - assuming
above stated Charges
made by a Private Sent.
Surgeons to the Northward
recommending their
apprehensions be
subscribed and that re
apprehended Surgeons be
attached to Lieutenant
Colonel Montgomery

It was highly irregular in Mr Barry to return to Cambon with Permission - he must be directed to join the army without loss of time, and enjoined not to quit the Station to which he was appointed by any Power of Government without the Sanction of the Commander in Chief

the orders of the Honble Court of Directors that he should resume his Secretaryship - The Hospi=
=tal Board recommend as his appointment has been confirmed by Government, that permission be granted him to proceed to the presidency without loss of time.

The

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approved

The Hospital Board
Recommend that Mr.
Duncan assistant
Surgeon be sent to
Cuddalore to do duty
there during the arrest
of Mr. Rolls, and that
Mr. Nash, assistant
Surgeon do duty at the
General Hospital here
till further orders.

Read a Letter
from Mr. Benny Head
Surgeon at Masulipatam
a Copy of which the
Hospital Board have
the Honor to send to
Government and are
of Opinion that the
Charges which the acci-
= dent General has directed
to be refunded were
unavoidable.

Mr. Nash assistant
Surgeon having brought
out a compleat Sett of
Surgical Instruments
highly finished which he
is willing to dispose of
at prime Cost. The Hospital
Board

The Cause for making
the Extra Charges not having
been inserted at the time,
the order of the Comptroller
General for a Refund is
cannot be dispensed with

as the Necessity for purchasing
the Instruments does not
appear the Board decline
the Offer made by Mr. Nash

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Board recommend they be purchased and kept at the Office for the use of the Settlement.

Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery's invalided state of health requiring constant medical attendance, the Hospital Board recommend that Mr. O Donohoe assistant Surgeon who accompanied him from Masulipatam be permitted to continue with him for the present.

(Signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General
" Wm Duffin
Head Surgeon

To

Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery being at this Presidency to which he can shall it is recommended medical assistance the Board cannot consent, as the present Scarcity of assistant Surgeons, that one should be entirely attached to him.

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To Dr James Anderson
Physician General and President &c.
Members of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay
before you the extract from the Accidator &
General remarks furnished by the Paymaster
in the Tschapore district, to Messrs Fleming
and Kennedy Assistant Surgeons, directing a
refund of Pagodas 39. 35. 16 for Hospital Servants
employed from October 1789 to April 1790, as
also Pagodas 4. 20 being an overcharge made by
them in the allowance granted for taking care
of wounded Sepoys.

As the Situation of these
Gentlemen at that period may not immediately
occur to you, I think it incumbent on me
to remind you, that the two Battalions to
which they were attached were then employed
on field Service in the Guntoor district —
they had each the usual allowance of 10 4
Pagodas p Month for Servants for the ex-
apothecary duties of their Station; both a
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(Signed) Pat. Anderson
Physician General
" Wm. Duffin
Head Surgeon

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To

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To Dr James Anderson

Physician General and President &c.

Members of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay before you the extract from the Auditor Generals remarks furnished by the Paymaster in the Tschapone district, to Messrs Fleming and Kennedy Assistant Surgeons, directing a refund of Pagodas 39. 35. 16 for Hospital Servants employed from October 1789 to April 1790, & also Pagodas 1. 20 being an overcharge made by them in the allowance granted for taking care of wounded Lepers.

As the Situation of these Gentlemen at that period may not immediately occur to you, I think it incumbent on me to remind you, that the two Battalions to which they were attached were then employed on field Service in the Ganjam district — they had each the usual allowance of 10 H Pagodas p. Month for Servants for the apothecary duties of their Station; but a temporary Regimental field Hospital being necessarily

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necessarily established for the reception of the wounded,
a few attendants were required, and one Cooley, one
Lottry, and occasionally one Sweeper, were indented
for to the Paymaster, and paid by him as a
Deputy Purveyor, which is the charge of Pagodas
39 - 8 - ; ordered to be refunded.

The charge of 2 Pagodas 40 ch
formerly allowed for wounded Guards, was ad-
mitted, I am informed, made, during three months,
nor any other charge for the wounded; and
that this was the only expence incurred, both
by a Charge from the Assistant Surgeon, both
by an indent from him, countersigned by
the Commanding Officer, addressed to the Deputy
Purveyor, and paid by him for Hospital
attendants, which those Gentlemen conceive
could not be furnished from the Apothecary
Servants allowed for the duties of their Sta-
tions; and as an Hospital Charge, must
have been equally incurred had the Wounded
been sent to Ganjam.

I have the honor to be very
Respectfully
Wm: Wm:
Signed George Binny

Madalpatam
the 29 June 1791

a true Copy
Signed P Connolly
Lieut 19 Bn

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 25th ultimo and 2d & 3d Instant. In consequence of your Commands in the first, We shall not fail to report quarterly, the remains of Military Stores at Fort St George and its Subordinacies for the Information of the Government General — a return made up to the 1st April will be prepared and submitted to you in a few days, including the Stores remaining at Masulipatam, Ganjam, Vellore, Sanjore and Trichinopoly, which we have considered the principal Magazines Subordinate to this Presidency.

From the Military Board, with copies of the Invoices of the Military Stores received from England by the Ships of this Season — article of Armament proposed to be inserted in the Gun Carriage Contract & additional Tumbrils indented — Arsenal and Laboratory Books duly brought up — List of Stores received from the Military Store-keeper in the Month of April —

Agreeably to your directions under the 4th Instant We herewith inclose copies of the Invoices of the Military Stores received from England by the Ships of this Season, but we beg leave at the same time to represent to you, that such Invoices have not hitherto come officially before us, and We have therefore procured them from the Military Storekeeper with respect to the Information regarding the Stores captured in Bangalore, that are at present

procured

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prevented from furnishing it; as a Return thereof has not yet been forwarded to us, application has however been made to the Commandant, and when a Return is received, We shall duly communicate the information required.

We beg leave to refer for your consideration and approval the enclosed Articles, which we conceive necessary to be inserted in the Gun Carriage Contract - but as Messrs. Topping and Parry's proposals only specify one kind of Limbril, whereas those intended to be made are the Bengal Limbril, lined with Copper, the old Madras Limbril, & the Cavalry Limbril We take this occasion to submit whether those Gentlemen should not be called upon to propose the Price at which they will provide each of those distinct Articles, as well as a Spare axle-Tree, which necessarily belongs to each description of Gun Carriage.

We have examined the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory and found them to be regularly brought up to the end of last Month, and the articles composing the enclosed List of Military Stores received from the Storekeeper being equal to his Master. We have directed them to be received

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upon the Company's Books.

We have the honor to be,

Sir. Sir.

Signed Thos. Musgrave

" J. Casper

" Geo. Maude

Fort St George
9th June 1791.

The Contract for Ordnance Carriages proposed to be Subject to the following Restrictions and Regulations.

Art. 1st The Contractors shall Engage to keep in readiness a considerable Stock of well seasoned Timber for making up the Ordnance Carriages that may be required.

2 The Contractors, whenever the Service will admit of it, shall have the different parts of the Ordnance and other Carriages, cut out of the Timber and Shaped, in rough, at least one Month before they are put together, which is to be reported in due time, so that they may be separately examined by the Military Board, who shall have a right to reject such of them as are made of knotty or bad Wood, or for other apparent defects may be deemed unfit for the purpose intended.

3rd " Shall Carriages Specified in the Contract shall, unless the particular Exigency

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Exigency of the Service should otherwise require it to be made up, during the dry Season of the year, and on no Account, without any Express Order of Government, during the Months of October, November & December

4. That Blocks for the Naves of the ordnance Carriages shall be made of Elyah Wood — the Growth of Bengal and that all joints, Bolts, and Iron work belonging to the Wood of the Carriages, shall, previous to their being put together, be dipped in a Composition or mixture of White Lead, and Linseed oil.

5 That all Carriages made up for the ordnance Department shall be marked, by having the Number, the date of the year, in which they were made, & the Initials of the Contractors names, cut in the Cheek of the carriage and registered in a Book to be kept for that purpose both by the Contractors and by the Commissary General of Stores, who shall keep it in the Arsenal, as a Record, for the occasional Inspection of the Military Board.

6th That no alteration whatever from the established Masters, shall be made, without written orders or Instructions, sent to the Contractors by the Military Board.

7 That the Contractors shall engage to deliver the Articles made up by them, or provided for the Service, in the Arsenal, free of any extra Charge, or Assistance whatever, from the Company

8 When Iron or any other Materials are required from the Company's Stores, on Application

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application shall be made by indent to the
Military Board, specifying the quantity required
and the reason for making the Indent.

9th The Contractors to lay before the
Military Board, when called for, a return of
the Seasoned Timber he has in Store, as
directed to be kept by the 1st Article, also Lists
of such artificers, as he has in Employ.

10 That, should any proposed alteration
in any of the Gun Carriages produce any
material difference in the contracted price
the cause or causes of such difference, shall
be ascertained with all possible precision by
the Military Board, and if it exceed the Con-
tract price, a reasonable addition will
be allowed and, on the contrary, if it be less,
the Contractors shall admit of the necessary
Deduction.

11th That the Contractors shall be bound
in a Penalty of 15,000 Pagodas, or whatever
sum Government shall think proper to
require, for the due performance of their
Contract.

/Signed/ Dan.l Ince
Secretary Mil: Bd

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List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of April 1791.

Teak Timmon Planks		11
Teak Timbers		2
Teak Artes		2
Wood oil		2
Linseed oil	Measures	2
Charcoal	Lasts	32
Boatties	Loops	1142
Brooms		6980
Potts and Pans	Bundl	28
Matts		53
Paddy Husks		200
Coconut Brushes	Loops	65
Hand Bills with Handles		80
Hand Hatchets with Helves		600
Tutinague		494
Fire Wood	₰	25
Flour	Billets	4350
Copper Tubes Empty 12 Pounder	Musts	50
8 do 6 do		3000
6 do 3 do		3000
Cairdage 1½ Inch Cat 4,8		2000
Drum Cords	Coils	100
Cotton Match No 6 a 15		200
Europe Junk	Shs	50
Brandy	Bottles	15
Linen Plates with Lips		72
Tallow		50
Hammers or Turnkeys	Lbs	25
Vinegars		3000
Grease	Bottles	72
Bolt Iron & Dungree	Duppers	2
		2.

Secretary

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Gunny Cartridge Bags for powder			1000
Do Do	for Shot		1000
Barrels Empty for Powder Tin foiled			500
Bullock Collars			200
Copper Hoops with Rivets for Powder Barrels Ca: 8 15 18/4			2617
			50
Mallets			5
Horse Harness Shafts		Setts	5
Horse Harness Traces		Do	5
Country Hides		Do	15
Emmetry		Cwt	1
Glew		Cs	100
Leather Slings			1000
Bayonet Scabbards			500
Top Cases Brass			20
Country Match Ca: 2: 13		Shot	270
Pouch Belts			72
Cartridge Pouches			500
Shoulder Belts			200
Tents Officers			20
Lyon			1
Field Officer			96
Company			100
Cook Iron			1
Barrels			92
Chests			21
Boxes			11
Cases			12
Casks			50
Pad Locks Double Bolted			350
Pickets			

From the Gun Powder Contractor

Gun Powder Madras 60 lb Barrels 520

From the Gun Carriage Yard

Field

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Field Carriages with Limbers for Brass Guns 8r		1
for Howitzer	8 Inch	1
	5½ Do	1
Tumbl & chain Traces for Iron Gun	4½ Do	1
	24 Br	2
	12 Do	5
for Tumbril		10
Carts with Platforms		42
Single Yokes for Do		42
Field Garrison Carriages	9 Pdr	1
	6 Do	2
	12 Do	2
Brass Boxes for Field Carriages	12 Do	2
	6 Do	2
Iron Sockets for Ladders		2
From the Lumport Warehouse		2
Lead 200 Pigs		
Copper Plates	Cwt.	66.10.7
Sheat Copper	Cts	500
From the Civil Storekeeper	Lb	46
Brass Wire	Lb	1
White Lead	M	8.5
Iron Bars 392	Cwt	60.16
Europe Cordage 3 Inch Circ 20	Coils	3
Iron Wire	Lb	2/8

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9th May 1791.

/Signed/ B. Bishop
D.C.S.

a true Copy
/Signed/ Dan. Ince
Secy Mil Bd

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President and Council.

Sir,

From the Military Board — requesting that the amount of Bills for Repairs of Brick Churam furnished by the Contractors in the Months of January February & March be discharged.

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The Contractor for Repairs &c having presented to us his Bills for Sundry Repairs, amounting to Pagodas 865. 40. 31. &c as also the Contractor for Bricks and Churam for Materials delivered by him in the Months of January, February, and March, amounting to Pagodas 66. 22. 75. — We beg leave to recommend their Discharge, having undergone the usual forms of Examination.

We have the Honor to be
Wa: Wa: Wa:
[Signed] Tho: Musgrave
" J. Capper
" Geo: Maule

ordered, that Copies of the Invoices of Ordnance and Military Stores received from England by the Ships of this Season be transmitted to Bengal.

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board.

Resolved, that the articles recommended by the Military Board to be inserted in the Gun Carriage Contract, be included accordingly — and that Messrs. Topping and Carr be desired to propose the

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the Price at which they will provide the different Timbers intended to be made up, as well as the Spare Axle-Trees. The Military Board to call upon them for their Proposals, and to lay them before Government with their opinion thereon.

Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted to the Contractor for Repairs and to the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam for the Amount due to them respectively.

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave.

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir

I have the Honor to lay before the Board the accompanying Letters from Major Burr, Lieutenant Stephenson, and Lieutenant Lewis.

Major Burr, in his application to succeed to Major Wyeh in the Command of the Circars, I perceive founds pretensions of right upon a plea of Seniority

From Major General Musgrave enclosing applications from Major Burr for the Command of the Guntoor Circar from Lieutenant Colonel Stephenson for the Command of Vizianagrum and Lieutenant Lewis for Adjutants Allowance while employed in drilling the Artillery Recruits - his previous services.

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Seniority, a claim which in a general sense I can by no means look on as possessing any weight, nor at all to be considered, except in cases where the Comparative merits of Officers may be doubtful, of which a Commander in Chief alone is competent to judge and decide on, The rights of Seniority in the Companys Military Service extend no farther than progressive rank, and give Officers to assert a title to particular Commands and employments of trust & Solely from their Standing in the Service, little Fear would be left to animate Zeal and encourage professional Merit.

I do not find on enquiry that Captain Cadman was ever specifically appointed to the Command of the Station of Tamlooke — which however he virtually did Command from being the Senior Officer there, and its being the Head Quarters of his Battalion, — Lieutenant Stephenson is now in the same Situation that Captain Cadman formerly was — I do not therefore see any Reason to grant him an express appointment.

As Lieutenant Copland has been

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been called to the army, and the Number of
Recruits that have arrived in the Ships of
this season renders the duty of Drilling now
troublesome than usual. I hope the Board
will not deem the request of Lieutenant
Lewis unreasonable.

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I have the honor to be
with Respect.
Sir: Your
Signed Tho: Musgrave

To the Honble Major General William Medows
Commander in Chief
President & Governor &c: in Council
Fort St George

Sir,

The vacancy in the command of the
Guntoor Circar, occasioned by the resignation
of Major Blynch, induces the present application
to your Excellency — my pretensions to succeed
to that Station, are I hope, founded on those
principles which have hitherto directed Your
Excellency in the disposal of appoint=
=ments — Viz: Seniority; and a Zealous discharge
of my duty for above twenty three years —
Every Major on the List above me is in Command,
and I flatter myself that should your Excellency
be pleased to enquire into my Character, it will
be found such as to guard me against Supercession,

and

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and to entitle me to succeed to the Charge of the
Guntoor Circar —

I have the honor to be,
Wr: Wr:
/Signed/ Daniel Beare
Major 3d Br 6r: Inf.

Villore
June 16th 1791.

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

Honble Sir,

Having been found unfit for Field
duty by the Accidents of war after thirteen years
Service, I had the honor of being nominated to
the Command of the 4th Reserve Battalion
by General Medows —

The late Captain Cadman who
had that Corps before me, was appointed to
the Command of this place on its being made
the Head Quarters of his Battalion, and as
I presume Multiplicity of business on the
part of the General was the cause of my
not Succeeding him in the like manner,
I most humbly Solicit you will do me
the Honor to Nominate me to the Command,
should it not interfere with the good of the
Service. —

I have the Honor to be,
Wr: Wr:
/Signed/ T. Stevenson
Lt Comm.t 4th Batt.n

Samulcottah
May 25th 1791

P/o

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council.—

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to address you in consequence of the great number of Recruits drafted into the Corps of artillery, and as they require a considerable degree of attention and trouble in instructing and training them to the various duties of their Profession — I beg leave to solicit the allowance of an adjutant for the above purpose, and trust you will have no objection to granting it me, as it has been given in similar Instances.

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed M. H. Lewis
Lt. & Fr. 1st Batt. 6. Artly

Minute thereon

The Board approve the opinions which have been given by Major General Musgrave upon the applications of Major Burr Lieutenant Stevenson and Lieutenant Fireworker Lewis.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Wyld of his Majesty's Navy.

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To the Honble the Governor
and Council Fort St George.

Honble Sirs

I beg leave to Inform you that the Mackall transport under my direction is in Grading Leaky, that should it meet the approbation of the Honble Governor & Council it will be requisite to take out of her such a quantity of her dry provisions to lighten her, as may be found Necessary to come at the Leak if possible and stop it.

From Lieutenant Allgood recommending that a part of the Cargo be Landed from on board the Transport aimed his Charge — requesting that some allowance may be made him on account of his private Expences

I likewise beg leave to Inform the Honble Governor & Council that the Garland, Harriott, and St George being Small Vessells & deep loaded, ride very heavy, that at times the Sea so makes almost a breach over them, that it would be requisite to take out of each of them about 200 Casks also to make them ride easier as well as to give air to the Remainder as almost the whole is so swarming with Insects.

Should these Vessells be wanted to proceed on any Voyage it would be almost impossible untill such time as they had been refitted as they have been twelve Months off the Ground and their Bottoms are very foul but this I have only the Honor of mentioning to the Honble Board as a Circumstance which they are the best Judges in what time would admit or for what they would be wanted.

I now take the Liberty of addressing the Honble Governor & Council respecting myself, hoping they

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they will please to grant such an allowance as they may think proper to enable me to support the heavy Expences I have been forced to be at during this Voyage.

I hope they will pardon me for mentioning that whilst on duty on America me had quarters and allowance equal to an Officer one Rank higher than that we already enjoy in the Army.

I have the honor to be,
with all respect
&c: &c:
Signed/ Aza: Uzzell

Black Town
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Ordered that the Garrison Store=
=keeper be directed to accommodate Lieutenant
Minutes thereon Uzzell with a Bankshall for the purpose of
lodging such of the Provisions as he may deem
necessary to land from the Transports.

Resolved that Lieutenant
Uzzell be permitted to draw an allowance
of forty Pagodas ₱ Mensem, and fifteen
Do Pagodas ₱ Mensem for house Rent, du-
during the time it may be necessary
for him to remain on Shore at
Madras.

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The Secretary to the Board a Bill delivered in by Captain James Farquharson Commanding the Honble Company's Ship Alfred amounting to Star Pagodas Two hundred and Sixty three 263/ for Sundry articles Supplied the Detachment of Europeans on their Passage from St. Helena to Madras.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Bill delivered in by the Commander of the Alfred for Sundries supplied the Detachment of Europeans on their Passage from St. Helena to this place.

Ordered that the above mentioned Bill be referred for Payment to the Honorable Court of Directors, as practised in Similar Cases.

Minute thereon

The acting President recommends that a Letter of Congratulation be written to Lord Cornwallis on account of the Signal Victory obtained over the Enemy.

Congratulating Letter to be written to Earl Cornwallis on account of the Victory obtained over the Enemy on the 15th Ulto.

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Enemy on the 15th ultimo.

Ordered accordingly

" Chas. Oakley.

" J Woolestons

E: Ogilvie Co

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Diary

&c

Substance of two Letters from Timmanaire

Received two Letters from Timma-
-nair as entered in C.C. N.os 146. 147. stating the
Cause of his not proceeding to Calastry and de-
-precating the mutinous Conduct of the
Proas he formerly entertained, on account of
the Arrears of Pay due to them.

Substance of a Letter from Bomrauze

Received Letter from Bom-
-rauze as entered in C.C. N.o 148. stating the
Number of Bullocks he has already collected
for the use of the Army — and containing Assu-
-rances of his Intention to use his utmost
Exertions in forwarding the Wishes of Govern-
-ment.

To the Hospital Board

Dispatched the undermentio-
-ned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 112. 113.
To the Hospital Board desi-
-ring them, without loss of Time, to recom-
-mend an Assistant Surgeon to do duty
with the Artillery to be stationed at the
Mount.

To the Collector at Tanjore

To the Collectors at Tanjore
desiring them to deliver over the Bullocks as
collected

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14 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 Payment and Dispatch.

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President in Council

Fort St George

From Mr Powney - General Abercrombys Army retreats to Hiaconan a Report of this Approach of the Enemy in full force

Honble Sir,

I have just received a Letter from the President at Calicut, informing me that General Abercrombys Army would have been attacked by the whole of Tippoo's, had he not received early Intelligence and retreated to Hiaconan, at the foot of the Pass.

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

[Signed] George Powney
President

Extract of a private Letter from Captain Alexander Read to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. dated at Tellahy-Chonda 8th June 1791.

Extract of a private Letter from Captain Read to the acting President inclosing Copy of his last Letter to Lord Cornwallis stating the Progress he has made in collecting Bullocks and Provisions and expressing the

"The inclosed Copy of a Letter I have just

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the Advantages that would accrue from a small increase of his Force —

It "just written to Lord Cornwallis, will inform you
"regarding my Situation and Hopes; and the two
"private Letters which I have just received from
Seringapatam, contain many observations that
"may appear worthy communicating. —
This Place is about sixty Miles
"N.N.E. of Bangalore, and I am to march two —
"or more to morrow — I shall not have occasion
"to go further from it, for since writing his
"Lordship, I have received Letters informing
"me that almost all my Friends and allies
"are to meet me there". —
"The weather still holds up but
"from its appearance, I judge the monsoon
"cannot be far off". —

To His Excellency the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis
Governor General &c. &c. &c. —

My Lord,

I arrived this Morning at
Tallahyd Konda and just received Letters from
the Benjarries informing me of their having
moved from Condahor. I therefore expect to
meet them tomorrow at Budalagoonta. They
now report 12000 Bullock load, but this —
they

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they affirm their having that quantity I shall doubt its being so much till I receive it. I have collected 1000 Bullocks and 3000 Sheeps since I left Bangalore, and apprehend that at least I am promised for the use of the Army from the Binjarries, and Polygars, together with my own collections, will amount to double of that Number, but most of them will be only fit for Slaughter. The Benjarries write they cannot March more than two Cos a day, which will probably prevent my reaching Banga-lore before the 18th. I have meant here to be rather under than to exceed in my conjectures, which are intended for your Lordships use, till a true estimate can be made.—

The enclosed is a return of my Detachment whose total being only 7616, and also of the discription given in my Letter to Sir Charles Oakeley of which I trans-mitted a Copy to your Lordships, you will form as exact an idea of what my situation will be, when escorting 15 or 20000 Cattle and Sheep as I can express.—

Permit me My Lord to observe that

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14 if my collections be necessary to your plan the
Army's remaining a few Weeks to the Westward
would be attended with the good consequence of
great additions being made to them, which is
cannot be done If it comes to Bangalore, unless
my Detachment were better formed than at pres-
-ent, or reinforced - I have now only One officer
with 150 Europeans, having left one sick at Ban-
-galore, and for other reasons wish, I had a single
Company in their place - With that exchange, and
six or eight Companys more of Sepoys, I should
esteem my force capable of moving in any direc-
-tion where the greatest supplies may be procured,
or required, in the Enemy's Country, while his
operations are so circumscribed as at present I
have taken this liberty, from having never un-
-derstood that my intimations have been other-
-wise than favourably received by your Lordship,
and from a conception that provisions might
be more convenient for the prosecuting your pre-
-sent object in some other place than Bangalore,
If so I could advance from there towards Sho-
-vaganga, Chinnapatam or Cauntampilly with
the Bangarries if your Lordship will send
a force to meet me at either of those places, and could

afterwards

14 afterwards proceed to the Northward of them where I am told there is plenty of Cattle and Grain otherwise I can lodge all my present supplys in Bangalore, and after sending back the Banjarries, I may be employed in bringing Stores from the Gauts, untill they provide another, which from their late exertions it appears, they can do within a Month. In that time I could make two Trips, and by changing my routes to make a sweep each time, might bring abundance of every article the Army is in want of. I do not hesitate to pledge myself that it can be effectually done

Though what I have suggested of my advancing farther to the Westward appears to myself rather speculative, I have imagined that from late information of the present state of the Country, it may not appear so to your Lordship, and that as conducive to your views you may wish the experiment to be made; In that case your Lordship may be pleased at receiving my idea of it. I am however more of opinion that your Lordship will employ me as already directed in completing the Magazine at

Bangalore

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Bangalore, and in the event of not receiving
further instructions, before I shall have deli-
vered over my present charge at that place,
I shall afterwards act as I may think will
accomplish it with the most expedition.—
I am with great esteem
Y.r &c. &c.
Signed Alex.r Read

Camp Tallakylkorida
the
8th June 1791.—

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

From Colonel Dellonge-
nstein the Subject of sen-
ding home the Electoral
Troops on the Transports
now in the Roads—

Sir

Be pleased to permit me
to consulting you on a Subject, which is to
me of very great importance. Viz.t it is
universally asserted, that we are to be sent
home on Board the 5 Transports now
in the Roads; so that I am at a Loss what
to think of it,— as I cannot imagine,
that Government who has constantly acted
with so much Generosity and Justice,
towards the Hanoverian Regiments; /
and of which, we were more convinced,
when

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when the 15th. Regiment was sent home this
year I would now on our return to Europe, send
us home by such small Vessells, — where the
Officers are obliged to live on the same Provisi-
-ons then the private Soldiers, and have not
to expect the least commodities; and on Board
of which Ships, only 20 Officers can have
their Passage; even the Private Soldiers would
by such a long Sea Voyage, upon such small
Vessells, very much endanger, by scorbutic
Attacks, that little health which the Cli-
-mate in India has left them. If therefore
it is in your power, to give me informa-
-tion, of what may be the real intention in
this affair, you will lay me under a very par-
-ticular obligation.

I further enclose a Copy of
the Letter which I received last year from
England when the Orders for the Return
of the Hanoverian Regiments were
revoked, and which as you will
perceive is addressed to Lord
Cornwallis

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Ht. Cornwallis -

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

(Signed) Wangenheim
Colonel -

Draft Paragraphs to be inserted in the next
Military Letter to Bengal.

It being His Majesty's Plea-
sure that the two Hanoverian Regiments
now serving on the Carnatic should be
returned to Germany, they must be embar-
ked on the eight Bengal Ships of the pre-
sent Season the Foudis is excepted, as being
consigned from Bengal to Bencoolen: you
will therefore order the Eight Ships to call
at Madras for this purpose, and make
such Arrangements as you shall think
proper. The Presidency at Madras will
be advised of your Instructions being re-
transmitted you on this Subject, and
directed implicitly to obey your Orders:

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14 The furnishing these Troops with a Passage to Europe being the first Consideration, you must not permit any other Passengers to embark, till the Hanoverian Officers are properly accomodated, nor must any Invalid Soldiers belonging to our Military Establishment or rejected Recruits, should there be such, be returned to England till the Season 1792. The Commanders of the Ships with the Hanoverian Troops, must not land any of them in England but as should be directed by the Presidency of Madras; to apply on their Arrival in the Downs; to the Company's Agent at Deal for our Orders, as to their further Proceedings

The Accomodation and Passage of the Officers and Men, will be defrayed by us, according to Agreement.

15th Sent Letters to the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C.C. Nos 149. 150. to the former informing him that Orders have been given for executing out his Country for another year to the Letter

Substance of Letters to the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore

repeating

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15 — repeating our different Terms the Proposals lately made to him of allowing 3000 Cul= =terms of Paddy to the Family of the late Rajah —

Sent the following Letters

To the Reverend M.r Swartz

at Tanjore

To the Reverend M.r Swartz with Letters for the Rajah representing the Impro= =priety of his admitting a foreign aid to his Law= =suits — and urging him to consent to the Arrange= =ment lately proposed for the Relief of the late Rajahs Family — Copies inclosed for his Information Re= =marks on M.r Lambtons situation —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 6th and 7th Inst= =tant and to inform you, that he has long since suspected that the Rajah's Letters to this Government were conducted through the Medium of some improper Influence, not less discreditable to his Excellency than injurious to the Company — And being now confirmed in that Opinion by the Lights which you have thrown on the Subject, he thinks it essential to the Rajahs Welfare and Honour that Measures should be = adopted for the Prevention of this Evil. —

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The President in Council has there-
fore come to the Resolution of Recommending
to the Rajah to make his Communications
through you — I enclose the Letter and a Copy
for your Information written to him on this
Subject, which you will be pleased to deliver
and to enforce its Contents by such Arguments
as you may think most likely to produce the
desired Effect — If, notwithstanding this re-
commendation he shall continue to em-
-ploy improper Persons in conducting his
Correspondence, the Board will take further,
and they hope more effectual Measures to
prevent this Practice —

From your Statement of
Mrs. Lamballe's Case, the Board perceive
she will find it difficult, if not impossible
to recover the Money due to her in the
Tanjore Country — Her Dependence there-
-fore must be on the Generosity of the Rajah,
which the Board would be glad to hear
had been exercised in any Occasion of hu-
-manity, that will reflect Honor on his Excellency —

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In consequence of your Letter on the Subject of the allowance of Paddy to the Mother and Widows of the late Rajahs Sons directed to enclose a Letter for the Rajah, in the Terms you recommend, with a Copy for your Information —

I have the Honor to be
Yr. &c.

Fort St. George
4th June 1791.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

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

To Earl Cornwallis —
with the Letter from the
Nabob — remarks on the
subject as is supposed
to contain —

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose a Letter addressed to your Lordship by his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic —

As we have some reason to believe that his Highness's Letter contains a matter of Complaint to your Lordship in consequence of our having ordered the Board of Accounts Revenue to make Engagements for the Revenues of the Carnatic for another year, we think it our Duty to transmit to

your

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your Lordship, a Copy of the Nabob's Letter to us on this Subject, and of the reply of our Acting President.

His Highness's Letter to us is Evidently the Production of an European Pen, and hence we infer that he has been prevailed on by the interested Designs of some one who has access to his Presence, to remonstrate at a Measure which he could not but know was unavoidable at the Commencement of a Revenue year.

We have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
[Signed] Charles Oakeley
&c.a Council

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the 14th June 1791.

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

To Earl Cornwallis - Number of Bullocks already collected, and expected to be at the Amboor in the Space of six Weeks or two Months. Clerk - Captain in Charge of Captain Williamson - how employed - Congratulating him on the late Victory attained over Tippoo's whole Army - Government Troops arrived from St. Helena. -

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 24th ult.o which reached us on the 10th Instant. -

In our Letter of the 1st Instant, we advised your Lordship that, in consequence of Information from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham of the necessity there was for the immediate Return of the Army to Bangalore, we had issued Orders throughout the Country for collecting Bullocks, and for throwing Supplies into the Amboor

15 Amboor — and we have now the satisfaction
to add, that from the Exertions which have
been made, there is the greatest probability.
that we shall have at Amboor in the Course of
Six weeks, or two Months at the furthest, from
this date, six thousand Draft, and twenty —
thousand Carriage Bullocks — there are at present
collected in the neighbourhood of that Place —
1787 Draft, and 3477 Carriage Bullocks, which
we have ordered to be employed, together with
the Elephants, in Charge of Captain Williamson
in transporting Grain from Vellore to Amboor,
and from thence to the Head of the Seringa —
patam Pass — we fear from the Report which has
been made to us that many of the Bullocks —
will be without Drivers but we hope the Defi —
ciency will be in some Degree supplied from
Camp —

We have received, through the
Resident of Travancore, an Extract of your
Lordships Letter to Major General Abercromby
dated the 16th ultimo, stating, that the Day —
before, "your Lordship attacked and defeated
"Tippoo's whole Army, took four Pieces of
"Cannon, and drove him to the Island, where

he

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he remained with his whole Infantry - we beg leave to offer your Lordship our warmest congratulations on this signal Victory, so highly honorable to the British Arms -

We have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship, that by the Fleet which called at St. Helena, in her way from England, We received a Reinforcement from that Island of One hundred and twenty four Infantry and seventy two Artillery -

We have the Honor to be with great Respect and Esteem

your &c.

Fort St. George
15th June 1791 -

Signed / Charles Oakeley
Pres. Council

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis. Nos 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123.

Proceedings of the Hospital Board recommending that Mr. Le Messurier be appointed to do duty with the Artillery to be stationed at the Mount, and Mr. Morton in the General Hospital at the Presidency -

Proceedings of the Hospital Board

From

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From the Collector in Northern Division of the Arcot Ya. Provinces - Acknowledging the re- Receipt of the Board's Instructions respecting &c - Bullocks in the Pollams - stating, he has delivered to the Contractors Agent at Amboor about 1700. Draught and Carriage Cattle, mostly of an excellent Quality. -

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Ya. Provinces. -

From Captain Masey - stating the Number of Bullocks he expects to collect from the Poligars in the Neighbourhood of Chander - -nagherry, Calastry &c.

From Captain Masey at Chun- -dernagherry &c -

From the Collectors in the Districts of Daraporam &c. is fearful he will not be able to collect any considerable Number of Bullocks from the Districts under his Manage- -ment.

From the Collector in the Districts of Daraporam &c -

From Do. enclosing an Estimate of Draft and Carriage Bullocks to be procured from the Districts of Daraporam Carvor and Arnivacurchy. -

From Do.

From the Collector in the Districts of Paliguatcherry Ya. will deliver in, with the

From the Collector in the Districts of Paliguatcherry Ya. -

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the smallest Loss of Time possible, the Information respecting Bullocks required in the Orders of Govern-ment of the 1st Instant.—

From the Commandant at Tripatore

From the Com-mandant at Tripatore.—

-sore requesting Permission to repair to the 3d Providency in private Business.—

From the Commandant at Palame-cotah

From the Com-mandant at Palamcotah

-cotah enclosing a Roll of the Horses he has received from the Nabob's Manager stating that he has been obliged to advance the Horsekeepers another Months Pay before he could persuade them to go to Tuticorin-nopoly, and desiring to know if he is to draw upon the Paymaster, for the Money he has so expended.—

From the Subsecretary at Bengal

From the Sub-secretary at Bengal.—

with Bill of Lading of 700 Bags of Grain shipped on the Persia Captain James Todd.—

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors.—

Contractors desiring to know if he is to collect any more Bullocks than those already ordered Viz. 4000 Draft and 8000 Carriages.—

Dispatched

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To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors —

To the Military Board —

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors — directing him to complete the — Number of Bullocks already ordered to Sea Thousand Draft and Twenty Thousand — Carriage —

To the Military Board approving the Articles they have proposed to be inserted in the Gun Carriage Contract desiring them to call upon Messrs. Topping, and Parry for their Proposals for furnishing the different Sorts of Timbers recommended to be made use in their Letter of the 9th Instant, and for supplying the space Sale Leaves informing them that Bills on Bengal will be granted to the Contractor for repairs, and the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam, for the Amount due to them —

To the Secretary at Fort William enclosing Copies of the Invoices of Military Stores

To the Secretary at Fort William

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16. Stores received from England by the Ships of this Season and informing him that the Quarterly Return of Stores at the Presidency and its Subordinacies and the Return of Stores captured at Bangalore, required in Mr. Sub Secretary Tombell's Letters of the 22d April, and 6th Ultimo, will be transmitted with the least possible Delay.—

To the Military Storekeeper.—

To the Military Storekeeper desiring him to lay before the Board, immediately on the Arrival of every future Ship from Europe, during the ensuing Season, Copies of the respective Invoices of Ordnance and Military Stores.—

To Colonel De Wangenheim.—

To Colonel De Wangenheim

communicating, the Orders received from the Court of Directors for sending home the Hanoverian Regiment on the Transports now in the Roads, and informing him that no Steps will be taken until Lord Cornwallis's Sentiments shall have been received upon the Subject.—

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To the Acting Storekeeper at Pale-
-gautcherry — desiring him to issue Rice from
the Stores, to the Troops and Followers, in part
of their Pay, and in such Proportions as may
be recommended by Major Cuppage.—

To the Acting Storekeeper at Paligautcherry

To the Commandant at Paligaut-
-cherry with a duplicate of the Orders above mentio-
-ned.—

To the Commandant at Pale-
-gautcherry.—

To the Collector at Coimbatoor &c.
informing him that if no Cattle can be procured
from the Districts under his Management,
without great Detriment to the Revenues, he is
to consider the order of the 5th Instant as revoked.—

To the Collector at Coimbatoor &c.

To Lieutenant Uzuld informing
him that a Bamboo will be provided for the
accomodation of such of the Provisions as he
may think proper to land from the Transports
and that an Allowance will be made him of
40 Pagodas ₱ Mensem and 15 Pagodas ₱
Mensem as House Rent during the Time it
may be necessary for him to remain on shore
at Madras.—

To Lieutenant Uzuld of His Majesty's Navy

To the Garrison Storekeeper.—

To the Garrison Storekeeper.—
directing

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directing him to provide a Banksall as &c
abovementioned.—

To the Civil Paymaster Gene=

To the Civil &c. Paymaster Gene= =ral.— =ral informing him of the Allowances gran= =ted to Lieutenant Alzuld.—

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore.— directing him to send with Captain William= =son a sufficient Number of Lascars, to assist in loading and unloading the Elephants; and to take charge of such of the said Elephants as may be left at Vellore.—

To Captain Williamson

To Captain Williamson at Vellore— advising him of the Orders given to the Pay= =master at Vellore and directing him to comply with such Requisitions for the &c Service of the Elephants as may be made to him by Lieutenant Cuppage Comman= =ding at Amboor.—

To Lieutenant Cuppage

To Lieutenant Cuppage com= =manding at Amboor.— forming him of the Orders given to Captain &c Williamson and communicating the appro=

=bation

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To the Acting Resident at Cuddalore

Mr

= bation of the Board at the zeal he has mani=
= fested in forwarding the publick Dooties—

To the Acting Resident at Cudda=
= lore to inform the Merchants that they may
dispose of their Elephants, approving his =
Conduct in having called upon Lieutenant
Colonel Baughes to put Captain Brudenell in
Arrest.—

To the Commandant at Tripasore

To the Comman=
= dant at Tripa=
= sore.—

Mr
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with permission to proceed to the Presidency.—

Received the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M B No. 140. 141. 142.—

From Lieutenant Cuppage has
dispatched 300 Bullocks loaded with Rice to the
Head of the Vencataghirry Pass, and made =
application to Captain Williamson for the =
Assistance of the Elephants under his charge
to forward this Convoy.—

From the Com=
= mandant at
Amboor.—

From Captain Williamson ad=
= vising of his Intention to detach Lieutenant
Kirchman with 40 Elephants and an escort of a
Subedar

From Captain
Williamson

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17 Subedar and fifty Sepoys to Amboor for the purpose of transporting Grain to the Head of the Vencatagherry Pass. —

From Lieutenant Caldwell of the Bengal Artillery

From Lieutenant Caldwell of the Bengal Artillery requesting that his Arrears of half Pay amounting to Sonnet Rupees [487] four hundred and eighty seven, may be discharged at Madras. —

At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. —

Acting President

Friday the 17th June 1791 — John Hudleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major General Medows Absent upon Service. —

Minutes of last Consultation —

read and approved. —

Resolutions upon the Letters from the Honble Court of Directors in the Military Department dated the 11th & 16th February. —

The following Resolutions are — now proposed, upon the Letters from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 11th and 16th February and received Vpr Boddam. —

General Letter Military Department 11th February 1791 —

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Resolved that Major General &c.

Medows be made acquainted with the Courts Orders relative to the Appointment of the thirteen Acting Ensigns made last year, and reported in the General Letter by the Houghton;— and that no further Steps be taken until the General's Sentiments be known on the Subject.—

General Letter Milletary Department
16th February 1791.—

Para 1st Requires no Remark.—

2d The Death of Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse renders it unnecessary to pass any Resolution upon this Paragraph—

3d It must remain with the Honorable Court to determine, whether the Pension of £1000 intended for the Colonel, shall go to his Family.—

3d Major Dugald Campbell will be admitted on the Infantry Establishment agreeably to the Courts Orders upon his Arrival.—

4th Requires no Remark.—

5. Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Milletary Paymaster General.—

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6/7 The Orders contained in these Paragraphs will be attended to.—

Read the following Letters—

from Lord Cornwallis.—

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

Sir.

I marched on the 26th from the Camp at Kannambaddy Ford intending, as I informed you in my Letter of the 24th Instant to proceed to Bangalore, but on coming to the Ground where I proposed to encamp, I was greatly surprized to hear, that the two Mahratta Armies commanded by Hurry Punt and Purseram Bhow, both of which I had every Reason to believe to be at the Distance of One hundred and fifty Miles, were then actually within a Day's March, and that Purseram Bhow's Son with the advanced Guard was in Sight.—

This unexpected Event naturally occasioned a total Change of my Plan—especially as I found that the Chiefs, altho' they had—

From Lord Cornwallis Junction of the Mahratta Armies under Hurry Punt and Purseram Bhow. Assistance expected from them in Bullocks and Grain. General Abercromby expected to descend the Ghaut on the 27th Inst.

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Had heard that the Attack of Seringapatam was
necessarily postponed 'till the conclusion of the
Rains, entertained no Idea of retreating
towards their own Frontier, but were Disposed
to cooperate heartily with me in distress-
ing Tippoo and cutting off his Resources.—
They further assured me at my
first Meeting with them, that they had it in their
Power to relieve the greatest Difficulties under
which I laboured the Want of Grain and of
Bullocks, and I feel tolerably confident, that
We shall procure a sufficient Number of the latter
in this Camp to answer our immediate exi-
gencies, but their Supplies of Grain through
the means of Bunjarries, are so precarious
and the Authority of the Chiefs over those
People, with so ineffectual that I
am very apprehensive that I am very appre-
hensive that I shall be held for a consider-
able time at least in a State of wretched Depen-
dance on the Mahratta Bazar, where We
shall

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shall not only be obliged to pay an immense
Price for a scanty Subsistance, but be exposed
at Times even to the Risk of a Total Failure—

I thought it however so great
an Object to keep 30,000 Mahratta Horse in the
Neighbourhood of Tippoo's Capital, that it was
to be attempted almost at all Hazards, and I
have already in my Conversations with the Chiefs
paved the Way for leading them towards the Sera
Sera Country and the Vicinity of Bangalore
as soon as the Safety of the Supplies, which are
following Purseram Bhow and which could
not keep up with his Army on account of the
Rapidity of his March should admit of our
moving so much to the Left.—

I have desired Lieutenant
Colonel Oldham and Captain Read to use
every Exertion to collect Grain at Bangalore
where our Magazine is apprehend Appre-
-sent very inadequate to the Supply of our
Wants.—

Murray Punt, Purseram Bhow
and

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and Captain Little wrote to me very frequently during this March to give me Notice of their Approach, but no Letter from either of them reached me till the day of their arrival which I must say was very singularly fortunate, as I could have adopted a very different Plan of Operations if I had known Eight or Ten Days before that I could have Depended upon the Junction of so powerful a force.—

General Abercromby marched from Periapatam according to my Directions on the 23d. Instant, and he informed me on the 24th. that he was proceeding towards the Head of the Ghaut without any Interruption from the Enemy — He left four Iron 18. Pounders which his Cattle would not remove, and which he would not totally destroy at Periapatam as well as a small Quantity of Stores and Provisions — and he expected to descend the Ghaut on the 27th.—

I am with great Esteem and Regard Dr. Sr. Yr. Mo. Obt. Servt.

Signed Cornwallis

Camp 8. Miles North of Seringapatam 31st. May 1791.—

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Y.a Y.a Y.a

Sir

Nothing material has occurred since the despatch of my last Letter dated the 31st Ultimo, We shall move tomorrow towards Nugul Mungalum Tippoo remains near the Capital — Bullocks Rice Gunny Bags spare Gunnies and Cash to be provided immediately seven or eight Lacks of Rupees to be sent to Vellore —

From Lord Cornwallis intends moving towards Nagul Mungalum Tippoo remains near the Capital — Bullocks Rice Gunny Bags spare Gunnies and Cash to be provided immediately seven or eight Lacks of Rupees to be sent to Vellore —

From Lord Cornwallis intends moving towards Nugul Mungalum, to which place the Bengarries of the two Maratta Armies will desert this March, and which, as well as the Roads leading to it from the Northward, it is consequently very necessary for us to take great Care to protect. —

Tippoo still remains with his whole Force near to Seringapatam, and I shall probably not be able to judge till the Cavary is on the Point of becoming unfordable, which will be the case in a few days, whether he will determine to make head against us with his whole force in this Quarter, or to Endeavour to disturb the Southern Provinces. —

I was much disappointed at hearing

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hearing this day from Bangalore, that Captain Read had arrived there without any Supplies of Grain; and Lieutenant Colonel Oldham adds that he sees very little prospect of being able to obtain more from the neighbouring Country, that would be sufficient for his daily Consumption.—

I must therefore request that your Government will send immediately as many Carriage Bullocks as it may be possible to procure as well as Rice, Gunny Bags for Rice and Gunny for making and mending Pack Saddles and ample Supplies of Arrack and Camp Equipage for the Troops.—

If the Contractors cannot furnish the Number of Bullocks that are wanted, it will become necessary in Addition to those that may be delivered by them to receive Proposals, or to employ Agents to procure Cattle on Account of the Company.— We have already been obliged to adopt the latter Measure to endeavour to relieve the pressing Necessities of the Army.—

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M.r Young Paymaster at

Angole has intimated, though not officially,
has Readiness to furnish a considerable —
Number on reasonable Terms, and I make
no Doubt that several Gentlemen will be —
willing to enter into such Engagements —

These, and various other —
Measures I conceive to be absolutely neces=
=ry upon the Supposition that the War may
continue longer than any of us would wish,
for tho' Tippoo has repeatedly expressed
an earnest Desire for Peace, I am by no —
means convinced that he is prepared to —
make the Sacrifices that the Confederates —
may think they have Right to expect. —

Our Wants in Money will be
prepaing and extensive - the Supply of the
Army during the Rains, and its Equipment
for the Field, exclusive of the Corps under —
General Abercromby cannot be estimated
at less than between thirty and forty Lacks of
Rupees

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Rupees, ayou will take ayour Measures thereupon accordingly, and I would have you consider whether it would not be advisable to take some Assistance from the Treasure sent out in the Company's Ships which is destined for China and whatever ayou may resolve upon, ayou may be assured of my Sanction for it. In the meantime I must desire that you will send Seven or Eight Lacks of Rupees as soon as you conveniently can to Vellore, and a considerable Proportion of Silver, to be ready to Supply our Wants as soon as our Communication is secured.—

I am with great Esteem and Regard.—

Y.r Y.r —

(Signed) Cornwallis.—

Camp near Seringapatam 8 Miles N.o of Seringapatam 5th June 1791.—

The Governor General will have been advised by the Boards Letters of the 1st and 15th Instant that Every Exertion was making to repair his Losses, and that they entertained Sanguine

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis.—

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Sanguine Hopes of success, having taken the measure entirely upon themselves - no Individual, whether as Agent or Contractor could, in the present state of the Country, obtain any supply at all equal to the Demands of the Army. —

The Board are happy that the State of the Treasury will admit of an immediate Advance of the Sum Lord Cornwallis wishes to be sent to Vellore. — Resolved Accordingly, that Eight Lacks of Rupees be sent as soon as possible to Vellore, and that Orders be given respecting the Camp Equipage, Arrack, Gunnies &c.—

Altho' the Board have considerable demands upon them, independent of the Field Disbursements, they shall yet be able to answer further Calls from the Army - all the Draughts from Camp have been punctually discharged and nothing will be left undone, that it is possible to effect. —

Resolved that such Part of the Treasure destined for China as may be required for

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for the Exigencies of the war be landed from the China Ships - of the five Ships arrived, one only brought Silver.—

Captain Alexander Read did not give the Board room to hope that he should be able to carry any Supply of Grain on his — first March to Bengalore, nor did he think it prudent, with so small an Escort to charge — himself with any from Amboor, the Board trust his Lordship has received Captain Read's Letter of the 8th advising of his near Approach to a large Herd of Bengaries, which he meant to accompany to Bengalore.—

Ordered that the foregoing, — Circumstances be communicated to Lord — Cornwallis.—

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

To the Honble Major General Medows.

Governor in Council - Fort St. George

From the Board of Assumed Revenue enclosing Accounts particulars of Yeomiahs in the several Districts of the Assumed Countries.—

Honble Sir.

We do ourselves the honor of laying before you the particular Accounts of Yeomiah as

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as prepared by our Accountant together with Copy of a Letter from him on that Subject — As the Money already paid to the Yeomadars falls short of the Sum stipulated by Treaty, &c and as their necessities make them Clamorous for a Continuation of their allowances, We have given Orders for paying up the Balance where it seems to be most wanted &c —

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16th June 1791.

We have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

(Signed) J Hudleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

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

Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay before
you Copies of the Accounts particulars &c &c
Yeomadars in the several Districts of the Assu=
=med Countries as transmitted by the Collectors

Having

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Having been furnished with an Account of Sr Yeomahs chargeable on the District of Selwadoo and the Pulicat Customs, which were not included in the statement I had the honor to lay before you on the 9th Ultimo, the whole amount is increased Pagodas 1619. 18. 1. and as I thought it might be satisfactory for you to know what had been paid to the latest period, to which the Collectors — accounts have been received, I have drawn out another abstract shewing the payments to 30th April last.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
and humble Servant
(Signed) Leo. Place
Accountant to the Board
of Inland Revenue

Fort St George
15th June
1791.—

A true Copy
(Signed) J Webbe Secy.—

Statement

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Statement Shewing the Annual Amount of Peishcush payable in the Several Districts of the Assumed Countries payments made on Account thereof and Balance remaining due on the 30th April 1791.

	Total amount payable annually in each district.	Amount paid to 30th April 1791	Amount remaining to be paid on the 30th April 1791.
In the Palnaud District	157. 3. 73.	77. 33. 21.	79. 652.
In the Ongole Dto	949. 31. 54.	552. 22. 69.	397. 8. 65
In the Vellore Dto	12070. 32. 68	5031. 23	5. 7039. 9. 63.
In the Setwadoo Dto	1619. 14. 1.	708. 31. 70	910. 18. 11.
In the Northern division of the Arcot Province	20322. 9. 10	5769. 31. 16.	14552. 14 24
In the Southern division of the Arcot Province to 31st March	3896. 13. 39.	37. 23.	3858. 26 39.
In the Tinnivelly district Pagodas	9269. 15. 68		
Amalore	843. 1. 55		
Warriorpollam	872. 3. 30		
	10,226. 14. 73.	3929. 10. 55.	6297. 4. 18.
In the Madura district exclusive of Paddy Villages and sheys of land	3107. 15. 15	407. 32. 17.	2699 18 78.
In the Tinnivelly district	2587. 31. 29.	1657. 28. 33.	930. 5. 76
	54937. 26. 22	18173. 20 76.	36764 5. 26.

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E. E.

(Signed) Leo. Plaw

Accountt to the Board of Assumed Revenue

To

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommendation respecting the Amount to be deducted from the Peishcush of the Rajahs of Calasby Vencatagherry & Bomrauze on account of their Batta & their pretensions to the Army Instructions required respecting those now at Chandergherry.—

Your Honble Board having informed us in your Letter of 24th April that there were before you no returns of the peons sent to the Army by the Rajahs of Vencatagherry & Calasby and Bomrauze on which you could form an accurate judgement of the number employed, and having desired us to make such a deduction from the peishcush of the Zemindars, as might appear equitable, We in consequence desired their Vakeels to produce their Masters claim to batta, We were enabled to check their Accounts by referring to Colonel C Maxwells Letter of 20th October, which mentioned the particular Number of Men who had joined the Army, and We accordingly determined that they should be entitled to batta from the 1st of October the whole amount of these pretensions stand thus.—

To the Rajah of Vencatagherry	4373. 33. 60.
To the Rajah of Calasby	4413. 27. 64.
To Bomrauze	1884. .. ..
	10671. 16. 44.

&c

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In the remission to the Rajah of Calastry included is the sum of Cn.r Pag.s 1249. 27. 64. for 200 Peons, which according to Capt.n Dnapseys return were stationed at Chandergherry. The Account is brought down to 11th February, as these expenditures form no part of the Charges of Collection, We beg to be honord with your Orders as to the head under which the remissions are to be brought to Account, — which is the more necessary as we have no precedent before us to go by. — charges of this Nature, during the last Government having been carried to the debit of the Nabob which cannot be done after the treaty executed — between Government and him at the same time we request your instructions relative to the future batta to the Calastry peons, which are still in Garrison at Chandergherry, the charge of which amounts to Pagodas 209. —

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

(Signed) J Hudleston
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Agreed

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Agreed that the Accounts of Govind=
=ah as prepared by the Accountant to the Board
of Assumed Revenue, together with a Copy of Mr.
Place's Letter be transmitted to His Highness the
Nabob.—

Minute on the former Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue

Agreed to approve the mode adopted
by the Board of Assumed Revenue for determining
the Amount to be deducted from the Peishcush
of the Rajahs of Vincatgherry, Calastry, and &c.
Bomrauze on Account of Batta due to their &c.
respective Peons sent to the Army &c.—

The Board are of Opinion that &c.
Charges of the above nature should be brought to
Account by debiting the Military Paymaster &c.
General, who must credit the Assumed Revenue,
and debit War with Tippoo Sultaun.—

Minutes on the Latter Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue—

Ordered, that the Calastry Peons
stationed at Chandernaghurry be paid in future
by the Paymaster of that Garrison.—

Ordered that the following Charge
against Captain Stephen Towns be sent to &c.
Major General Musgrave, and that he be desired
to

Major General Musgrave to be instructed to put Captain Towns in arrest that he may be brought to trial before a General Court Martial.—

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to put him under Arrest, that he may be brought to Trial before a General Court Martial, so soon as the Circumstances of the War will enable one to be assembled.—

"For acting unbecoming his Station and "Character as an Officer in carrying on perniciou= "ous intrigues with Amoorta Lenguen, Muneke= "=rauze, Ramalenguen, Ausunta Perraue, a "and the late Puggurauze with a view to de= "defame the Characters of Messrs. Joseph Reed "Andrew Scott, and others employed in the ma= "nagement of the Company's Revenue"—

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

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

Governor in Council &c.a.—

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts with a List of all the forces under this Presidency shewing the Pay and Emoluments drawn by the Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers & private Men also the Pay and Emoluments of Surgeons and of such Civil Servants as are attached to the Military Department—

Honble Sir.

In consequence of your Commands of the 2d. April last, I have drawn out a List of all the Forces under the Presidency, in the Payor Service of the Honble Company, distinguishing the different

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different bodies, Nations, or people which compose the same, and the Salaries and Emoluments appertaining to all, and every of the said Offices and Employments, and the pay and Emoluments of the Commissioned and non Commission Officers and Private Men in the Army as well in peace as in War.—

The Account also contains the Pay and Emoluments of Surgeons, and of those Civil Servants, that are attached by their Offices to the Military Department.—

If this Account is required by Parliament and the Honble the Court of Directors, to ascertain precisely the Annual Amount of the Military Expences on this Coast; It can be made out only by the Accountant General when he has closed the General Books, whence only the total amount can be extracted. But the General Books even in time of Peace, must necessarily be a twelve or Month in Arrears; for they cannot be Balanced and Closed until the Subsidiary Books, and Accounts of all the different Departments in the Services are received at the Presidency. It is—

Therefore

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Therefore not in my power to draw out a Statement, to the end of the Month of April last agreably to your directions; but I have made out an Estimate of the probable Expences of the present Military Establishment when complete, from the 1st. to the 30th. of April, including such Salaries and Emoluments, as appear in the public Accounts.—

The Troops belonging to this Establishment are either on Single Batta, or half Batta, or on Garrison Allowances; I have therefore in this Estimate supposed Five Regiments of Cavalry, two Battalions of European Artillery and Gun Lascars, two Regiments of European Infantry, twenty Battalions of native Infantry and Battalions of Pioneers, with the Engineers and Pioneers conformably to the Latest Muster Rolls, to be upon Full Batta with other Field &c. Allowances for each particular Rank: a proper proportion of each of these Corps I have placed upon Half Batta or Temporary Allowance, and

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and the remainder to compleat the Establish=
=ment upon simple Garrison Allowances—
and as the particular Salaries and Emolu=
=ments of each Corps are likewise seperately
detailed, it will be very easy to ascertain the
augmentation or Decrease in the Monthly
Expences, when it is once known what number
of Corps are employed upon each different
service.—

I am with great Respect
Sir &c &c—

Fort St George
16th June 1791.—

Signed) Happer
A.G.—

Agreed that a Copy of the fore=
=going Letter with the List be sent to the Accountant
General to be forwarded to Europe by the next
Dispatch conformably to the Orders of the Court
of Directors.—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from
Mr Samuel Johnston.—
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
&c &c &c
Fort St George

From Mr Samuel Johnston complaining of the Delatoriness of the Committee in the Investigation of his Accounts, and requesting Permission to proceed to Europe.

Sir

I shall hope you will excuse me

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me for taking the Liberty of Reminding you,
that it is now near ten Months, since, my
Accounts for a few months, have been under
investigation; during that time, I have been
suffering, extreme bad health, and most
painful Anxiety, not to mention the greatest
inconvenience; Government have thought it
their duty to deprive me of my Situation, and to
suspend me from the Service, by which means
my private fortune is ruined, and a stain thrown
upon my public Character; — Knowing, Truth
so weighty and must prevail, I have, under
such Grievance, supported myself with a Pati-
ence the most enduring, because, I am
sure it will appear, I have met with Rigorous treat-
ment and most unmerited Oppressions, and
when all Circumstances shall be brought before
you in full force, I am persuaded you will
form an Opinion of my Conduct, very different
from what you was impressed with, at the
moment of your arrival, it will occur to you Sir,
that the delay which has taken place, must unpa-
rallelled be attended with every sort of Personal inconve-
nience

money

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=mency to me, and my family and I cannot =
believe it is your desire to add, that kind of distress,
to the Catalogue of our Sufferings, and yet Sir,
I cannot forbear observing to you, we do feel it
in the most cruel degree: Messrs Andrews and
Woolf met at Trichinopoly about the middle
of November, and in One Month finished —
their Report, and received all my Vouchers.
Government were of opinion a further Repo=
=sence was necessary, and the report was re=
=turned to the Madras Committee the 28th
December from that till the 29th March: I
did not so much as know such a Reference
had been required, Time is now far advanced
and I remain ignorant of any decision, —
From the Opinion Government intertain of
the Grain, it is evident to me, that the Matter
Cannot be decided in this Country, I do not —
know that the Company has any Demands
upon me, on the Contrary, I have the fullest
Conviction, they are largely my Debtors, such,
from the time this business has taken, it is —
impossible it can be brought to a close here and as
I am suspended from the Service, until the

pleasure

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pleasures of the Court of Directors shall be known
so I should hope, that the medicins of your
Candour to be permitted to proceed to Europe
where the whole can be finally adjusted and
where, if I shall appear not undeserving, I
may have An opportunity of obtaining, my
former Rank in the Service, and in the
Consideration of Mrs. Johnston, as well as —
of Myself. I trust you will be pleased to
grant us Accommodation in the Swallow
Lugger, which I understand, is now under
despatch for England — Mrs. Johnston
is now at Madras where she will have the
honor of receiving your Answer. — —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. —

Signed Saml. Johnston

Agreed to inform Mr. Johnston
that no unnecessary Delay has arisen on the
Part of Government in the final Adjustment
of his Accounts, which will take place as
soon as the Committee have reported upon
them

Minute thereon

Tranquebar
11th June 1791 —

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them - but that until then, the Board can deliver nothing upon the Request he has made for a Permission to proceed to Europe. —

Read the following Letter —

from the Agent for the Bullock Contractors —

To M.r W.m C Jackson

Secretary to the Military Department —

Sir —

I have received your Letter of the 15th Instant informing me that Government require twenty thousand Carriage and Six thousand Draught Bullocks to be provided at Amboor, and also to report the Number actually at Amboor and the Number expected there in the Course of Six Weeks. —

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors with an Account of the Draft and Carriage Bullocks at and near Amboor and at Trichinopoly and Tanjore proposing a Plan for procuring the Drivers. —

I think it incumbent upon me to transmit to you for the information of Government Copy of a Letter Addressed to the Contractor Agent in Camp by order of Earl Cornwallis Containing a Similar Order. —

At a moment when the most power-

-ful exertions are required to ensure Success to

the

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the future operations of the Army - it would not become me to intrude upon Government a detail of the distress, and severe loses the Contractors have sustained in the Accomplishment of past Duties - it will Suffice to mention that upwards of 10/12ths. of the Cattle mustered at the top of the Pass on the 23d. February last have perished in the Service, exclusive of the Supply which joined with Colonel Oldham, and the Cattle procured in the Mysore Country, and that the Servants in the Department have suffering the extremity of distress - in Common with the other followers of the Army. —

The Success of the Service has ever been the first object of the Contractors exertion on their part has been wanting to ensure it - and in full Confidence that Government will hereafter do them justice they will Continue those exertions to fulfill the present Order, which requires Twenty Six Thousand Bullocks, and these to be drawn from Countries already nearly exhausted and from whence Supplies of a Magnitude never yet known to have been proceeded by any European

power

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power in India, have been furnished.—

From the precautions taken
by Government and Orders given to the Collec=
=tors to furnish Supplies of Cattle from this
respective Districts, I think there is every reason
to hope that the whole number required will
be Collected in the space of Six Weeks or Two
Months, at farthest, from this date if the Do=
Country Continues unmolested and the communi=
=cation perfectly Open—The greatest difficulty
will be in procuring Men to serve as Drivers
with the Army—a difficulty I at present know
not how it is possible to Surmount.—the report
that famine has prevailed amongst that descrip
=tion of people in Camp, who are not fed from
the public Store, has spread all over the Country,
and it has been with the greatest difficulty Aided
by the influence of the Collector that I have been
able to procure people to Serve as Drivers at
Amboor, to take care of the Bullocks upon the
spot—although I have offered an advance of a
one, two, and even three Months pay to their re=

families

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families if they would engage— If it was possible to promise the Drivers a Supply of Rice from the public Store when not to be got below a certain price in the Bazar, I have no doubt many could be procured but that I cannot do— and indeed I fear it may be impossible— many are reported to have died in Camp some deserted and from the dreadful distress they suffered it is much to be apprehended when any part of the Army comes near the Carnatic more will go off— it is however to Camp we must principally look for Drivers to enable the New Bullocks to be brought into use— and in fact none but Drivers who have had some experience are of any use with Guns— There is only one Suggestion I have to offer— which is that it may perhaps be in the power of the Collectors to prevail upon two or three Men from each Village to enter the Service making the Heads of the Village responsible for their remaining with the Army and tho' force is at all times to be avoided if possible, Yet there are Situations when such a measure becomes a general benefit, and

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the present emergency certainly warrants it if on any Situation it may be deemed allowable.—

The number of Bullocks now at and near Amboor are as follows.—

Draught Bullocks with Maistries and Drivers Complete including 401 Bengal Bullocks. } 737.

Do. without Drivers. 641

1378.

On the Road and must be within a few days march of Amboor with Maistries and Drivers Complete. } 400

Total Draught Bullocks 1778.

Carriage Bullocks with Maistries and Drivers Complete at Vellore and Amboor } 387.

Do. without Drivers 2490

2877

On the Road with Maistries & Drivers complete. } 600

Total Carriage Bullocks 3477.—

It is to be observed that besides the above Captain Read's Detachment was supplied with 161 Draught and about 393 Carriage Bullocks — and many are on the Road to Amboor of which I have not received particulars

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particular Returns.—

At Trichinopoly and Tanjore

there were Collected for the use of the Army by the—
last report, received to 12th June Draught Bullocks
550 and Carriage Bullocks 3861 with Maistries
and Drivers Compleat these Bullocks are—
employed in transporting the Arrack, Rice and
Salt to Carroor, but Orders have been sent direc-
ting them to proceed to Amboor the Moment
the Service is performed.—

Every Arrangement has been
made to ensure Success from the exertions of
the Collectors and I hope soon to have the ho-
nour of reporting further progress.—

Madras
16th June 1791.

I am
Sir &c. &c.—
Signed Tho. Cockburn
for the Contractors—

To Lieut. Robertson
Agent for the Bullock Contractors
in Camp.—

Sir

Lord Cornwallis having some
time ago desired the Government of Fort St. George
to enquire of Mr. Cockburn to furnish for the
publick

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publick Service four thousand Carriage, and
Two thousand Draught Bullocks to be assem-
=bled at Tonchinopoly and four thousand —
Carriage and Two thousand Draught Bullocks
to be assembled at Amboor, I have it in Command
from His Lordship to signify to you, that the
Circumstances of the Service render it absolutely
necessary to provide a further supply of Draught
and Carriage Cattle with the utmost dispatch,
and that in addition to the Number required —
through the Communication to the Government of
Fort St. George Viz.t eight thousand Carriage —
Bullocks and four thousand Draught Bullocks
it becomes necessary, and you are hereby required
by Lord Cornwallis to provide them accordingly,
that twelve thousand Carriage Bullocks and
Two thousand Draught Bullocks shall be —
assembled at Vellore or Amboor on or before
the Seventh day of July next, making in the
whole twenty thousand Carriage and Six thousand
Draught Bullocks.—

His Lordship directs me to
inform you that if the Total Number of Bullocks
required

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. required can be provided before the Seventh of July it may prove of most essential advantage to the public Service, and desires that you will acquaint me for His Lordships information, at what time you think it probable the additional, — fourteen thousand Bullocks will be Assembled at Vellore or Arnboor. —

I have the honor to be
Sr. &c. &c. —

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt. Genl. of the
Army —

Head Quarters
Camp near
Seringapatam
26th May 1791.

A true Copy
of the Copy received from Camp
Signed Tho. Cockburn. —

Minute thereon

Resolved that a Circular Letter be written to the Collectors directing them to use their best Endeavours to obtain two or three Hundred Bullock Drivers from each Village in the Districts under their Management holding out to them the most liberal Encouragement, if they consent to join the Army. —

Read the following Letter from Commodore Cornwallis. —

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Madras.

From commodore Cornwallis requesting that Lieutenant Cooke Commanding the Dispatch Schooner may be supplied from the Company's Godowns with such stores as he may stand in need of. —

Sir. —

The Dispatch Schooner having been

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been purchased by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council for the purpose of attending on the Men of War in examining the Coasts and newly discovered Harbours on this Station — She is named, armed, and Victualled from the Honble Company's Stores, but supplied with the necessary Stores from the Honorable Company. —

I am to request you will be pleased to Order Lieutenant Cooke under whose charge she is to be supplied with such stores as she may be in want of. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c. —

Crown
Madras Road
16th June 1791. —

(Signed) W. Cornwallis —

Agreed that the Military Store keeper be directed to supply Lieutenant Cooke with the necessary Stores for the Dispatch Schooner, debiting the Bengal Presidency for the Amount. —

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Read the following Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry. —

Sir

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of Fort St. George

Madras.

Sir.

Excuse the Liberty I now take of making known to you the Improper Conduct of the Amuldar of Tavady in the Bahour District which was given up to His Majesty on the last Treaty of Peace. This Amuldar has cut near the Village of Ramiapatam the Channel which conducts the Water of the Penar River to the Tank of Bahour from which all the Country thereabout was supplied. If this be allowed the Cultivation will be very materially injured. I therefore request you will be pleased to take Cognizance of this Business and order that the Channel be banked up again - and that you will enjoin the Tavady Amuldar to be more cautious in future. —

From the Governor of Pondicherry representing the improper Conduct of the Tavady &c Amuldar—

I have the honor to be with the highest Consideration

&c &c &c. —

(Signed) Defresne

Agreed

Pondicherry
13th June
1791 —

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Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be directed to enquire into the Complaint preferred against the Treasury &c. &c. Arnuldan, and to cause Justice to be done thereupon.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Persian Translator to the Governor General.— ordered also to be entered

66. No. 151.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the pleasure to transmit your Copies of such Letters as have been written and received by the Governor General since the 21st April 1791 to which date all Correspondence was forwarded to you with my Address from Vencatagherry. Copies of the enclosed have been sent to the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad.— I am &c. &c. &c.—

(Signed) G. F. Sherry
P. P.

Camp
Mulcottah
1st June 1791.—

From the Persian Translator to the Governor General with Copies of his Lordships Correspondence with Tippoo Sultan since the 21st April.

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From Tippoo Sultaun

Recd 17th May 1791.—

I have received your Lordships
Letter and have comprehended its Contents, your
Lordship writes that several of the Men belonging
to my Sirkar who were wounded on the field of
Ball have been brought in and your Lordship
has had their Wounds dressed and wish to send
them to me this is a mark of your Lordships
great kindness to mankind, which is highly be-
coming a great Chief I have sent a Number
of Dooleys and bearers and your Lordship will
send the Wounded men in order that they
may be taken care of, merely with a view to the
Ease and Quiet of Mankind which is at all
times my wish, I wrote to your Lordship that
a Confedential person may be deputed from
time to satisfy your Lordship, so that by means
of strengthening the friendship and removing
the disagreements between the two Governments
the happiness and Quiet of Mankind may be
effected. Some time ago I wrote to your Lordship
on this Subject but as kindness and mercy towards
mankind

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Mankind is at all times the object of my heart.
I repeat the Subject and trust that your Lordship
will make me happy by giving your Approbation.

From Tippoo Sultaun

Recvd 24th May 1791.

I have received your Lordship's
Letter and have understood its Contents. Your
Lordship writes that you dont consider your=
=self fully Authorized to make a peace but in=
Conjunction with His Highness the Nizam=
and the Peshwa who are united by Treaty with
the Company, whenever the Concessions and
Compensations shall be agreed to, from the
Quarter towards the Company and its Allies,
Your Lordship will omit nothing towards=
Negociating a peace and in order to shew the
sincerity of your disposition for the restoration
of Unanimity and friendship you recommend
that having well considered the Causes of the War
and the expence that has attended it to the
Company, I commit to Writing whatever may
appear to me a proper Compensation and sure=
=till the Conclusion of the Negociation Second
Security for a faithful adherence to the Terms
of it,

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of it. In this Case as your Lordship will advise the Assembly of the Deputies from each State to settle a Peace at the most Convenient place that can be fixed on. I have perfectly Comprehended all this. Your Lordship is a great Chief, and acts for the benefit of mankind and I am well Convinced that you will do whatever can effect the Peace and Quiet of Mankind and establish amani = = mity and Concord between the States. Friend= = ship has been long established between the E= Company and this State. How much must be written to discredate the Conducts of several ill= = interested Men who have sown the seed of discord between us, and in like manner it is impossible to describe in writing, for your Lordships Com= = prehension the particulars of breach of Treaty which existed between this Sirkar, the Nizam and the Peshwa who, prior thereto, dwelt on= = terms of encreasing Intimacy and friendship, = = therefore whenever your Lordship shall have = = assembled the Deputies from the Peshwa, and the Nizam and from me in any Convenient place and shall have examined strictly the Copies of = = the Treaties, then the right and the wrong will

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be known and whatever your Lordship after having obtained this knowledge shall determine on will be agreed to certainly by all parties and whoever shall have first deviated from the friendly System and Commenced the War, there is no doubt but he will answer it. It is deffecult to negociate such matters of Conse= =quence by writing and the intercourse of Ambassadors is an established practice and there can be no material objection that Your Lordship writes that it is necessary that Hostalities should be carried on against ours deviation from the terms of the Negociation — until it should be finally adjusted. Your Lordship is aware, whenever the Deputies of the States shall have Assembled in your — Lordships presence and shall have agreed on any points, who can have the power to devi= =ate from them. —

Dated 18th Ramzaan 1205.

P. S. Knowing me anxious for an Answer to this letter I hope your Lordship will dispatch one Quickly. —

I have detained your Lordships

people

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people 3 days for an Answer to the letter they brought, your Lordship must put no other Construction on it.—

From Syed Ahmed Addressed to the Persian Translator.—

Received 27th. May 1791.

Agreable to the Orders of the Presence some fruits are sent for Lord Corn= wallis, they will arrive and you will have the kindness to present them and send the people back Immediately that the Camel= Hircarrah arrives, an Answer will be sent to his Lordships Letter— Dated 23d. Ramzaan 1205 Hegeira.—

Here follows the particulars of the foresaid

From Tipoo Sultaun

Received 29th. May 1791.

I have received your Lord= =ships Letter and have understood its Contents. your Lordship writes that your Determination to enter into this War is known to every one and that from that time to the present you have reflected on the destroyed

which

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which it occasions to Mankind and that you are in Consequence desirous to put an end to such a scene of Misery to Individuals also by an honorable Peace, and that your Lordship would have experienced very great Satisfaction if the Advice you gave to me relative to the discription in wording for the perusal of the Allies of such point from this Quarter as could satisfy and then the Assembly of Deputies had taken place but as this appeared a matter of Difficulty to me and your Lordship is not inclined to delay the Preliminaries of a Negociation to that degree to preclude that state of Peace and Quiet to mankind which might be the fruits of reconciliation between us, yours Lordship would write on this subject to the Su Peshwa and to the Vizam to send Deputies on this part to meet your Lordships and mine, then to investigate the Claims of each upon Rules of Justice and by this means to stop the disagreement between us and strengthen our friendship that for this purpose your Lordship conceives Bangalore a proper

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proper place to assemble the Deputies and we would write so to the Nizam and the Peshwa and when their Answers arrive you will Communicate the Contents to me. All this I have perfectly understood. Between the Peshwa and me Treaties existed prior to this business and thro' and by means of the Peshwa Treaties and Friendship subsisted between the Nizam and me. Nothing has occurred contrary to the purport of them on my part I have regularly paid the sum agreed on to the Peshwa and what remains shall also be paid nor has any thing been done on my part to cut the thread of friendship and good understanding between the Nizam and me. All these particulars will be fully known to your Lordship when you have comprehended the Treaties existing between us my sole object is that nothing should happen Contrary to the signed Meaning of the Treaties and Engagements which of old have been made between us. I am desirous of paying every

thing

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thing which is agreed on to the Peshwa and that our friendship should daily gain strength with respect to the Intimacy between the English and me, on which self interested people have occasioned a breach, how can I write the particulars so that your Lordship should understand them It is therefore incumbent on your Lordships friendship to summon the deputies from the Nizam, the Peshwa and my Government to the Confines, to understand thoroughly the Engagements existing between us and whatever may be adjusted, doubtlessly they will agree to. As I observe that your Lordship is inclined above every thing else for the peace of Mankind and in the same manner from the beginning of this heaven bestowed Subsidy. I have no object more at heart than the happiness of mankind; I write to your Lordship that fixing your residence on the frontiers your Lordship will act as is above written so that the Effect may be the peace and Quiet of Mankind Considering you

Turn forward

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hence forward desirous of a daily encrease
of friendship your Lordship will write me
frequent friendly Letters.—

Dated 25th Ramzaan 1205 Hegeree.—

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(Signed) G. F. Cherry
P. Fr.—

To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 17th May 1791.

As I am at all times anxious
that the miseries of War should be softened
as much as possible to individuals, I have
directed that a few of the wounded of your
Army who have been brought in Yesterday
with some of the wounded Men of my own,
from the Field of Battle should have their wounds
dressed, and as it is not in my power at present
to pay that attention to their situation which
humanity would require I am willing to
deliver them over to your own care and I shall
send them to your nearest Outpost at 12 o'clock
where I trust that proper people will be
ready to receive them.—

To

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To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 19th May 1791.

I received your Letter in the middle of the night I left my last encampment and the wounded men that I gave in charge to your Servants, who were the bearers of your Letter, will no doubt have been safely delivered to the persons that you sent for them.—

I the down that you express in the Letter to enter into a negotiation for terminating the differences between the two Governments, was highly satisfactory to me, but at the same time I was equally disappointed at your passing over unnoticed the declarations that I have repeatedly made to you that I do not think myself at liberty to treat for the restoration of peace, except in concert with Nizam Ali Khan and the Peshwa who are engaged in a treaty of Alliance and correspondency with the Company.—

Altho' the present situation of affairs might encourage me to hope that the Arms of the Allies would continue to be successful,

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=ful, and altho my late advices from Europe
have informed me that the disputes which had
subsis=ted for a few months between England
and Spain had been amicably adjusted =
which relieves me from the apprehension
of being interrupted in the prosecution of my
operations by the interferences of any Euro=
=pean power whatever, yet you may be =
assured that I am earnestly desirous to put
a stop to the miseries which millions of in=
nocent people must suffer by the continuance
of this destructive War, and that if you are
disposed to make the concessions and =
compensations to the Company and to its
Allies, which justice demands, I shall
cordially use my best endeavors to promote
a speedy restoration of public tranquillity.

I shall not enlarge upon the
regret that I felt when I found that you =
were determined to violate the late Treaty of
peace, and to force me into this War, but having
undertaken it in defence of one of the Compa=
=ny's

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=nys Allies, I am resolved that in endea=
=vouring to bring it to a conclusion my c=
conduct shall be regulated by the same regard
to honor and good faith towards all the other
powers with whom I have entered into c=
Treaties of friendship and Alliance; and
I can only repeat to you that whilst these a=
allies adhere to their engagements with me
no consideration could induce me to be
less attentive to their interest than to those of
the Company.—

I must therefore as a proof of
the sincerity of my inclination to promote
the re establishment of Peace, recommend to
You, after reflecting upon the causes of the
War, the great expence and numberless incon=
=veniences which it has occasioned to the
Company and to the other powers engaged in
hostilities against you and the grounds
upon which they may expect to obtain an
compensation for them, to transmit in c=
writing to me such propositions as in your
opinion ought to satisfy the different c=

Members

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Members of the Confederacy and if they should
appear in the same light to me - and you
should in addition to them agree to give me
sufficient security that you will not before
the conclusion of the Treaty depart from them
I shall not only recommend that a
Congress of Deputies from all parties
concerned shall be immediately assembled,
at some convenient place to endeavour to
adjust the terms of a General peace; but I
will also consent, if you should wish it,
to a Cessation of Arms for a limitted time
, and under certain conditions which may be
easily arranged, in order to facilitate the
conduct of the negotiation. — At the same
time to provide against your being a sufferer
by following my advice, I will engage my
word of honor which I am incapable of for=
=feiting, that I will immediately restore to
you such pledges or hostages as you may
place in my hands, if the negotiation should
fail in consequence of the Company's Allies not
satisfied with the propositions that I may
transmit from you for their consideration. —

I am

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In a case in which the interest of the Company's and your Government were alone to be discussed I should without the least difficulty or hesitation receive a confidential person from you to treat with me upon them, but on the present occasion I still think myself under the necessity of declining the proposition, because I am not only determined to act in the most open and honorable manner towards the Company's allies, but I am even unwilling to take any step which could furnish the least ground for jealousy or suspicion of my endeavouring to elude our treaty and to gain any exclusive advantages to the Company in a secret negotiation.—

I have written the above with a view to prevent the total ruin of this Country which must be the infallible consequence of a continuance of the distresses to which the wretched inhabitants are at present subjected, and it will make me happy to hear that what I have said, has made a proper impression upon you.—

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To Tippoo Sultaun

Camp 24th May 1791.—

I have received your Letter and I have perfectly understood its contents.— My reluctance to enter into this War is well known, and on account of the miseries which it entails upon multitudes of the human race my desire has been uniformly sincere to use my best endeavors to bring it to an early termination by an honorable peace.— It would have been highly Satisfactory to me, if you had according to my recommendation thought it proper to state propositions in writing for the consideration of the powers who are engaged in hostilities against you, previous to a meeting of deputies, but as you seem to think that it would be difficult for you to adopt that measure, and I am unwilling that the Blessings of peace should be denied to mankind by any delay that can be avoided in opening a negotiation, I shall without insisting, further on that preliminary step, propose to his Highness Nizam Ali Khan and to the Peshwa to send Deputies in conjunction with Deputies from me to meet such person or persons as you may chuse to employ

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employ on your part for the purpose of exami=
=ning, and discerning the claims and pre=
pretensions of all parties concerned, accor=
=ding to their respective rights and situations,
and of endeavouring by that means to pre=
frame and settle a just and solid plan for
putting an end to discord and re establishing
general tranquillity.—

It has occurred to me that the
Bangalore would be a convenient place for
the assembly of Deputies which I shall men=
=tion to Nizam Ali Khan and to the Pre=
Poshwa; and when I am favored with their
answer on the above heads, I will commu=
=nicate them to you.—

To Syed Ahmed Moonshi to Tippoo Sultan
From the Persian Translator
Written 27th May 1791.—

I have received your Letter and
have understood its contents, recapitulate the
letter received 27th May 1791.—

As Tippoo Sultaun has been=
pleased to direct you to send a present of Fruits
thro' me to Lord Cornwallis I have mentioned
it to his Lordship, who has desired me to reply
to your Letter that in the present situation of public
Affairs

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Affairs his Lordship cannot with propriety receive a present, but that whenever peace shall be restab=lished between the two Governments he will be ha=ppy by every means in his power to encourage and encrease a friendly Intercourse.—

I have understood from the Camel Hurcarra that his Camel died and that Tippoo was pleased to order another Camel to be sent to him.— This I have also made known to Lord Cornwallis who has directed me to express his Satisfaction at this Civility. The Hurcarra returns and will de=liver the Camel to whomever shall be ordered to receive it from him.—

I am Sir
(Signed) G. F. Cherry
P. Sr.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing be transmitted to Bengal and to the Residents at Poona and Hydrabad.—

Minute thereon

" Chas. Oakeley.

" J. Hudleston

J. Gubbins Esq.

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Diary.

17th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 143. 144. 145. 146.

From Captain Kennaway enclosing Letters for Mr Cherry and Lieutenant Stuart.—

From Capt.n Kennaway.

From the Secretary at Bombay enclosing two Letters addressed to Major General Abercromby.—

From the Secretary at Bombay.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. stating that the Bill drawn on that Presidency in favor of Mr Porches for Pagodas 1,368. 21. 25 has been duly accepted.—

From the Subsecretary at Bengal.

From the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts is of opinion that in fourteen Days from the 8. Instant, he can collect 200 Draft and 200 Carriage Bullocks; and in one Month 600 more 400 Draft and 200 Carriage.—

From the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts.

18th Sent the following Letters

Circular to Collectors

To Mr —— Collector ——

Sir,

Circular Letter to the Collectors on the Subject of procuring Bullock Drivers for the use of the Army.—

It being of the utmost Importance

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18. Importance that a Considerable Number of Bullock Drivers should be entertained for the Service. You will be pleased to use your best Endeavours to obtain two or three Men from each Village in the Districts under Your Management, holding out to them the most liberal Encouragement if they consent to join the Army. And You will also, if possible prevail on the Heads of the Villages to become responsible that the Men shall remain in Camp. The Necessity being Urgent, the President in Council directs, that you use every Persuation to induce those People to enter the Service, and to proceed to Amboor, where they are to remain, until they can join the Army in Safety. On this subject you will correspond with Mr Cockburn the Agent for the Bullock Contractors who will provide for all expences on this account.

I am
Sir
&c.
Signed W. C. Jackson
Secy

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Circular to Commandants where there are Collectors

To

Commanding at

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble

Circular Letter to the Commandants where there are Collectors - Desiring them to furnish Guards to protect the Bullocks proceeding to Ambaor -

the President in Council to desire you will furnish upon the Requisition of the Collector, or the Agent of the Bullock Contractor, Guards to protect the Bullocks proceeding to Ambaor for the Service of the Army -

I am Sir &c.

Fort St George
18th June 1791

Signed W. Jackson Secy.

To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis -

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies -

Sir,

To Commodore Cornwallis - the Necessary Stores will be furnished for the Dispatch Schooner -

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter Dated the 16th Instant, and to inform you, that we have given Directions to our Military

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No. 18. Military Storekeeper to supply Lieutenant Cooke with the Necessary Stores for the Dispatch Schooner.—

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) Chas. Oakeley
Lt. Colonel

To Colonel De Fresnoy
Knight of the Royal and Military Order
of St. Louis, Commandant of the French Settlements in India.—

&c. &c. &c.
Pondicherry

Sir,

I have been honored by the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant, and have given Directions to the Board of Revenue to enquire into the Complaint preferred against the Trivedy Amuldar and to cause justice to be done thereupon.—

To the Governor of Pondicherry—
the necessary steps will be taken in consequence of the Complaint he has preferred against the Trivedy Amuldar.—

I have the Honor to be
with distinguished Consideration
&c. &c.

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18th June 1791.

Signed W. E. Jackson
Secy.

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To The Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Para 1st . . . . . We have the Honor to enclose for your Information, Copy of a Letter received this Morning from Lord Cornwallis - the Letter Mentioned by his Lordship to have been written Yours on the 31st Ultimo, has not come to Hand -

2d _____ We had foreseen, by Intelligence which had reached us from the Grand Army, that his Lordship would be reduced to Considerable Distress in consequence of the great Mortality which had prevailed among the Cattle, and that the successful Issue of the War might principally depend upon the Adoption of Speedy Means for recruiting the Loss which had so suddenly and unexpectedly happened - Upon our first Knowledge thereof of the Circumstance, we issued Orders throughout the Country for collecting Cattle, and we have now the Satisfaction to inform you that in consequence

of

To Bengal - with Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis - the Bullocks required by His Lordship expected to be ready at Amboor in Six Weeks or two Months - Money to be sent off - Measures adopted for advancing Grain to the Head of the Venkatagherry Pass -

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18th of those Orders, we have reason to believe that the Number of Draft and Carriage Bullocks acquired by Lord Cornwallis - Viz^t Six Thousand of the former - and twenty thousand of the latter, will be ready at Ambaor, in the Course of six Weeks, or two Months at furthest from this Date -

3d We shall, in Conformity to the Desire of Lord Cornwallis send off immediately to Vellore eight Lacks of Rupees for the Use of the Army - and no Time will be lost in forwarding Supplies of Grain from Ambaor to the Head of the Vencatgherry Pass and from thence to Bangalore, if it can be done with Safety -

We have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
&c. &c.
Signed/ Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

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To Major General Musgrave
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to desire you will see

To Major General Musgrave. Captain Evans to be put under Arrest. charge for which he is to be tried before a general Court Martial.

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18. be pleased to put Captain Stephen Lewis of the Invalids under Arrest, that he may be brought to Trial before a General Court Martial, so soon as the Circumstances of the War will enable one to be assembled, upon the following Charge.

For acting unbecoming his Station and Character as an Officer, in Carrying on pernicious Intrigues with Annada Lingum, Munchenauger, Ramalingum Ausurda Perraue, and the late Suggunauy, with a View to defame the Characters of Majr Joseph Rudd, Andrew Scott, and others employed in the Management of the Company's Revenues.

I have the Honor to be Sir Your most obedt Hble Servt

Fort St George, 18th June 1791 — } Signed W. Jackson Secy

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis &c.

To Lord Cornwallis
Money intended
to be sent to Bellary
for the use of the
Army - orders
given for providing
Camp Equipage Rice
Gunny Bags, Arrack
&c.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

We have the honor to acknowledge

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P. 18, the receipt of your Lordships Letter of the 5th Instant to our Acting President.

Your Lordship be advised by our Letters of the 1st and 5th Instant that every exertion was making to repair your Losses, and that we entertained sanguine hopes of success. having taken this Measure entirely upon ourselves no individual, whether as agent or Contractor could, in the present state of the country, obtain any supply at all equal to your Demands.

We are happy that the State of our treasury will admit of an immediate advance of the Sum you wish to be sent to Vellore, and we shall accordingly dispatch eight Lacks of Rupees in a few days. All the Draughts from Camp have been punctually discharged, and tho' we have considerable demands upon us, independent of the Field disbursements, we shall yet be able to answer farther calls from the Army. Lieu

of

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18. of the China Ships have arrived, but only one of them brought Silver —

Captain Read did not give us hope that he should be able to carry any supply of Grain in his first Mark to Bangalore, nor did he think it prudent, with so small an escort, to charge himself with any from Anchovar, but your Lordship too first will have received his Letter of the 8th (of which he sent us a Copy) advising of his near approach to a large Herd of Banjarus which he meant to accompany to Bangalore. —

We have given Directions respecting the Camp Equipage, Tumbrils &c. and by your Lordship to be assured nothing shall be left undone, that it is possible for us to effect. —

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

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(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

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To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

To Lord Cornwallis enclosing three sealed Letters received from the Nabob.

We have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship three sealed Letters which we have received from his Highness the Nabob.

We have the Honor to be

My Lord

&c. &c. &c.

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Signed Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Vol 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155.

To Captain Alexander

To Captn Alexr Read.

Read to be guided by the Instructions he may receive from Lord Cornwallis informing him that Directions have been given for advancing Guns to the Head of the Venkatagherry Pass.

To the Commandant at Bangalore

To the Commandant at Bangalore inclosing Letter for Lord Cornwallis and Captain Read.

To

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18th

To the Commandant at Amboor - enclosing Letters for Earl Cornwallis Lieutenants Stuart and M.J.F. Chevry, to be forwarded to Camp by the first safe opportunity that may offer.

To the Commandant at Amboor.

To the Military Paymaster General directing him to prepare, without loss of time, a sufficient Number of Money Tumbrils for Eight Lacks of Rupees, intended to be sent to Vellore, for the Use of the Army.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Major General Musgrave desiring him to order a Party of Sepoys, under the Command of a Diserat Officer, to be Readiness to escort the Treasure abovementioned.

To Major General Musgrave.

To Do approving the Opinions contained in his Letter of the 12th Instant, upon the Applications of Major Burn, Lieutenant Stevenson, and Lieutenants Fireworker Lewis, enclosing Extracts of a Letter from the Governor and Council at St Helena desiring him to give his opinion in regard to the Disposal of the troops - and informing him that the Instructions therein contained are to be attended

To Do

To Do

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18. attended to by the first opportunity—

To the Military Board—

To the Military Board. Directing them to take immediate Measures for forwarding to Amboor an ample Supply of Camp Equipage for the Use of the Army.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. To the Commissary General of Grain of Provisions— Desiring him to take immediate Measures for forwarding to Amboor, as many Gunny Bags for Rice, and Gunny Pieces for making and mending Pack Saddles, as it may be possible to procure—

To the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors. To the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors, desiring him to send immediately to Amboor an ample Supply of Arrack for the use of the Army—

19th Sent the following Letters—

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

To Major General Medows with Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors respecting the Acting Ensigns appointed last year— her Sentiments required thereon. Honble Sir, We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors annulling the appointment of 13 Acting Ensigns made last

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19th last Year, and reappointing Six of the Number which had been nominated by you We shall leave it to you to determine whether the Court's Orders, respecting the other Seven, can, in the present Situation of the Army, be carried into immediate Execution.—

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

(Signed) Chas Oakeley
Lt. Governor—

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To The Honorable Charles Stuart
and the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council
at
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

As we are informed by Mr. Secretary Chauvet's Letter of the 12th Inst. that it is your Intention to dispatch a Vessel to Europe in the Month of August next, we request the Favor of you to inform us, whether there will be any Probability of her touching at this Place in her way Home, that we may have timely Preparation for our Dispatches to the Honorable Court of Directors

A

To Bengal recommending that the Vessel to be dispatched for Europe in August, be directed to touch at this Presidency—

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19th Directors, the Date of which we apprehend cannot extend beyond the Middle of next Month, if we are to forward them to Bengal.

We had an idea that it might be expedient to send home the Swallow with Dispatches, and some time ago wrote to Lord Cornwallis to request his opinion upon this manner, but have not yet received his answer. We submit to you the propriety of ordering whatever Vessel you may dispatch to call here in her way for the purpose of conveying the latest intelligence of our operations in the Field.—

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Chas Oakeley
Sec. Council.

Fort St George
19th June 1791.

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

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis, Dated the 31st Ultimo, and received this Morning

We

To Bengal - with Copy of Ld Cornwallis Letter of the 31st Ult.o and of the Letter from the Persian Translator giving Cover to Copies of His Lordships late Correspondence with Tippoo.

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We also transmit Copy of a Letter to our Secretary from the Persian Translator in Camp, and of the Enclosures to which it gave cover —

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

Fort St George,
19th June 1791

(signed) Chas Oakeley
St Cl Council —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Ab. B. Nos 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164 —

To the Secretary at Fort William enclosing an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Military Stores &c received by the Company's Ships Baddaney —

To the Secretary at Fort William

To the Accountant General —

To the Accountant General enclosing the List of all the Forces under this Presidency &c received from the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts, to be forwarded to Europe by the next Dispatch.

To Mr Samuel Johnston informing him, that until the Committee have reported

To Mr Samuel Johnston —

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19th reported upon his Accounts, the Board can
determine nothing upon his Request for
Permission to proceed to Europe.-

To the Paymaster at

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah. Palamcotah directing him to reimburse
Captain Leighton the Sum expended him
on Account of Pay advanced to the Horse-
Keepers, belonging to the Horses, lately received
from the Nabob's Manager.-

To the Commandant

To the Commandant at Palamcotah, at Palamcotah - advising him of the
orders given to the Paymaster -

To Lieutenant Caldwell.

To Lieutenant Caldwell of the Bengal Artillery. recommending him to proceed to Bengal,
where alone he can have an opportunity
of settling his Arrears of Half Pay -

To the Board of Assumed

To the Board of Assumed Revenue. Revenue - approving the Mode they have
adopted for determining the Amount
to be deducted from the Peishcush of the
Rajah of Calastry Vencatagherry and
Bamraugy on account of Batta

Due

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19th Due to their respective Peons sent to the Army
Stating the Manner in which this Charge
is to be brought to account, and informing
them that the Peons Stationed at Chandernagherry must in future be paid by the
Paymaster of that Parrison—

To the Military Paymaster General—

To the Military Paymaster General— inclosing an Account of Batta due to the Peons belonging to the Rajahs of Calastry Vencatagherry and Bommauze who were sent to the Army— and stating the Manner in which this Charge is to be brought to account on his Books the Peons stationed at Chandernagherry to be paid in future by the Paymaster of that Parrison—

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry enclosing Copies of Letters from Tinnanair, desiring him to make Enquiry into the Truth of what he has advanced, respecting the oppressious Conduct of the Peons on account of their Arrears of Pay—

20th Sent Letter to the Nabob

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob— /as entered in C.C. ~~No~~ 152/ enclosing an Account

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20th Account Particulars of the Gomiah in the Assumed Countries.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 165-166 167. 168.-

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry and desiring them to enquire into the Complaints therein preferred against the Trividy Arnuldar, and cause Justice to be done thereupon.—

To the Military Paymaster General with Copy of the 5th Paragraphs of the Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 4th February last.—

To the Military Paymaster Genl.

To the Commandant at Paligautcherry

To the Commandant at Paligautcherry— inclosing two Packets addressed to Major General Abercromby, to be forwarded by the most safe and expeditious Conveyance.—

To the Collector at Daraporam &c.

To the Collector at Daraporam &c.— Desiring him to settle the Price of the Bullocks he may collect, with Mr Cockburn at Madras, and to correspond with that Gentleman on the Subject

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2d Subject- the Bullocks before they are delivered to the Contractors Agent, to be marked, the Carriage Bullocks C C B, the Draught C D B.-

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.P. Nos. 169. 170. 171.-

From Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham

From Lieut.t Colonel Conyngham reporting his Arrival from England on the General Coote-

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Arcot Province.

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Arcot Province

Stating that there are very few Bullocks in the Districts under his Management that are not immediately employed in the Cultivation of the Country.-

From the Officer Commanding the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry

From the Officer Commanding the 1st Reg.t of N. Cavalry.-

advising of his having from Lieutenant Wilson Fifty five Horses from Trichinapoly belonging to his Regiment.-

21st. . . . . Received Letter from Timmanair as entered in C. C. No. 153. representing his entire Inability to discharge the Arrears Due to his Sons, and requesting that he may

Substance of a Letter from Timmanair

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20th may be allowed to proceed to the Presidency,
to refute the malicious and false Representations
of his Enemies.—

The Oaths of Allegiance and
Office having been administered to Mr Petrie
(as appear on the Proceedings of the 12th Instant
in the Public Department) he now takes
his Seat at this Board.—

Mr Petrie takes his Seat at the Board.—

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

William Petrie and
John Huddleston Esqrs

Members

The Honorable Major General
Medows absent upon Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.—

The Acting President informs
the Board that, in consequence of Information
which he had received of the Intention
of the Government of Bombay to dispatch
the Queen Indiaman to England in July
next

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next he directed the Secretary to prepare the Draft of a Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors, detailing the Operations of the Army since the last Address.—

The Draft having been read and approved — Ordered that it be Copied fair and immediately dispatched to Bombay by Express.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.—

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

Honble Sir,

I have this instant been honored with your Secretary's Letter of the 21st Instno — calling my attention to the Letter written me on the 5th January last, and desiring I would lose no time in carrying into Execution the Orders which were contained in it. The Rajah of Travancore having completed the Payment of the Second Lac of Pagodas Demanded from him —

In a Letter, I did myself the Honor of addressing you on the 28th February.

From the Resident at Travancore Opinion respecting the Manner in which the Amount of the Contribution from the Rajah should be Payed, the Expence of the War should be levied —

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February last, I took the liberty of submitting to your consideration, a different mode of demanding the Contribution, from the Rajah of Travancore towards defraying the Expences of the War, than the one prescribed by you in your Letter of the 3.d January, stating for reasons, the Jealousy with which the Rajah of Travancore kept from the Knowledge of any Stranger the Account of the Revenues of his Country, and the almost impossibility of obtaining an accurate Statement of them without his own Consent. I am, further, convinced that the Rajah, upon a demand of a Certain proportion of his Revenue, would underrate them Considerably, and exaggerate his Expences, knowing it would not be in my power to bring forward proofs to detect his Account.

Impressed with the Conviction that the Contribution required from the Rajah would be more expeditiously attained and more readily complied with

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with on his part, by the following Mode being adopted in demanding it; with the utmost Defference I once more take the liberty to recommend that a specific Sum of Money be demanded of them without an Allusion to his Resources, that this Sum be equal to half, or more, (say 4 or 5 Lacks of Pagodas) than I estimated the probable Net Amount of them to be, in the Statement which I did myself the honor to transmit you, on the 5th April last, and that a limited Period be fixed for the payment of the Demand.

I am persuaded from the Information that I have received, the Rajah posses ample Funds and is well able to advance the Sum which I have proposed; and I am likewise informed that he has not yet touched upon his Treasures either to defray the Expences of his Troops in the Field, or the last instalment of the late of Pagodas, which he performed by laying new Taxes on his Subjects, under

which

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which they are now groaning— The whole of the Sum should therefore be demanded at one time, that he may be necessitated to open his Treasures, otherwise he may have recourse again to the same mode of Collecting it from his People, and which he most probably would do, if it should be for a smaller Sum.—

The Reluctance with which the Rajah complied, with the last demand, and the long period he took in Completing it, leads me to apprehend I shall meet with great difficulty in persuading him to Come forward with a Sum of such magnitude, I am therefore to request Honble Sir, if you should deem what I have proposed, Worthy to be adopted, that in your Letter to the Rajah, you will strongly impress the Idea, that your severe displeasure will be the Certain Consequence of a Non compliance with the demand and in the limited Time.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Cochin
3d June 1791—

Signed/ Jorge Powney—
Resident

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Probable Estimate of the Revenues of the Travancore Country for One Year

Probable Amount — Charges Deducted — Probable Nett Amount —

Pepper —

400 Candies at least in a good Season are produced in the Country — this Article is wholly monopolized by the Rajah — it is received from the Ryots at the rate of 30 Rupees ₱ Candy — the Rajah disposes of it in the following Manner — To the English Company 1000 Candies at 95 Rs ₱ Candy, and 500 Candies at 105 Rupees — Two Thousand Candies ought by Treaty to be delivered to the Dutch Company at 65 Rs ₱ Candy, but for many Years, the Cochin Government have never been able to procure more than 800 — this Year they have only received 350 Candies as yet — admitting they receive the 800 — there will then remain a Balance of 3700 Candies which is generally disposed of to Merchants at 145 and 150 Rs ₱ Candy, and likewise bartered for Merchandize, particularly for Tobacco at a considerable Advantage, as will be specified hereafter — the gain upon this Article may be computed at . . . . . 600,000 " " — — — — — 600,000 " "

Paddy —

50 Lacs of Purrahs on a moderate Calculation are produced in the Country — about 30 Lacks of which may be estimated to belong to the Circar. The greatest part of it is appropriated for Charity Gratuities, for the Brahmins, for payment of the Wages of the Servants of the Circar, and of those about the Person of the Rajah, likewise towards a part of the pay of the Company's or Sibbendy Sepoys — after defraying the above Charges in kind, the gain upon the Surplus may be estimated at — — — 250,000 " " — — — — — 250,000 " "

It is to be remarked, that the Greatest parte of the Inhabitants are the Cultivators of the Earth. —

Beatle Nut —

It is wholly monopolized — about 2000 Candies in a good Season produced — taken from the Inhabitants ab 43 Rupees ₱ Candy, and Sold at the rate of 107 Rupees ₱ Candy — the gain about — — — — —

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Tinnevelly Tobacco

monopolized. 2000 Candies contracted for at the rate of 63 Rupees ₰ Candy, and sold to the Inhabitants at 171 ₰ — One fourth of this Contract is paid for in Money and for 3/4 th. Peppers is bartered and given at the rate of 181 ₰ ₰ Candy — so that the gain is considerable and may be estimated. } 2,50,000 " " 25,000 " " 2,25,000 " "

Duties on Imports & Exports, and Inland Duties

These are very heavy and may be estimated at ..... 4,00,000 " " " " " 4,00,000 " "

Taxes on the Mussulmans and Toddy People —

These are more numerous in the County than Nairs — a Capitation Tax is levied according to the means, the Person poorest — the Amount may be Estimated at ... } 4,00,000 " " " " " 4,00,000 " "

Tax on Coconut and Palmira Trees —

belonging to the Inhabitants — about ..... 60,000 " " " " " 60,000 " "

Charges

Pay to Six Battalions of Carnatic Sepoys per Annum ..... " " 28,0000 " "

To 300 Stable Horses Expenses ₰c ..... " " 10,0000 " "

To 200 Horse Slaves ..... " " 10,000 " "

To 60 Bullocks or Subsidy Sepoys — each Bullock consisting of 250 Men the greatest proportion of their Pay is defrayed in Paddy so that they receive in Cash does not amount to more than ..... } " " 10,000 " "

Yearly Pensions and Churches ..... " " 50,000 " "

Rajahs personal Expenses ..... " " 10,000 " "

Rupees 3568000 " " 1332000 " " 2236000 " "

N.B. In the Estimate, an Oversight might be suspected as no Charge is stated for the pay of Public Servants in the different Departments of Trade and Revenue — But Pay as

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as remarked in the Estimate] is partly defrayed in Rice, and in what they receive in Money is trifling - the fund from which the latter is drawn is established from time immemorial on the Public Servants for any neglect in Office, or for the most trivial fault - the Charges are stated as high as possible - the personal Expences of the Rajah from his mode of living can scarce equal what is stated - the Household Servants are x Sebundees paid from the fund above mentioned - The Military Establishment subsists additional Expences as to the pay during War but Charges must occur which are difficult to ascertain Every Expence is carried on with the most rigid Oeconomy - The Nairs very seldom quit the Country, very few of the Bramenes are at present with the Minister of the Rajah with Gen.l Abercromby during the time they were stationed upon the Lines in defence of them - they Received a Subsistence in Rice & 2 Pullums a day equal to 3/ a Madras Fanam - great Oppression pervades the whole System of Government and the General Monopoly which prevails destroys the Inhabitants and must in the end much injure the Country - This System has only been introduced since

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Since the present Minister has been in Office before his time the monopoly was limited to Pepper and Tobacco the Profits from which it is said are always deposited in the Treasury and never touched, but upon the utmost Emergency — Another Resource, tho. Rajah profitable, which is a considerable one He is the Inheritor of the Fortunes of all his Nair Servants in Office not a part of their Estates descend to their own Posterity - The abuses in Office are great, and the Servants accumulate large fortunes. They are not scrutinized on the Idea that the whole will at their Deaths revert to the Rajah - The Richest Subject in the Country dares not make a greater Appearance or live at more Expence than what his Public Pay would admit of Twenty p.c. Cent is likewise levied from the Estates of those Subjects who die in the Country who are not Nairs & who were not employed by the Circar —

Seringapatam
7th April 1791

George Powney
President

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The Acting President delivers in the following Minute.—

Acting President's Minute respecting the Amount of the Requisition to be made upon the Rajah of Travancore and the manner in which the Demand should be preferred—proposing a Draught of a Letter to be written to the Rajah on the Subject—

Mr Dundas in his Letter of the 3d Instant has given it as his decided Opinion that the Rajah of Travancore would be more easily induced to Contribute a Specific sum of Money for the Support of the War, than to Allow any fixt proportion of his Revenue whether it be half—fourteenths or any other Amount and this Opinion seems founded on the Suspected Jealousy of the Rajah whose Avarice leads him to Conceal with great care the Value of his income—

The President says so much stress on the propriety of Making the Requisition in this form, it is necessary to have Recourse to the Estimate some time ago transmitted to us in order that the Specific sum to be demanded may approach as near to the Ideas suggested by Lord Cornwallis in his Letter of the 31st December last, as circumstances will furnish—

The Lordships Recommends that "Our requisitions be moderate and Clearly within the

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"the strict bounds of our Right which he conceives should
"extend since the Commencement of the War to the
"same proportion of the Revenues of his Country which
"is furnished by the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of
"Tanjore, after making proper Allowance for the
"Expence of his Military Establishment or to the Holy
"of his nett Revenue with the Addition of his
"Supporting his Troops now Serving with our Army
"at his own expence"

The latter proposition I am most inclined to Adopt, because it frees us from the embarassment of unsettled expences and deductions from that sum - Claims and Accounts would be brought forward in consequence and the Rajah would have an interest in protracting the Settlement as long as possible to avoid payment of the Balance —

Having given my reason for preferring the second proposition, I shall here state the Amount of the Rajahs Revenues and Expences According to the Estimate before mentioned. —

Gross Revenues as per Acct Particulars	35,68,000
Charges Civil and Military including the Rajahs personal expences	13,32,000
Nett Revenue	22,36,000

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Mr Powney on his Letter accompanying this Account says he does not offer it as accurate but that he has left no means untried to render it as complete as possible yet upon the principle recommended by Lord Cornwallis that no claims be moderated and or strictly within the bounds of our rights Proud to propose that the Nett Revenue be taken only at twenty Lacks of Rupees and that the Rajah be required to contribute half that sum or ten Lacks from the Commencement of the War exclusive of the Charges of his troops employed with our Army —

If the Board approve this Proposition the Rajahs Account will stand thus —

Due from the 1st January 1790 the day on which Hostilities commenced to the 1st January 1791 ..... Rupees 1,00,000 —

Remitted from the Rajah two Lacks of Pags is 7,30,000

Balance 270,000

This Sum, with the Revenue of the Current year must be paid by Instalment to be settled with the Rajah, and they have to Recommend that Mr Powney be directed to exert his endeavors to obtain a Liquidation of the Arrear as early as possible

and

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and to fix Monthly or quarterly Payments for the growing demand — I submit also to the Board for its approval a Draught of a Letter to be written to the Rajah on this Occasion —

Signed Wm. Oakeley

The Rajahs of Travancore

Draught of a Letter proposed to be written to the Rajah on the foregoing Subject —

Your Excellency's mind is I doubt not fully impressed with justice of the Company's Government in standing forth at a Critical juncture to protect you Against the designs of a Tyrant who had drawn the Sword for your distruction, and must have instantly effected it but for the powerful — interposition of your friends —

The war thus undertaken upon your Account has been carried on with all the forces of the Company, and at an enormous expence not only the Revenues of this Presidency but those of Bengal and the greatest part of the Resources of the Carnatic and Tanjore have been appropriated to this great — undertaking and on the ultimate success of our — arms —

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arms, your Excellency must not for all that is Valuable to you - your Territory - your Honor, and even your personal safety -

Having such motives to influence your Conduct I assure myself that you will not be backward in contributing your utmost aid to the Cause in which you are so much interested - The requisitions hitherto made upon your Excellency for Money have been small and disproportioned to your means, yet I am concerned to observe that the compliance has been reluctant - and your promises very inadequately fulfilled But your Excellency's good Sense will I am confident direct you to a more Zealous course when I observe that the demand I am about to make has the full sanction of Lord Cornwallis's Approbation -

The demand is briefly this that you shall from the Commencement of the year (the 8th January 1790) pay the Sum of Rupees 9 Annum as a Contribution towards the Expence independant of the Charge of your Troops employed with our Armies - The Sums already -

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already received from your Excellency at different
periods Amounting to two Lacks of Pagodas which
of Course be deducted and the Balance together with
the growing demands of the present year Mr Powney
the Resident at your Durbar has particular instruction
to receive from you —

Before I conclude, permit me to
observe, that as the above requisition is calculated
upon a frugal and moderate estimate of your ability
I cannot admit the smallest objection or excuse
on your Compliance may the blessings of health
and prosperity always attend your Excellency —
What can I say more

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25 June 1791 —

I have the honor &c
Sign'd Nat. Oakeley

The foregoing Draught approved —

The Board entirely approve the
Opinions and Recommendations of the Acting —
President on the Subject of the Annual Contribution
to be required from the Rajah of Travancore —
— Agreed that the Letter for the Rajah be trans-
lated and dispatched to Mr. Powney —

Instructions to be given to Mr Powney on the foregoing Subject —

Resolved that the President be
informed of the above arrangement and —
Directed —

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directed to exert his Endeavours to obtain as early as possible a Liquidation of the Balance and of the demand for Paly the Current Year which is expired Amounting together to the Sum of Seven Lacks and Seventy Thousand Rupees 770,000/: and to settle Payments for the growing Demand.—

Resolved, That it be left to Mr Povney to fix the Proportion of the above Balance to be received from the Rajah immediately—the Board are of Opinion however that it should not be less than five Lacks of Rupees and if the Resident Continues in the Sentiments he has expressed with Regard to the Rajahs Resources—it is agreed to Authorize him to demand the whole Sum at once—

Read the following Letter from the Honble Commodore Cornwallis—

To the Honble the Governor in Council Madras—

From the Commodore Cornwallis requesting the Concurrence of Government to enter into an agreement with Mr. Baillie for supplying the Sick of His Majestys Navy with Wine, Vegitables &c.

Sir

As I wish very much that the Seamen belonging to the Kings Ships should be

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be in every respect properly taken care of, and have every necessary Refreshment their Cases require at a Certain fixed price

Upon the Report of the Captains of His Majestys Ships, I wrote to Mr Baillie who had communicated to Captain Smith of the Pearl ance His Ideas upon the Subject. - I take the Liberty of enclosing Copies of two Letters - by which it seems Mr Baillie thinks any Agreement of this Kind ought to receive the Sanction of the Government, - and Request that you would be pleased to take the Matter into your Consideration and give the necessary Directions if it should meet with your Approbation

I am aware that I am giving you much trouble in points that may not have occurred before but I trust that your Humanity will excuse it

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Crown
Madras Road
24 June 1791-

Signed W Cornwallis

The

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The Honble Mr. Cornwallis
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

Agreeable to your Order of the 8th of June I visited the Hospital where the Seamen and Marines belonging to the Air on Wednesday June the 15. The Number were 66 belonging to the Squadron and this day Saturday 17 June the Number 77. The People with respect to Victualling have no cause of complaint nor make any and I think appear properly Victualled, and they are kept well clothed and clean in the Hospital Clothing and appear to have proper Attendance - and the Surgeon of the Perseverance reported to me as far as he can judge they are properly Attended with respect to the Medical Assistance but it appears to me and he thinks the same that the Scorbutics have not that proportion of fruit and Vegetable which that disorder requires and I find on enquiry that there is no Allowance for any, but what the Purveyor provides which is only the Established Victualling with a small proportion

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of Guns in their Both and 4 Guns a day from the Surgeon and likewise was a small proportion of Wine Allowed both to Scorbutics and convalescent patients

I apprehend much good would be derived from it as those people are sent from the Ship where they are accustomed to have Spirits or grog every day and then those water only to Drink and both the Surgeon on Shore and the Surgeon of the Perseverance are of an Opinion that it would be a great Service the Ward when the Seamen are in was built on purpose and formed by one of the outer walls of the Hospital in the Square and Roofed over, which makes a Commodious Ward excepting the side to the Square is only Matted round with Mats which Admit both Rain and Wind on the Land Squalls, and on my Opinion ought to be built up or jealousied the Ward is quite full and the Cradles on the opposite side which prevents both a passage and stops the Circulation of Air—

I likewise made enquiry respecting the Burial of those Men who may die

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Die at the Hospital Agreeable to your Order,
which has led to several other matters which in
my Opinion ought to be fixed and established
and not remain in the present uncertain and
perplexed state they are now in. And as such
think it my Duty to state it, The Coolies that
are in the Hospital are found by the Pawyer
and have no other duty but to attend the Sick
and Clean the Wards, an increase of any Dying
they will not touch them and they remain as
the Men belonging to the Corps did Yesterday
till necessity at last Obliged some of the Sick to
drag them out as neither Surgeon or Pawyer is allowed
to hire any man to Bury them or any –
Charge for that purpose, and by the time –
Notice can be given to the Ships in the Road
they must be very Offensive. The Landing of
Mens from the Hospital likewise wants some
regulation, as the Coolies employed in carrying
up the Baggage and Hammocks of the Sick
are not included in the Hospital Account but often
paid

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paid by the Petty Officer attending or by the Town Major or without charge - The Dooleys I find the Company allow for the use of the Sick of the Garrison which has been always employed to carry up the Sick of the Squadron, but find it is no part of the Hospital Establishment and as such, may be otherwise employed on account of the Garrison - when wanted by the Navy - in examining the above the Surgeon (M.r Baillie) offers (should it meet your approbation) to furnish the Scorbutics with Fresh and Wine - likewise the Convalescents with a small proportion - and to provide Cooleys to carry the Hammocks and Bags &c.a - of Sick sent, and to enter those into may Due at the Hospital, and a fixed price of 4 fanams Per day.

I am
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Isaac Smith

Sir,

I was favored with yours, and I beg you will be pleased to ac-

acquaint

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acquaint the Commodore, that I have no objections to supplying His Majestys Sick and Scorbutic Seamen, in the General Hospital, with Wine and Vegetables suitable to their cases convey them from the Beach to the Hospital bury the dead, and keep a Barber in the Hospital for their use, at the rate of Four fanams per day per man. —

The Commodore wishes me to specify the proportion each man is to have but as that must depend in a great measure on the severity of the case it ought to be left to the discretion of the Surgeon Scorbutics require a greater proportion of Wine and Vegetables than those with Fluxes and Liver complaints.

If the Commodore should approve of these propositions it will be proper they come through M.r Duffin Head Surgeon General Hospital, and perhaps Government ought

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ought to be acquainted with it, as it may make some difference in their accounts from the time Mr Harris left the Hospital till the present. —

I have the Honor to be

Sr. & Sr.

(Signed) Geo: Baillie

General Hospital 20th June 1791.

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Madras

From Commodore Cornwallis requesting that the Surgeons of His Majestys Navy may be supplied with Medicines from the Company's Dispensary.

Sir,

Captain Halsted of His Majestys Ship Crocon having represented that the Surgeon of the said Ship is in great want of Medecines for the use of the Hurt and Sick Seamen.

The Surgeons of His Majestys Ships have been hitherto indulged by the different presidencies they have been at, to have Medecines supplied them from the Honorable Company's Dispensary. —

I am therefore to request you will be pleased to order them

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to be supplied with such Medi=
cines as they may want. —

I have the Honor to be
Sr. &c.

(Signed) C. Cornwallis

Crown
Madras 1080
21st June 1791.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters. —

Agreed to inform the
Commodore that the Sanction
of the Board will at all times
be readily given to any Measure
tending to promote the comfort
or convenience of the Sick of his
Majesty's Squadron received into
the Company's Hospital — that Mr.
Baillie will be permitted to provide
Wine Vegetables &c. for the Sick;
and that the Surgeons of his
Majesty's Ships will be supplied
from the Dispensary with
such Medicines as they may
require. —

Read the following Letter
from Avadanum Paupiah Bramine.

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

From Purpose Browning declines making any Defence before the Committee - requests that this case may be referred to a Court of Law and asserts that the Government have disclaimed the Nomination of the Committee. —

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs,

This it is my Duty to Return any Humble Thanks to the Honorable Board for having at long the vouchsafed, to acknowledge the Receipt of one of the many Letters. I have taken the Liberty of addressing to them. yet I cannot but regret, that they should think my present Situation, precludes an Enquiry into any Fact which might lend to relieve it. It is however a sufficient discharge I trust, if that Respect and deference I owe them to have pointed it out and I must submit with Resignation, to what they are pleased to order. It is a Subject also, of much pain to me to observe, that the Hon.ble Board should accuse me of Pertinacity in not acknowledging, the authority of or going upon my defence before the Committee appointed to inquire into the Grounds

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Grounds of His Highness's Charge.
I trust the Honble Board will forgive
me if I observe to them that the
very Duties enjoined the Committee
by their Constitution seem to imply
that they were to limit their Enquiries,
to the Ground of the Nabobs charge,
so that the Government General or
your Honble Board might judge of
the sufficiency or insufficiency thereof
and then refer it, to some Court of
Law or other mode of Legal Enquiry &c
than to receive its ultimate Decision -
- that this has indeed been the general
procedure of other Committees. Your
own Records will testify - such it was
in the Committee appointed to enquire
into M.r Sloyer's Cause, and such was
in the present Committee, as far as &c
respected M.r Holland and I therefore
humbly hope. I am not to be denied the
same privilege which I humbly &c
Conceive I am still more entitled to
as a Native Merchant of Madras not in
any Manner connected with the Honble
Company

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Company or in their Service as those
Gentlemen were. —

If the Gentlemen of the
Committee imagine they have discovered
sufficient Grounds for his Highness's
Charge. I pray it may be regularly
brought forward against me, and I am
ready to meet it, but without knowing
what the Charge is, or by what —
Vouchers supported — what the Evidence
is, or what they attest — without being
acquainted with a Single line of their
Proceedings, and totally in the dark —
with respect to every thing that has
passed against me. I submit to your
Honble Board whether it is possible,
I can go upon my Defence as you are
pleased to recommend, or if it were
possible whether it would not be the
highest Indiscretion in me to do it. —
again your Honble Board will —
please to observe, a Comittee nominated
at Bengal could not have been —
elected by the Government General for
they must have been unknown to them.

and

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and as your Honble Board disclaims the Nomination, it must of course fall to His Highness - a Tribunal so formed, may be sufficiently competents, to furnish Materials for a Prosecution, I do not dispute it but surely they must be inadequate to pass an ultimate Sentence. I therefore humbly hope your Honble Board will consider, with more Indulgence my not having yet given in my Defence, and not suppose, because I have not done it That I have not the means of doing it, I am indeed very able to refute, the whole of His Highness's Charge whenever I am publickly and legally called upon to do it. till then, I hope the Honble Board will forgive me, if I remain Silent - So publick, and notorious an act of His Highness the Nabob, to suborn false Witnesses against me. I thought my Duty called upon me to lay before your Honble Board, I have done so in doing it.

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I have discharged my Duty, and
I can do no more. —

With much Respect and
Gratitude for acknowledging the —
Receipt of my Letter

I Remain

10.th June
1791.

Sir Sir

(Signed) J. Pascoe Grammy

Remarks on the foregoing Letter

It would be a needless
Task for the Board to attempt a
Discovery of the Source from whence
Pascoe has derived his Information
that "they had disclaimed the —
"nomination of the Committee" — the
assertion is too absurd to merit —
strictures observation — it may be
necessary however to remark that no
Inference of the Kind can be drawn
from the Letter to him of the 1.st —
Instant, the only one which he —
acknowledge to have received from
Government, and in which he was
told, "that in his present Situation the
"Board could not, without manifest
"Impropriety,

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"Impropriety, attend to any accusation
"which he had to prefer against others,
"while he was actually in confine=
"ment for a very serious accusation
"against himself, and while he
"pertinaciously refused to acknowledge
"the authority of, or to come upon his
"Defence before the Committee, which
"had been appointed under the
Sanction and by the authority of
"the Governor General in Council"

Paupiah complains that
"he is unacquainted with a single
"Line of the Proceedings of the Com=
"mittee" - It is his own Fault that he
"is so. He might have known the
whole, had he thought proper to
come forward in vindication of
himself - upon this Subject, the
Board wrote to the Court of Directors
on the 21st of January last, as follows -
- "The Committee having been directed
"to call upon Paupiah for his Defence,
"reported to us, that he had refused

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"to make any, unless previously furnished
"with Copies of the Proceedings - as it
"was by no means certain, that Punjiah
"could enter upon his Defence, even if
"his Request were granted - as the Pro-
"Proceedings contained matter relative
"to other Persons, and might on the pre-
"present Stage of the Enquiry be made
"improper use of - as Punjiah had
"been informed that the Proceedings
"should be read to him, and an
"opportunity given for his cross-examining
"the different Persons who had given
"Evidence against him - and above all
"as he had declared the acts of the Com-
"Committee to be unwarrantable and
"illegal, and refused to stand the
"Issue of the Investigation, we were
"of opinion with the Committee, that
"it would be highly improper to
"give him Copies". -

Read the following Letter
from the Military Board. -

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board - no Plan recommended for supplying Cattle for the Transportation of Stores from Moolapallee to Innacondah. Major Scott to applies for a Seat at this Board - and for The Management of the Lamatory - enclosing Drafts of the Contracts for Clothing the Army and for furnishing Sun Proof Barrels also a List of Stores unmade up by the Military Store Keeper last Months

In consequence of your Commands of the 25th Ultimo, we have now the honor to inform you that the Military Stores applied for by His Highness, the Nizam, have been despatched, upon the shortest alert, to Moolapallee, and in order to avoid delay in their arrival at Innacondah, we deemed it expedient to direct the Storekeeper on the Guntoor Circar to provide the Cattle necessary for their Transportation thither, in case it should happen that there were none in the way of the Company that could be immediately employed upon the occasion. —

We beg leave to refer to your consideration the application of Major Scott, in the enclosed Copy of his Letter, to be admitted to a Seat at our Board, as Senior officer of Artillery at this Presidency - with respect to his appointment to the Charge of

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of the Laboratory, We recommend him to be appointed acting Director with the allowances of a Sub-Director.

Herewith we also submit a Draft of the Engagement to be entered into between the Honble Company and Mr. James Brodie for the Cloathing of these Troops upon this Establishment, as also of the Contract for the Delivery of Sun-foil Powder Barrels.

Having examined the Articles Specified in the accompanying List of Stores made up by the Military Store-keeper on last Month, We have directed them to be received upon the Company's Books

We have the honor to be
Sirs Your
Obt. Servts

Fort St. George
21st June 1791.

(Signed) Thos. Musgrave
" J. Capper
" Geo: Maule

To

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To Major General Musgrave
President &c.a Military Board

Sir,

In consequence of my Station at the Presidency, I applied to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley, Baronet, Governor &c.a to be admitted to a seat at the Military Board, as also to have the direction and charge of the Laboratory given to me, as has hitherto been the custom of the Service, who reference me to the Military Board. I beg leave to observe that the Senior officer of Artillery at the Presidency tho' not Commandant, has always been admitted to a Seat at the Military Board. Tho' the Direction of the Laboratory was when first established vested in Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham when Commanding the Artillery at the Mount and upon Lieutenant Colonel Gent's being appointed to that Station, it was given to him, it has, since established, been considered as an

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an Office attached to the Senior
Officer of Artillery at the Presidency
or Mount, being at present in that
Situation. I flatter myself the
propriety of my Claims will appear
just to you and the Members of the
Military Board, and that your
favorable Opinion will induce Govern-
ment to admit me to a Seat at the
Board and to the Office of Director of
the Laboratory &c.a

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

Fort St George
14th June 1791.

(Signed) R. Tutt
Major Commanding the
Artly in Fort St George

a true Copy
Dan.l Ince
Secy Mili Bd.

List of Military Stores received from the Military Store-
keeper in the Month of May 1791.—

Gun powder Madras lbs Barrels		534
Teak Timbers		4
Teak shumbeam Plank		14
Teak Astrs		4
Charcoal	Loads	808
Linseed Oil	Gall.s	25

Wood oil

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Wood oil	Meas.rs	1/2
Dolls y Pans		61
Mallouys		20
Coconut Brushes		60
Bottles		1460
Firewood		2000
Flour	Meas.rs	100
Pooddy Hawk	Soaps	5
Mattls		100
Brooms	Bundles	32
Bottelas	Pieces	5
Cotton Thread fine	℔	25
Long Cloth Brown	Pieces	100
Copper Hoops /℔ 417/		224
Knapsacks		1365
Salt Petre	Cwt. 2	
Powder Barrels Tin foiled		500
Ammunetion Barrels		200
Drum Braces		350
Copper Tubes Empty 3 Pdr.		2518
Axes Iron		1
Pouch Belts		60

From the Civil Storekeeper

Brass Wire	℔	3/4
White Lead	M.a 2	
Prompt Nails	℔	10
Nails 4d	℔	10

a true Copy

(Signed) Dan.l Puce
Secry Mil. Bd.

(Signed) B. Bosheapse
Dy Com Stores

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President in Council

From the Military Board - enclosing an Estimate of Camp Equipage necessary to Equip the Army as far as 2/3rds of the whole Establishment.

Sir,

In order to prevent any delay in taking the necessary measures for forwarding to Amboor, an ample & Sufficient Supply of Camp Equipage for the use of the Grand Army, agreeably to your Orders of the 17th Instant, We beg leave to acquaint you that having no Returns of the actual Strength of Corps in the Grand Army, we have proceeded to form a rough Calculate of what will be necessary for Two thirds of the Complement, we cannot take upon ourselves to say how far this may fulfill the Intention, but a part of these even must be supplied from this Presidency, as the quantity now at Vellore is deficient— Enclosed is a List of Tents requisite upon the Principle of Two thirds of the whole, and we beg leave to request your further Directions upon the Subject.

We have the honor to be
J. & J.
(Signed) Tho. Musgrave
" J. Capper
" Geo. Macale

Return

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Return of Camp equipage necessary to equip the Army as far as 2/3ds of the whole establishment shewing the remains of Tents at the Presidency and Vellore, with the number requisite to be sent from Madras.

	2/3ds of the whole establishment for the Army.	at the Presidency	at Vellore	Necessary to be sent from Madras to complete 2/3ds of the Establishment
Tents Field Officers	18.	25	31	— " —
Officers	428.	251.	16	382
Private	434	897	384	50
Sepoy	202	212	45	157
Bell	322	18	114	18
Necessary	32	77	43	— " —

Fort St. George
20th June 1791.

(Signed) Danl. Ince
Secry Mili. Bd.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters. —

Agreed that the Military Board be directed to send to Vellore without Delay the number of Tents requisite to be dispatched from hence in order to complete the Quantity of Camp Equipage for the Army as far as Two thirds of the whole

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whole Establishment. —

Upon the application of Major Tuttle to have a Seat at the Military Board, the Board observe that it appears to have been the Intention of the Court of Directors that the members should actually reside at the Presidency, and that as the Commissary General of Stores is himself a member, it would seem the less necessary that the Officer Commanding the Artillery at the Mount should be another — Agreed that these Circumstances be mentioned to the Military Board, and that they be desired to give their opinion with regard to the utility of the application in Question. —

Agreed that Major Tuttle be appointed Acting Director of the Laboratory with the Allowance of a Sub Director until further Orders. —

The Board approve the Drafts of the Contracts for Cloathing the Army and for the Delivery of Tin foil Powder Barrels + — Ordered — that they be prepared for Execution.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam. —

To

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Ultimo and have communicated your orders to Lieutenant Colonel Patterson and to Captain Gent, we have required an Estimate of such additions or repairs as Colonel Patterson may think necessary to be made to the Commandants House in the Fort, which shall be transmitted to you when received.

We herewith enclose Copy of a Letter and a Return of Grain in Store at this place, received from the Garrison Storekeeper, and request your orders as whether it may be disposed of when it can be done with the least loss to the Company, as also in what manner it is to be replaced. The Paddy delivered in by the Havelly Collectors comes very dear to the Company, by reason of the Charges incurred in transporting it to this

From Masulipatam recommending that the Grain now in Store in that Garrison be sold off and that a fresh Stock be laid up from the Grain that may be imported from Bengal.

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this place, and the defference between the Store house Candy and the measures in use in the Countries under the charge of those Gentlemen. Besides this circumstance, the Garrison Storekeeper represents that the Paddy received in this manner last year, is of a very indefferent quality, althó the Collectors on being applied to informed us that it is the best they can furnish. The Rice obtained from the Paddy produced in this part of the Country, is at all times of an inferior quality to Bengal Rice, and less fit for Garrison Store, as it becomes much sooner damaged. These reasons as well as the scarcity and consequent high Price of Grain this year, induce us to suggest the propriety in our own opinion of disposing of the present Stock of Grain whenever we may find it can be done most advantageously and of laying in the whole quantity of Grain that may be intended for future Garrison Store, or at least the Rice, out of such as may be imported from Bengal, by which means we conceived it may probably

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be procured both better and cheaper, than by any other mode, and at the same time be a relief in some small degree to the Neighbouring parts of the Country where Grain is every where at a higher Price than has been usual owing to the scantiness of the last Crop. —

We have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Sir Your Most Obed.t Servants

Masulipatam 13.th June 1791.

(Signed) Anth.y Sadleir
" W.m Dobbyn
" Sam.l Statham

Anthony Sadleir Esq.r
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

Agreeable to your orders I have the honor to transmit a State-ment of the Paddy and Rice in the Garrison Stores, pointing out the time when it was received by me from the Managers. —

I beg leave to offer it as my

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my opinion that the whole should be disposed off as soon as possible and a new Stock provided to replace it. In a former Letter I pointed out to the Board the bad quality of the Paddy when first received although now in good Preservation and upon an Examination of the Rice I found it so much destroyed by Insects that should it be kept two Months longer the Sales of it would be attended with great loss.

I also beg leave to recommend that the Stock now wanted may be laid in by Contract being convinced it will be attended with a great saving of Expence to the Company as it in General sell more moderate and of as good a quality here as that, supplied lately by the Managers.

I am

Jo.a Go.a

(Signed) W. A. Dobbyn

Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provision.

Masulipatam 1st May 1791.

a true Copy

(Signed) A.w Scott Secy

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A Statement of Grain under Charge of the Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provision at Masulipatam April 1791.

From whom and when Received		Paddy	Rice
		G. Measure	G. Measure
M.r Oram	September 1790		1312 "
	October		1811 8
	November		3623 8 "
	December		6381 4
	January 1791		976 4
	February		1275 8.
			130.198 "
M.r Scott	December	34. 77 4 —	
	January	19.390 8. —	
	February	3.298 4. —	
			57.366 4.
Captain Stewart of the Ship Lucknow Dec.r 1790			82.285 8.
		188.164. 4.	82.285 8.

Paddy			Rice		
G.	M.	S.	G.	M.	S.
or 1130.	4	12	496	5	88

(Signed) Wm. A. Dobbyn
D.C. of Grain and Prov.s

A true Copy

(Signed) A. Scott
Secry.

Agreed

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Fort S.t George 21.st June 1791.

Agreed to direct the Chief and Council at Masulipatam to sell off the present Stock of Grain on Store at Masulipatam, and to lay aside from Stock out of such as may be imported from Bengal, in the manner recommended by them.

Minute thereon

Read the following Report of the Hospital Board.

Report of the Hospital Board recommending that Messrs. Samuel, MacMorris, Nicolls and Wright, Assistant Surgeons, be stationed at the General Hospital.

Hospital Board
20.th June 1791.

The Hospital Board have transmitted Mr. Berry a Copy of the Minutes of Government, respecting his return to the Army for his Guidance.

approved.

Messrs. Samuel, MacMorris, Nicolls, & and Wright, having arrived on the Boddam and Cornwallis, with the

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the appointments of Assistant Surgeons from the Honble Court of Directors - the Hospital Board recommend that they do duty at the General Hospital until further order. &c

approved -

(signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician general
" William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue - desiring to know whether the Collectors who are unprovided with habitations are to draw a Monthly allowance according to their Ranks.

Honble Sir,

As most of the Collectors are unprovided with any habitations, we take the liberty of requesting your instructions whether they should be allowed a fixed sum for the purpose of Building or whether they should be permitted to draw a monthly allowance according to their rank. There are some Places in the Nabobs Country where Houses were built for

this

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this purpose during the Assignment: The Gentlemen who are appointed to these stations can of course have no Claim to any allowance. —

We have the honor to be,

Sir. Sir. Sir. &c. &c.

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(Signed) I. Huddleston

" David Haliburton

" Wm Balfour

Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that such of the Collectors as are not accommodated with Habitations should have a reasonable Allowance to provide for themselves, according to the Circumstances of their Situation, of which the Board of Asscessed Revenue are to judge. —

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob / entered also in C.C. N.o 155 /

Translation

From the Nabobs hopes Major Johnston will be allowed the pay annexed to the Rank he holds in his Highnesses Service - applies for an answer to his reference respecting the Majors Claim to Rank in the Companys Service. —

From the Nabob Wandewash to Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Dated 19th June 1791 or
16. Showall 1205 Hegery

Received 20 June 1791.

In answer to your Letter of the 9th Instant respecting Major Johnsons allowances,

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allowances, in case of his being appointed to the Command of the Revenue Corps at Tinnevelly, I have to inform you, that having held the Rank of Major in my Service for several Years past, he flatters himself that the Pay and Emoluments attached to that Rank will be allowed him; in like manner as Captain Everett receives Captains Pay &c. and as his Expectations in this Respect appear to me but reasonable, I hope you will add to the Favor which he has already solicited, that of permitting him to draw the allowances usually annexed to his Rank - To that part of my Letter respecting Major Johnson's Claim to Rank in the Company's Service you make no Reply: I should be glad to know your Sentiments on that Subject. &

What can I say more?

A true translation

Joseph Garrow

P.n S.r

Agreed

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Agreed that the Nabobs application

Minute thereon in favor of Major Johnson be recommended

to Major General Meadows.—

The Board are of Opinion that

Do. Major Johnson's Claim to Rank in the

Company's Service is totally inadmissible

Read the following Letter from

the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting Governor &c. President in Council.

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz recommending that an immediate supply of Paddy be made to the Family of the late Rajahs — the Rajahs conduct very unaccommodating towards them.

Honorable Sir,

In one of my last Letters to the Honble Board I begged leave to keep back the Letter concerning the 30,000 Kalams of Paddy which the Honble Board had resolved to add to the yearly allowance of the late Rajahs family.—

This very day the late Rajahs Mother and Widows sent a Message, representing their Want of Paddy and wishing that some quantity of Paddy might be given to them.—

When I heard this message I thought, that if the Honble Board would

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would allow them 10,000 Pagodas &
and send to that Purpose an Order
to the two Gentlemen Collectors, it
would not only supply their Wants
but would convince them of the
Honble Boards readiness to assist
them. To persuade the Rajah at
present to be kind to them is a
hopeless undertaking. —

His Excellency rather conde-
nees to make them uneasy of which
I will mention but two Instances. —

The late Rajahs Mother had
a large Gujerat Cow given to Her by
the late Rajah. This as I may
call it, was taken from Her, without
assigning any reason for it. —

One of the late Rajahs
Widows frequently sent for the
Children of her Sisters Daughter.
Both are very young, one of 5 and
the other of 4 years. When they were
sent to the Palace they went either
in a Hackery or on horse back. But
His Excellency ordered that those
Babes

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Babes should not come into the Palace in a Hookery or on horse back, but should stop at the Gate and there walk or be carried on the Arms of Servants. This indegnity offered to the whole family causes great + uneasiness. —

These two innocent Children were sent to me this morning and I was desired to represent the + indegnity offered the Thereto to the Honorable Board. It was said (+ I said with truth) that at liberty + allowed to very indifferent people, was denied to them. —

I am sorry that His Excel- lency hearkeneth to bad advise. —

I am respectfully
&c.a &c.a

(Signed) C. F. Swartz

In consequence of the opinion given by Mr. Swartz, it is agreed to desire the Board of Revenue to give Directions to the + Collectors

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Collectors at Tanjore to supply ten Thousand Collums of Paddy to the Family of the late Rajah. —

The Board are much concerned to observe that the Rajah, notwithstanding the many Remonstrances which have been made to him, still pursues the same unfeeling conduct towards the Family of the late Rajah — agreed to desire Mr. Swartz to represent to his Excellency in forcible Terms, the Injustice and Inhumanity of such Behaviour, and inform him that the Board are much displeased at his total Disregard of the several Remonstrances made to him on this subject.

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave. —

To the Honble the Governor in Council

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

From Major General Musgrave opinion respecting the Disposal of the Troops arrived from St. Helena on the Alfred.

Honble Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Boards Letter of the 17th Instant, directing me to give my opinion in regard to the disposal of the troops landed from the Alfred. —

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I take it for granted it is the Boards desire to meet the wishes of the S.t Helena Government in keeping the Detachment as much united as the nature of the service will allow, on that ground I would recommend that Company of Artillery to join those of the Coast at the Mount, and the two Infantry Companys, leaving no officers appointed to them, cannot in my opinion be better disposed of than by ordering them to replace the two detached Companys of the 2.d Battalion of Europeans. —

I have the honor to be

With respect

J.o. J.o.

18.th June 1791.

Tho.s Musgrave

The Board approve the opinion given by Major General Musgrave in regard to the Disposal of the Troops landed from the Alfred. —

Minute thereon

M.r Petrie begs leave to

lay

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Lay before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by the Cadets on Board the Earl Cornwallis accompanied by a Representation of the irregular and ungentlemanlike Conduct of Mr. Robert Nanson as Cadet during his Voyage to India.

Earl Cornwallis 15th June 1791.

Sir,

We take the liberty of enclosing you our Representation to the Honorable Board against Mr. Bob.t Nanson, which (knowing you to be acquainted with the contents) we shall be much obliged to you to present to them.

We are Sir,

J.s. Jo.s Jo.s

(Signed) Jas Campbell
" John Arthur Gore
" Wm Fargehar
" R. Brice
" James Skinner
" Jno P. Keasberry
" Wm Peacocke
" George Johnson
" John Lorani
" Andrew Geils.

Mr. Petrie lays before the Board a letter addressed to him by the Cadets on board the Earl Cornwallis - accompanied by a Representation of the ungentlemanlike Conduct of Mr. Nanson a Cadet during his Voyage to India.

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At Sea 6th. June 1791.

We the Cadets, on Board the Earl Cornwallis East Indiaman, in the Service of the Honble the East India Company, having been frequently Witnesses to the most shameful Conduct of Mr. Nanson Cadet, during the Passage, do think him improper to fill the Station of a Gentleman from his having descended to the lowest Species of Vice. Mr. Law (third Officer) was under the Necessity of dismissing him from his Mess. Previous to his being detected in stealing Wine from the Officers, he had been frequently seen drinking and gambling with the Recruits on the Orlop Deck, and since his Dismission from the Society of Gentlemen, so far from shewing any Sign of Contrition for his past Conduct, he has spent a Life of continual Riot and Drunkenness. We therefore being of opinion that he must prove a Disgrace to any Corps, to which he may have the Honor to be appointed, have taken the Liberty of laying before the Honble Board this Statement of his Behaviour. —

(Signed) Ja Campbell
" John Arthur Gore
" Jno P. Heasberry
" Wm Peacocke
" R. Brice
" Wm Farquhar
" James Skinner
" Andrew Geals
" John Lorance
" George Johnson

Minute thereon

Agreed that Major General Musgrave be desired to order a Court of Enquiry for the Purpose of investigating the Charges of Complaint.

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Compliment preferred against Mr Nanson.

The Board proceed to frame the ne-
cessary Resolutions upon such Parts of the
Public Letter from the Honble Court of Directors
dated the 4th March last, as relate to the
Political department. —

Resolutions upon such Parts of the Public Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 4th March last, as relate to the Political Department.

Para: 145 Before the Board revert to his
Highness the Nabob on the Subject of those
Paragraphs it is agreed to direct the Accountant
General to report the Progress that have been
made in the Investigation of the Nabob's Accounts
with the Company; and whether his Highness's
Servants have made any, and, if any, what
Objections to the Balance stated to have been due by
him at the time of the Assumption of his Country.

Para 11- Ordered that Copies of the Vote of the Honble
House of Commons upon the Subject of the War
with Tippoo Sultaun, be transmitted to Earl
Cornwallis, to the Residents at Poona and
Hydrabad - and that they be also published
in the Madras Couriers. —

" Chas Oakeley.

" Wm Petrie

" Hudleston

Lt Col Agnew
&c

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To William Page Esqr.

Secretary at Bombay

To the Secretary at Bombay with a Packet to be transmitted to England by the first opportunity.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will be pleased to forward the accompanying Packets by the Company's Ships Queen or by the first Ships that sails for England from Bombay. —

I have the honor to be

Sr. & Sr.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Secretary

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K. G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

To Earl Cornwallis with Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors and Copy of the Resolutions of the House of Commons upon the Subject of the War with Seringapatam.

My Lord,

We have the Pleasure to transmit for your Lordships Information, the following Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 4th March last and Copy of the

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the Resolutions of the Honble House of Commons upon the Subject of the War with Tippoo Sultaun.

"The Situation of our affairs
"upon the Coast, and the war with
"Tippoo Sultaun have been under the
"consideration of the Honble House
"of Commons, and we send you
"enclosed their Resolutions upon the
"Subject you will take the earliest
"opportunity of making the same
"generally known, and you will not
"fail to communicate the same with
"the utmost Expedition to our Residents
"at Poonah and Hydrabad."

"Resolved that it appears
"to this House, that the Attacks made
"by Tippoo Sultaun on the Lines of
"Travancore on the 29th December 1789
"the 6th of March and 15th of April
"1790, were unwarranted and unpro-
"voked Infractions of the Treaty entered
"into at Mangalore on the 10th day of
"March 1784".

Resolved,

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"Resolved, that it appears
"to this House, that the Conduct of
"the Government General of Bengal,
"in determining to prosecute with
"vigour the war against Tippoo Sultaun,
"in consequence of his attack on the
"Territories of the Rajah of Travancore,
"was highly meritorious".

"Resolved that it appears
"to this House, that the Treaties entered
"into with the Nizam on the 1.st of
"June, and with the Marattas on the
"7.th of July 1790, are wisely calculated
"to add vigour to the operations of War,
"and to promote the future Tranquility
"of India, and that the faith of the
"British nation is pledged for the due
"performance of the Engagements contained
"in the said Treaties".

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most faithful
humble Servants
(Signed) C. Oakeley
Gov.r &c.a

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Received

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22d. Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. B. N.os 172. 173. 174.

From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar. —

Extract from the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar. —

advising of the Arrival of the Hetch Active at Mootapelly with Military Stores for the Garrison of Innacondah. —

From the Collector in the Nellore District. —

From the Collector in the Nellore District. —

From the Collector in the Districts of Madura &c.a —

From the Collector in the Districts of Madura &c.a —

From the Collector in the Districts of Madura &c.a —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. —

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From the Collector in the Districts of Madura &c.a —

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From the Collector in the Districts of Madura &c.a

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22d vacant Battalion at Tinnevelly, and that the Mayor's Claim to rank in the Company's Service is totally inadmissible.

Sent the following Letters.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Major General Medows respecting Major Johnson.

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to inform you that his Highness the Nabob has made an application to us in favor of Major Johnson an Officer in his Service, whom his Highness wishes should be appointed to the Command of the vacant Battalion of Revenue Troops in the Tinnevelly Country with the Pay and allowances annexed to the rank of Major - If you see no objection to his Highness's request, we should be well pleased to have your sanction to our Compliance with it.

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

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(Signed) C. Oakeley
Govr &c.

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To M.r George Powney
Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore communicating the Resolution of Government respecting the Repairs to be made upon the Rajah's Fortifications for his Guidance.

Sir

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3.d Instant, and to inform you, that, in Consequence of your having given it as your decided Opinion that the Rajah of Travancore would be more easily induced to contribute a specific Sum of Money for the support of the War than to allow any fixed Proportion of his Revenue the Board have come to the Resolution of taking the nett Revenue of the Travancore Country at twenty Lacks of Rupees, which is considerably under your Estimate, and of requiring of the Rajah to contribute half that Sum annually from the Commencement of the present War exclusive of the Charge of his Troops employed with our Army.

The

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The Rajahs account will there
Mared, Viz.s Due from the 8th
Day of January 1790, the Date of
the Commencement of the War Rupees
with Tippoo to the 8 January 1791 - 10,00000
Received from the Rajah two Lacks
of Star Pagodas, which at 365 Rupees
per 90 Star Pagodas, is - - - - 7,30000

Balance 2,70000

The Balance, with the Demand
for half the Current year which is ex-
pected will amount to 7,70000 Rupees,
which must be provided for, and you
will be pleased to exert your Endeavours
to obtain its Liquidation as early as
possible, and to settle Payments for the
growing Demand - The Board leave
it to you to fix the Proportion of
the above Balance to be received
from the Rajah immediately - They
think it should not be less than 5
Lacks of Rupees, and if your conference
in the sentiments you have expressed

with

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with regard to his resources they au=
thorise you to demand the whole
sum at once.

I enclose by order & for
Letter for his Excellency on this sub=
ject, with a Copy for your Information.

I am
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) W.m C. Dacres
Secretary

Fort S.t George
22.d June 1791.

To the Hon.ble Commodore Cornwallis
Commander in Chief of his Majestys
Ships and Vessels in the East Indies.

To Commodore Cornwallis. Mr Baillie will be permitted to enter into an Agreement with him for providing some vegetables &c for the Sick of His Majestys Navy received into the General Hospital - Medicine will be furnished agreably to his Request.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 21.st Inst.t and beg leave to assure you that our Jurisdiction will at all times be readily given to any Measure & tending to promote the Comfort or Convenience of the Sick of his Majestys Squadron received into the Company's Hospital - We shall give M.r Baillie the Permission you desire, and shall direct

that

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22. That the Surgeons of his Majestys Ships be supplied from the Dispensary with such Medicines as they may require.

We have the Honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) C. Oakeley

Govr &c

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 175. 176. 177.

178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183.

To the Hospital Board desiring

To the Hospital Board -

them to inform Mr Baillie that the Board have no objection to his entering into an Agreement with Commodore Cornwallis for providing Wine Vegetables &c for the Sick of his Majestys Navy & received into the General Hospitals and desiring them to supply the Surgeons of His Majestys Ships from the Compranys Dispensary with such Medicines as they may require upon the Sums stated in the Commodores Letter of the 1st of October last of which a Copy has already been transmitted to them.

To the Residents at Poonah

To the Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad.

and

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and Hydrabad - enclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Hon.ble Court of Directors, dated the 4.th March last, + and Copy of the Resolutions of the + Hon.ble House of Commons upon the Subject of the War with Tippoo Sultaun

To the Board of Aforesaid + Revenue informing them that the + Collectors, who are not accomodated with habitations, may have a reasonable + allowance to provide themselves. =

To the Board of Aforesaid Revenue.

To the Accountant General desiring him to report the Progress + made in the Investigation of the + Nabobs Accounts with the Company, and whether his Servants have made any, and, if any, what objections to the Balance stated to have been due by him at the time of the Assumption of his Country.

To the Accountant General.

To Major General Musgrave - approving his Opinion respecting the Disposal of the Troops landed from the Alfred. and Desiring him to order a Court of

To Major General Musgrave.

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22d. of Enquiry, for the Purpose of investigating Charges of Complaint preferred against Mr Narson for irregular and ungentlemanlike Conduct during his Voyage to India.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board - approving their Recommendation on the Subject of sending Carrish Equipage to Vellore - their opinion required as to the ability of Major Scott's being appointed a Member of their Board performing there of that Officer's having been appointed acting Director of the Laboratory, with the allowance of a Sub Director's approving the Drafts of the Contracts for Cloathing the Army, and for the Delivery of Tenpoil Powder Barrels.

To Masulipatam.

To Masulipatam - the present Stock of Grain in Store at that Garrison to be sold off and a fresh Stock to be laid up out of such as may be imported from Bengal.

To the Board of Accounts 23d.

To the Board of Accounts Revenue - to order the Collectors at Tanjore to

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23.d to supply 10,000 Collums of Paddy to the Family of the late Rajah, to be carried to the Head of Changes Extraordenary. ~

To the Reverend M.r Swartz

To the Reverend M.r Swartz.

with advice of the orders abovementioned.

24.th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 184. 185. 186. 187.

From Capt.n Williamson.

From Capt.n Williamson. intending to proceed himself to Vengatagherry with Sixty three Elephants-conveniences of the Bad Quality of the Gunneys of which the Rice Bags are made- thanks he shall be able to carry 13000 Bengal Maunds at one Trip, each Maund weighing 80 lbs.

From the Collector in the Nellore Distrct.

From the Collector in the Nellore Distrct. advising of his having provided Bullocks at the Stations between Cudaay and Nellore for transporting Treasure from thence Nizam under charge of Lieutenant Cowpeland. ~

From

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From the Commandant at Amboor.

From the Commandant at Amboor - acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 18th Instant giving Leave to sundry Letters to be forwarded to Camp by the first Opportunity.

From the Collector in the Nellore District.

From the Collector in the Nellore District - stating the Impossibility of procuring Bullock-Drivers without the Assistance of Military Force.

Received the following Letters.

To the Honble the Governor in Council.

From Major General Musgrave recommending that Captain Campbell Commanding at Pooramalee may have permission occasionally to visit Madras without further application.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint the Board that Captain Campbell of his Majestys 72d Regiment, commanding at Pooramalee has applied to me to procure from the Boards leave to come to the Presidency for two days.

As the distance is so small Captain Campbell entreats to be indulged with permission to visit

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visit the Presidency occasionally & without troubling the Board with applications at times when probably his absence will not exceed the space of a few hours.

Madras
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I have the honor to be with respect
Yr. & Yr.
(Signed) Tho. Musgrave

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Yr. & Yr.

From the Commandant at Amboor with a Paper of Intelligence respecting the Detachment of the Army - and a Copy of his last Instructions from Lord Cornwallis respecting Grain Measures adopted in consequence.

I have the honor of enclosing a Letter received this instant from Bangalore, on five days, and take the liberty of accompanying it with an Ex: from a Letter from Bangalore the 16th — Beg leave to inform you that 40 Elephant loads of Rice is delivered at Vaniekelly-gurry, and that 62 arrived here this morning, under Captain Williamson, and proceeds tomorrow morning for that — I mean to accompany him, to see the Rice well covered, as it must be started to return the Bags, it must be covered

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covered with Surfaudings, there being no
cover, except for about 15 or 20 Yards - we
have three field 3 Pounders in this
Garrison, one of which I propose sending
to Vanketty-gerry and to keep the
Garrison fifty Sepoys, which is as
many as can be well spared from
this - the place would not be able to
hold out if Guns were brought against
it. &c I have mentioned to Colonel Hope,
in a Letter which is forwarded from
Bangalore, that "If no further instructions
from his Lordship, or Government, I will
consider the instructions of the 24th in force"
I have the honor of sending a Copy of
his Lordships Letter - as Government may
have much later accounts, beg to know,
if they would wish me to keep the
sending up Grain above the Pass Captain
Williamson has two Companys of Sepoys,
which will always accompany the
Elephants from the Pass to Vanketty-gerry
I am hopefy what has been
done here is approved by Government -
- and shall do all in my power.

to

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to merit their approbation, &c

I am with respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) I. Cuppage

Lt. Comdt. at

Ambore.

Ambore
21st. June 1791.

Extract of a Letter from Bangalore 16th. Instant.

The Army is about 30 or more miles due North of Seringapatam where I understand they will remain for some time – The General wishes to live as long as possible upon Tippoo and by the situations he has occupied the Bahadur must remain under great uncertainty as to his intentions – His Lordship keeps him in motion. –

A Detachment from the army to this quarter cannot be expected for some time, when the General wants his Battering Guns, and means are provided for his going to reduce Seringapatam, and that the season is favorable for quick movements, then we may see a detachment of which approach you will no doubt have timely

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24th timely information, we have daily some showers of Rain here, and on the 14th we had 300 Inhabitants coming Home from surrounding they have done us great Service, checked every Collection, and the Pettah people wont venture out beyond the walls. —

Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter

Sir,

As the army will soon require supplies of Grain from the Magazine at Amboor, I must request that you will use every exertion in your power, in conjunction with the Collector, to procure Carriage cattle, and Coolies, to transport Grain from Amboor to the head of the Pass, with the utmost expedition. —

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President
William Petrie and John Huddleston Esqr.
The Honble Major General Medows
absent upon Service. —

Monday Fort
24th May 1791.

Friday
24th June 1791.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved. —

The

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The acting President delivers in the following Minute. —

I beg leave to mention to the Board that much difficulty is experienced in conveying to Europe the Soldiers who have served their contracted time, or have been discharged, as unfit for his Majesty's and the Company's Service — The Number in this situation at present amounts to 336. —

These men have usually been embarked as opportunities offered on the Ships proceeding directly from hence to Europe, there are seldom more than three and sometimes only two Ships despatched from Bengal to compleat their cargoes at this Presidency, and the room of these Ships is in great measure occupied by passengers and discharged men from Bengal — on this account it becomes very difficult to remove even a small part of our own Incumbrances, and there is now a considerable number of men who have waited two and three years for an opportunity of returning

acting President's Minute proposing that a Proportion of the discharged Men from the Kings and Company's service be embarked for Europe annually on the China Ships stating the Saltery that will accrue the Company from this Arrangement.

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returning to Europe, each at an
Expence to the Company of Fourteen
or Fifteen Pounds per annum, without
doing any kind of Duty whatever.

To obviate an Inconvenience
which is evidently increasing from
year to year, I would recommend
that a proportion of the discharged
Men be embarked annually on the
China Ships - Tho' the expence of
their passage by this route may be
greater, the saving to the Company
on the whole will be considerable, many
of the Men now waiting to go home
have received upwards of Forty Pounds
since they have ceased to do any
Duty - and as their time of service
always expires about May or June,
they must, if not sent by the way
of China, inevitably remain Six or
Seven Months, probably much longer,
before they can be accommodated
with a passage to Europe - I observe
the order of the Honble Court of Directors
dated 4th February 1779. but at that
time the number of discharged men
were

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were few and might have been very well accommodated on the 4 direct Ships - The expience therefore of sending any of them by the way of China, was, as the Court truely observe, "additional and unnecessary" - In the present circumstances there is an evident saving by this plan, and the ground of the prohibition of 1779 is consequently removed.

It is not likely that this arrangement will be any impediment to the reenlisting Service. Those Men who chuse to stay in the Country always reenlist in a few Weeks after their time expires, and those who do not renew their time in this period, have generally fixt their resolution of returning to Europe, and are not to be prevailed upon by any means whatever to remain in India. -

(Signed) C. Oakeley
Govr Jno

The arrangement proposed by the acting President to be carried into immediate execution. -

The Board are of opinion that the measure recommended by the acting President will be attended with good Effect - and it is accordingly

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accordingly resolved to send by each of the China Ships of the present Season, thirty discharged Men of the Kings and Company's Service.

Resolved - That it be submitted to the Honorable Court of Directors, whether it would not be more eligible to enlist the Recruits intended for their Service, for a Period of ten instead of five Years. — The Soldiers, according to the System now in use, are scarcely inured to the Climate, and rendered fit for Service, before their Times are expired, and many of them from capricious motives refuse to re-enlist — an extra Bounty at first would probably induce them to enlist for the Term of ten years, which would be of great advantage, not only as it regards the Military Establishment, but as it would considerably diminish the Expences incurred by the present mode. —

observations to be communicated to the Honble Court of Directors respecting the Term of enlisting Men for their Service. —

The acting President lays before the Board the following Copy of a Letter from Captain Alexander

The acting Pr. President lays before the Board a Copy of a Letter from Captain Read to Lord Pr. Cornwallis.

Read

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Read to Lord Cornwallis, which he has received in a private Letter from the former. —

My Lord

From Captain Alexander Read to Lord Cornwallis - stating the Progress he has made in collecting Supplies for the use of the Army - and representing the improper Conduct of the Nizams or People towards the Polegars who have received the Companys Cowle

The timidity and Slowness of the Banjarries have laid me under the necessity of coming so far as Goorlagoonta to meet them, and of waiting here five days for them, but I have the Satisfaction to inform your Lordship of that time having been successfully employed in collecting Cattle from the neighbouring Countries. - Including every discription I have now about five thousand Bullocks and eleven thousand Sheep, which numbers will receive some encrease daily as I advance; and from a list I am drawing out of the Banjarries, I judge that nine thousand Bullocks Loads have arrived - They are willing to part with as many of their Cattle as are fit for the service, and I imagine three or four thousand of theirs and fifteen hundred of my flock will answer

for

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for draught and Carriage. —

By making a forced march on the night of the 11th I had the good fortune to surprize Hannapah Tipsoos Amildar of Colar and fifty Horse. He is the man who has been very active, levying Contributions lately in that & and the neighbouring districts, and in preventing the Communication between Bangalore and the Carnatic. I have likewise fallen in since with thirty more mares and foals in different Villages — With an idea that your Lordship may be pleased to restore Hannapah to his late Station, I am bringing him and his family along with me. —

I have a pleasure in learning from Colonel Oldham that what I said in my last about advancing beyond Bangalore, is what you desire and in acquainting your Lordship that the & Binjarries make no objection to it. In consequence I take the route of Chellagut and Deanhelly and march tomorrow. Both Cattle and Sheep straggle so & much, and the different herds of &

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Binjarries travel so wide of one another, that my line of march will not be less than five miles.— Under that circumstance your Lordship will judge of the mischief that even a small body of Horse might do — Even in case of taking post, thus confining the range of such a number of Cattle in grazing, would be attended with great loss in a few days — If these remarks be thought unnecessary, & especiable at a time when no interruption is to be apprehended from the enemy, I hope your Lordship will excuse it, for this difficulties possible to surmount, shall never impede me in the performance of any service I may be on, it appears to me proper for public and for other reasons, to mention beforehand, as well as to provide against such as I may meet with — According to the stages of two Cos a day, proposed by the Binjarries, I shall arrive at Devanhully the 19th but if they can

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be prevailed upon to make longer
marches, I shall be there sooner. —
I have entertained five hundred
Polligars to assist in escorting and
driving the Cattle, and find them
very useful. — Without them I should
be under the necessity of employing
all my Sepoys in driving them +
near half of whom are now on that
Duty. —

I beg leave to acquaint your
Lordship that the Nizam's people have
lately usurped the Company's au-
thority over the Poligars, who several
months ago received your Lordships
Cowle, seized on several of their +
Villages, and made demands of
tribute, that they claim by your
ships protections, and represent that
these disturbances prevent their +
providing the supplies they would
otherwise furnish — As this encroach-
ment is most probably without the
sanction or knowledge of the Nizam,
and if permitted, will undoubtedly
interrupt

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interrupt, if not prevent the receiving future supplies from this Quarter, the Polliams being the Chief resort of the Bonjarries) I loose no time in laying before your Lordship the Pollegars application for support; and have thought it expedient to represent their situation in a Letter to Mr. Henna-way, Copy of which I do myself the honor to transmit with an enclosure.—

I am with great respect.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Alex.r Read.

Substance of a Letter from Shaik Enait Ullah Commandant of a Detach-ment of the Nizams Troops in the Polliams which have received the Companies protection, to Coosalapilly, an Agent sent by Captain Read, to Collect the Pollegars supplies, and the Bonjarries in that Quarter.—

Coosalapilly, having written to the above sardar not to molest the Pollegars who had thrown themselves under the Companies protection, not

to

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to interrupt them in their endeavours
to collect supplies, Enaitullah, in
reply, desires to know the meaning
of his writing to him in that stile,
That the whole country belongs to
Bundagan ally, That Saige Wrent
Sing, and afsudally, had joined
the English with a large army, +
that his Master and the Company
were now one, That he had given
the Polligars, no molestation in +
Collecting the supplies; That on the
contrary he had been arguing them
not to be slow in fulfilling [illegible]
praising their Engagements to the
Company. That the Polligars had
been for a length of time, subject
to the control of Bundagan ally
That his Highness had sent him to
settle them. That the Polligars were
remiss in praying their ardent +
push that by which conduct they
did not consult their own Interest:
That it is evident they are desirous
of sowing the seeds of dissention between
the

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the two powers: and that it is well known, they make a practice of infesting and plundering the Countries subject to the sirkar that it was therefore improper in him to write in the manner he did, on this subject, and if it should be repeated he would not fail making his Master acquainted with it, that he was advancing, in conformity to the orders of his Court to settle the Country: but that the Polligars should not be molested by him, or his people, in collecting the Peishcush. —

(True Copy)
(Signed) Alex.r Read

To Captain Kennaway
Resident at the Nizam's Court

Sir,

I despatch Row Ummildar, the Mahomed Cawan Buxy, and Shaik Enait Ullah, the sirdars employed by his Highness the Nizam in this quarter

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Quarter, having attempted to Establish their Masters authority over the Countries of the Pollegars who have received the Company's Protection, they have besieged on Rangam Samoodrum, Nirnamalley, Agraarum, and Mutta doomalley Cundahoor Espra Samudrum and Cunala Mahomed Abad, Villages belonging to them, and are doing all they can to enforce Compliance with the Demands of which they have made in his name.

Sauge Hunt having considered them as English subjects when he passed through their Polliams, prohibited his People from Molesting them in any Respect, even desired they would oppose force to force if they offered any Resistance.

Requisitions of them through me, on being informed they were placed by Lord Cornwallis, under my orders I therefore imagine the above Cardars are acting of their own accord and not By his Highness's instructions.

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The Polligars having first represented this usurpation to an agent of mine Employed in Collecting their Supplies for the Army, he wrote to Enaitt Ullah, who has given for answer the inclosed, declaring, in unequivocal terms, his Design; and now that I have arrived among them they have applyed to me for assistance to Expel these Invaders, asserting that while they were Disturbed in their possessions, they cannot Provide the supplys they have Engaged to furnish.

The Polliams being the Report of the Binganies, this outrage will be of still worse consequence on the families being with them, they have taken the alarm, I have mentioned these Circumstances the more particularly, because they Immediately affect the Business on which I came here, which though very important, there appear to be other Reasons of at least Equal

Weight

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Weight for procuring them (a Vessels
Depending on the English Government
for protection) relief from their present
Embarrassment.—

As consistant with my duty
I have acquainted Lord Cornwallis
with it and in order to gain time
have troubled you as the Company's
public Minister at the Nizam's Court
with this Representation, that if advis-
able, you may lay it before his Highness.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Read

Goonlaga-
on the 14th
June 1791.

The Exertions and consequent
success of Captain Alexander Read
in Collecting Supplies for the Army,
afford the Board the greatest satis-
faction — agreed to approve all the
measures which he has taken and
which he means to pursue in
this essential Service, and that a
Copy of his Letter be transmitted to
Bengal. —

Read

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Read the following Letter
of Enclosure from Colonel de Meuron
Commandant at Pondicherry.

To the Hon^ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar^t
Governor of Madras &c.

From the Governor of Pondicherry respecting an account published in the Madras Courier of the Death of M^r De Macnamara at the Mauritius in which unjust Reflections were thrown upon the Conduct of M^r De Caseigne.

Sir,

Permit me to address myself to you to rectify an error or rather a Calumny published in the Madras Courier of the 9th of March last. In the paragraph which gives the account of the death of M^r De Macnemara it was mentioned, that he had said on going out of the Cheack to M^r de Caseigne, "If you abandon me, Sir, I am a lost man". The Extract of the Letter which M^r de Caseigne wrote me, and which I take the liberty of enclosing to you, will shew you the falsely of this assertion, and place in its true Light the Governor General's conduct in the unhappy catastrophe which terminated the existence of M^r de Macnemara I flatter myself, Sir, that you will cause the extract enclosed

in

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in this Letter to be inserted in the
Madras Courier. — The step, which I
now take of applying to you, is dictated
by the respect due to the personal
character of M.r de Cossigni and by
a conviction that your generosity and
justice will induce you to do away
an atrocious calumny directed against
the representative of His most
Christian Majesty, in this part of
the World. —

I have the honor to be with
the highest respect.

Sir. Your
(Signed) de Fresne

Pondicherry
18.th June 1791.

Extract of a Letter from Mons.r de Cossigni
Governor General of the French Establish=
ments East of the Cape of good Hope
to Mons.r le Chevalier De Fresne Comman=
dant at Pondicherry and its Depend=
encies, dated Isle of France 30.th April 1791.

It is not without pain I
perceive, Sir, by an account of the
explanation of Mons.r Macnamara,
(in most respects correct) given by
the

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the Editor of the Madras Courier, that his Correspondent at this place has been guilty of grose defamation in stating it as a misfortune that the Governor did not think it necessary to keep close to Mr. Macnamara when he was taken from the Church to be conveyed to the Quarter, and to mock sensibility the more he makes him say, "if you quit me, Sir, I am lost." To assert that any such Expressions fell from Mr. Macnamara is a vile falsehood. — neither he nor I had the smallest Idea of any danger to youth matters to an Extremity — the Truth is, and it is known to the whole Garrison and Colony, that I kept in front of him on his arrival, that I endeavored all in my power to make him go to the Government House but every Effort to prevail on those who were conducting him was fruitless — that no officer Military or Naval excepting myself could approach him and I did it at the risk of my life — it was

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was agreed to carry him to the Church where I flattered myself I should find assembled the Representatives of the Colony but there were only four or five who gave me any real assistance – it is easy to imagine my situation on reaching the Church, I mounted the Pulpit and urged, as was my Duty, all that could be urged – I appealed to the Dictates of Honor, I offered my Life for the release- ment of Mr. M'Donnell, in vain for a person to attempt to make himself heard amidst 2000 men of different descriptions all talking at the same time – it was no sooner it proposed to carry him to the Quarters than this unfortunate brave man was hurried away, I immediately cried out – To the Quarters, the assist- ants of Mons. Dagin Court I lost no time in getting down and strug- gled hard to keep close to him but the Church Door was absolutely

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shocked us by the sudden pressing forward of number to get out several minutes elapsed before I could reach the Door where I found Mons.r Dugin= court who addressing himself to me said "they promised me to carry him "to the Quarter last we saw on before" several officers joined us but scarcely had we gone 30 paces when it was announced to us that Mons.r Maena= more was no more! we were fixt with consternation - it was a moment that will ever be present to me!

I pray you Sir take such steps as you think advisable to acquaint the Editor of the Madras Courier that his Correspondent has led him into Error, and to cause Facts to be related as they actually passed. -

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Ordered, that a Letter be written to the Editors of the Madras Courier, directing them to publish the Extract of Mons.r de Cossigny's Letter to Colonel de Fresne. -

Read

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Read the following Letter
from the Board of Apeuncd Revenue.

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

From the Board of Apeuncd Revenue with Extract of a Letter from the Collector at Tinnevelly recommending that 200 Pagodas per Annum be allowed to Captain Leighton in lieu of Perquisites.

Hon^ble Sir.

We do ourselves the honor of laying before you Extract of a Letter from M^r Torin upon the subject of a compensation to the Commandant of Palamcotah. We have the honor to be

&c.^a &c.^a &c.^a

(Signed) W^m Petrie
David Haliburton
W^m Balfour

Fort St. George
23^d June 1791.

Extract of a Letter from M^r Torin
Dated 13th June 1791.

I feel myself a little perplexed in executing your orders towards the Commanding Officer In your Letter of the 22^d you direct that he shall enjoy the same allowances as were granted to Captain Bideliffe

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Bilcliffe - Whereas I suggested an Equivalent, as the Perquisites allowed to Captain Bilcliffe arose from the + Customs at Tutecorin now in posession of the Dutch - as these cannot be + revived and as Government mean to shew the Commandant a mark of their indulgence, I propose paying him at the rate of 200 Pagodas per Month, which I am informed is upon a Par with the Perquisites allowed last assignment, and from the 1.st September last. -

A true extract

(Signed) I Webbe Secy

Agreed that an Extract of Mr. Irwin's Letter to Lord Macartney dated the 12.th August 1784 and entered on the Proceedings of the 8.th September + following, be transmitted to the + Board of assumed Revenue for their Guedance in determining the + allowances to be granted to the + Commandant at Palamcotah, and that

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that it be observed to them at the same time, that the Perguneahs enjoyed by Captain Bideliffe during the late assignment did not exceed the Monthly Sum of one hundred Pagodas.

Read the following Letter from the reverend Mr. Swartz. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz the Rajah still refuses to consent to the Proposition of the Board respecting the allowance of Paddy for the family of the late Rajah. Conversation at the Durbar respecting the Mother of the Rajah's late Letter supposed to be the production of an European. Remarks thereon.

Honble Sir and Sirs —

I have received two Letters which the Honble Board sent to His Excellency dated June 14th. Both were delivered to day to His Excellency. —

The first concerning the 30,000 Candies of Paddy, which the Honble Board had resolved to add to the yearly allowance of the late Rajahs family, was read by Sheevarow — Brother — The reply which His Excellency made was short, viz: the Honble Board may do it by force, but not with my consent. —

When the second Letter was read, I dreaded the effects. As my name was mentioned I force once that from

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from hence I should lose that little influence which I had the fortune to have possessed - Accordingly they looked on me - and Shiverons Brother said. you reign us. I told his Excellency that being asked my opinion, I could not say or write any thing but what I thought - That a European had penned the letter was too plain. Shiverons brother vainly said, that he had written the letter, though he can hardly speak a few broken Sentences. As to the last part of the Letter the Rajah might perhaps have consented to it / as he once formerly did / had not my name be mentioned and the opinion which I had given respecting the contents of the above mentioned Letter. But as soon as His Excellency heard that point he declared that he would send his Letters as before. By this it plainly appears, that I shall be of little use to the Honble Board.

The evil must first be stopped at Madras - and then a gentle

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gentle endeavour to follow the prescribed
method might have been received. —
I hesitated long whether I
should not discover my doubts to the
Honble Board, but having before
kept back one letter, I thought it
unbecoming to do so again. —
The decision of the Honble
Board concerning the 30,000 Pagodas I
have not yet published to the late
Rajahs family. but shall wait till
I get an answer to my last Letter. —
I have the Honor to be
with respect
Sir &c &c
(Signed) E. F. Swartz

Tanjore
20.th June 1791.

Resolved that the following
answer be returned. —

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz

Sir I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 20.th
Instant. With respect to the mention
of your name to the Rajah on the
subject

To the Reverend
Mr Swartz in re-
ply to the foregoing
Letter desiring him
to name the Person
whom he suspects
to be the author
of the Rajahs late
Letter. —

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Subject of his correspondence, the
Board considered it as the best
plan to act openly with him on
this occasion, and as they could not
refer to a more decisive authority
than yourself, they wished by such
reference, to make him at once
thoroughly sensible of the discovery
they had effected, and of their full
determination to correct the evil by
the only means in their power

Tho' the Rajahs may at
first feel some degree of
the Board assure themselves that
the effect of this proceeding will
ultimately be favorable.

His Excellency's suspicions
fall at present on every one who
opposes his unjust treatment of the
late Rajahs family and while you
act with so much propriety in
remonstrating upon this point, &
agreeably to the wishes of the Board,
you must expect with them to share
some portion of his displeasure. But
when

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when His Excellency is disposed to
hear season your influence under his
the full confidence and support which
you are always sure to receive from
Government, will speedily return.

The Board observe that you
recommend in your Letter of the 20th
Instant, that the evil complained of
by there should be stopt at Madras,
and in your communication of the
6th Instant you speak of the Rajas
Letter referred to you as having been
written by an European at Madras -
- This case is not sufficient to enable
the Board to fix upon any person by
name, but if your Information would
enable you to give them that additional
and very necessary
would be extremely acceptable to us

Hon.

I have the Honor to be

Fort St George
24th June 1791.

(Signed)

Sir &c.
&c. &c.
W. C. Jackson
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Read

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Read the following Letter from
Cornet Montgomery.—

William Col. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

From Cornet Montgomery requesting that his Pay and allowances as well as the Pay of the Troopers under his command may be Discharged by the Paymaster at Ongole.—

Sir,

I have made application to Mr. Torriano Paymaster at Vellore for Payment of my allowance as Agent for purchasing horses, but he has returned me for answer, that he has no authority to make such a change in his accounts.

I beg therefore that you will obtain for me an order to Mr. Grange Paymaster in the Palmaud to disburse the amount, and to continue to pay me and the party of dismounted Cavalry ordered with me to the Northward, as I would wish to leave this as soon as possible.—

I have the honor to be
Jo.a Jo.a
(Signed) H.C. Montgomery
agent for purchasing horses.

Madras
23d. June 1791.

Ordered that the Paymaster at Ongole be directed to discharge such arrears of Pay Jo.a as may be due to Cornet Montgomery, as well as his future Monthly Bills for Pay and allowances.

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Read

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Read the following Letter from the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council &c.

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts inclosing the Bills of Lieutenant Hope Stuart for arrears of Gratuity and Subsistance and for Secret Service Money &c.

Honble Sir,

Application has been made to me to pass Pay notes of Lieutenant Hope Stuart of this Establishment, who has been a Invalid of this Establishment, who has been a Invalid Month at Bengal for the recovery of his health. His indisposition terminated in delirium, which prevented his applying for leave himself; and his friends unacquainted with the official forms, sent him away without procuring previously or obtained a written permission from the Governor in Council and Commander in Chief. But the Agent as the enclosed Letters and Certificates will shew, reported his departure to the Town Major, who was supposed to make a Verbal Report of it to the Governor. By the Regulations of the Service, he should have procured a Written Order before he left the Coast; and had this form been complied with and Permission granted, he would have been entitled to Subsistence and Gratuity during his Absence.

He also prefers the enclosed Bill for Secret Service Money, which is Inadmissible unless there Signature of the Commander in Chief is affixed to it.

I am with great respect
H. &c. &c.

(Signed) I. Casamajor
C.G.

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Resolved

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Resolved, in consideration of the pe-
culiar Circumstances attending the Case
of Lieutenant Hope Stewart, That his Ar-
rears of Gratuity and Subsistence be paid
off. — His Claim for Secret Service is inad-
missible. —

Death of Lieutenant Charles Allison of the 26th Infantry.

The acting President reports
to the Board the Death of Lieutenant
Charles Allison of the 26th Battalion of
Native Infantry at Masulipatam on
the 13th Instant. —

" Chas Oakeley.

" W. Petrie

" J. Huddleston

John Bigelow Esq.

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Diary.

Sent the following Letters.

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal with Para 1. advice of the Aquisition made upon the Rajah of Travancore enclosing Copies of Papers relating to the subject

We had the Honor to submit to your Government a Letter dated the 1st of December last the Propriety of calling upon the Rajah of Travancore to contribute a Reasonable Proposition of his Revenues towards defraying the Expence of a War, which had been undertaken in the first Instance for the sole Purpose of preserving him from the Distruction with which he was threatened by Tippoo Sultaun. In consequence of this Reference the Governor General soon after his arival at Madras Communicated to us his entire approbation of the Measure - but recommended, that as any heavy - demand upon the Rajah might either bear the appearance of avarice on our Part, or of our affairs being the distress and might make an unfavorable Impression upon the minds of our other allies on the Coast of Malbar, it would be necessary, that our ultimate Requisition should be moderate,

and

"moderate and clearly within the strict Bounds of our
"Rights, which should be admitted to extend prior the
"Commencement of the War, to the same proportion of the
"Revenues of the Travancore Country, which was furnished
"by the Nabob of Arcot and the Rajah of Tanjore, after
"making a proper allowance for the Expence of the Rajahs
"Military Establishments - or to the half of his Nett
"Revenues with the addition of his supporting his Troops
"now serving with our Army at his own Expence".

3. Having obtained from the Resident at Travan
=core an Estimate of the Rajahs Revenues, which
were stated in the Gross to amount to the Sum of thirty
five Lacks sixty Eight thousand /35,68,000/ Rupees, &
in the Nett to the Sum of twenty two Lacks, thirty six
thousand /22,36,000/ Rupees, we came to the Resolution
of adopting the second proposition suggested by Lord
Cornwallis, because, it would free us from the Embar-
=rassment of unsettled Expences and Deductions for
Troops which had, if we assessed his revenue to the
Amount of four fifths must be provided for by a
Deduction from that Sum - Claims and Accounts
would be brought forward in Consequence, and the
Rajah would have an Interest in protracting the
Settlement as long as possible to avoid Payment of
the Balance.

4. As we were desirous that the specific Sum

to

25. to be demanded from the Rajah should approach as near to the Ideas suggested by Lord Cornwallis as Circumstances would permit we determined that the nett Revenue should be taken only at twenty Lacks of Rupees and that the Rajah should be required to Contribute half that Sum annually from the Commencement of the War exclusive of the charges of his Troops employed with our Army.

5. Mr. Powney, in all his Letters to us on this Subject, has been decidedly of opinion that the Rajah would be more easily induced to Contribute a Specific Sum of Money for the Support of the War, than to allow any fixed Proportion of his Revenues, whether of behalf- four fifths- or any other Amount; and he found this opinion on the Supposed Jealousy of the Rajah, whose avarice leads him to conceal with great care the Value of his Income.

6. In our Letter to the Rajah therefore we made no particular Mention of the Amount of his Revenues- We stated only, the Specific Sum we had resolved to demand of him under the full Sanction of Lord Cornwallis's approbation;

7. The Rajahs account upon the Principle we have adopted stands thus.

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Due from the 8th of January 1790 the Date of
the Commencement of the War with Tippoo Rupees
to the 8th of January 1791. - - - - - - - - - 1,00,000 - -
Received from the Rajah in part two Lacks
of Star Pagodas, which at 365 Rupees P.
Star Pagodas is - - - - - - - - - - - - 7,30,000 - -

Balance - 2,70000

8. We communicated to Mr. Powney the - -
Arrangement we had made, and directed him to use
his best Endeavours to obtain as early as possible a Liquida
tion of the Balance, with the Demand for half the current
Year, making together 2,70,000

9 We have the honor to forward with this
Letter Copies of the most material of the Papers that
have passed on the Subject, and we hope the Line of
Conduct we have pursued will meet your approbation -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St. George
25th June 1791.

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c Council

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal with Copy of Captain Alex.r Reads last Letter to Governor General.

Sir Charles Oakely having laid before us a Copy of Captain Alexander Reads last address to the Governor General, stating the Progress he had made in collecting Supplies for the use of the Army, we beg leave to inclose a Copy for your Information

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

Signed / Chas. Oakely
&c. Council

Fort St. George
25.th June 1791.

To John Harrison Esq.r
President &c. Select Committee
at Canton

Gentlemen,

To the Select Committee at Canton- dispatched Men embarked for Europe on the Albion Number intended to be sent on each Ship distinct this Season for China-

We think it necessary to inform you that we have embarked on the Honble Company's Ship Albion as Charter Party Passengers for England thirty discharged Men from the Kings and Company's Service & that we shall send a like Number on each of the Ships destined this Season for China

We are &c. &c.

/ Signed / Chas. Oakely
&c. Council

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To Colonel De Fresne

Knight of the Royal and Military order

of St Louis Commandant of the French

Settlements in India &c. &c.

at Pondicherry.

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your Letter of the 18th Instant, enclosing an Extract of one to you from Mons.r De Cosigny, and requesting that I would cause the latter to be published in the Madras Courier

I beg leave to assure you, Sir, that I shall with great pleasure give immediate Orders to the Editor to insert a Translation of the Extract in the next Courier and that I am happy at the opportunity which you have afforded me, of placing in a clear Point of view, the Honorable and humane Conduct of the Governor General of the French Establish-ments on the Day in which Mons.r De Macnamara lost his Life

I have the honor to be,
with sentiments of high Consideration
&c. &c.
(signed) Chas. Oakeley

To the Governor of Pondicherry translate of the Paper enclosed in his Letter of the 18th Instant will be published in the Madras Courier.

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Sent Letters to the Jaghiredar of Arnee (as entered in 66 No. 157) desiring him to procure immediately, and deliver to the Paymaster the Number

Substance of a Letter to the Jaghire-dar of Arnee.

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Number of Bullocks that may be required for —
transporting Grain from Arnee to Amboor.

Substance of a Letter from Bomrauzy.

Received Letter from Bomrauzy as
entered in C.C. No. 158 stating the Exertions he has
made in Collecting Bullocks for the use of the Army
and representing that in consequence of the heavy
Assessment of Cattle made by Captain Mosey the
Inhabitants are daily deserting the Villages and the
Cultivation very materially injured

From the Collector in the Nellore District

Received the undermentioned Letters
as entered in No 3 Nos. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193.
From the Collector in the Nellore District
with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Grace stating
that Lieutenant Coupland has in consequence of orders
from Captain Kinnaway returned with the Treasure
under his charge towards gunjy cottah

From the Commandant at Angole.

From the Commandant at Angole with
Copy of a Letter from Captain Kinnaway advising
of the orders given by Lieutenant Coupland to march
towards Gunjycottah.

From the Commandant at Caroor.

From the Commandant at Caroor will
furnish such Detachments as may be required of
him by the Collector the Bullock Contractors People
for the Protection of Bullockes proceeding to
Amboor

From

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From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar with Copy of a Letter from Captain Kennaway signifying Nizam's Wish that the Stores &c. intended for the Nizam's Army should be detained

From the officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

From Lieutenant Duff - advising of his Arrival at Guntoor and of his Intention to proceed immediately on his Route.

From Lieutenant Duff.

From the Paymaster and Storekeeper at Dindigul complaining of the unaccommodating Conduct of Captain Bowser and advising of the Progress made in Collecting the Account of the Stores &c. in that Garrison captured from the Enemy.

From the Paymaster and Storekeeper at Dindigul

Received the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to investigate the Charge brought against the 2d. Mate of the Albion by John Lord a Recruit (vide M.B. dt. 194)

Proceedings of the Committee appointed to investigate the Charges against the 2nd. Mate of the Albion.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters contained in M.B. dt. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205.-

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Albion communicating the Resolutions of Government whom the Conduct of Mr. Heron 2nd. Mate of his Ship, in respect to his Treatment of John Lord deserving him to notify the same to Mr. Heron in Presence of his Officers

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Albion

To Do. with a List of Men ordered to embark on his Ship as Chanter Party Passengers for England.

To

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To the Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad

To the Resident at Poonah and Hyderabad.

with Copy of a Letter from the Persian Translator in Camp, with Copies of the Correspondence to which it gave Rise -

To the Paymaster at Ongole - directing him

To the Paymaster at Ongole.

to discharge such Arrears of Pay &c as may be due to Cornet Montgomery as well as his future Monthly Bills for Pay and allowances also to Pay to the Party of Dismounted Troopers under that officers Command.

To Major General Musgrave - informing him

To Major General Musgrave.

that Captain Campbell Commanding at Poonamallee may have may have permission to visit the Presidency Occasionally. -

To the Editors of the Madras Courier inclosing

To the Editors of Madras Courier

an Extract of a Letter from Monsieur De Cossigny to the Governor of Pondicherry respecting the Death of Mr De Mannamara to be published in the next Courier.

To Captain Alexander Read - expressing the

To Captain Alex.r Read.

Satisfaction afforded the Board by his Exertions and consequent success in the Collection of Supplies for the use of the Army.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army accounts

of Army Accounts informing him that in consideration of the peculiar Circumstances attending the Case

of

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25th of Lieutenant Hope Stuart the Board Consent that his Arrears of Subsistance and Gratuity shall be discharged his Claim for Secret Service inadmissible his Bills Returned.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue enclosing

For the Board of Assumed Revenue

Extract of a Letter from Colo. Stuart to Lord Macartney respecting the Perquisites enjoyed by Captain Beatcliffe during the last Appointment

To the Collector in the Center and Southern

For the Collectors in the Center & Southern Divisions of the Ceded Provinces

Divisions of the Ceded District directing them to furnish Straw &c. and afford all necessary assistance to the Contractors People passing through the Districts under their Management with Bullocks, and Recommending them to issue all orders on this Subject with as much Secrecy as possible

To Vizagapatam ordering an invoice of 4

For Vizagapatam

Military Stores laden on the Dutch Active and consigned to their Factory.

26. Received the following Letter from Commodore Cornwallis

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Madras.

From the Commodore Cornwallis communicating his Intentions of sending His Majesty's Ship Leopard to England very shortly—enclosing the Passports under the Directions of Government

Sir,

As I have reason to believe that I shall very shortly send His Majesty's Ship Leopard to England, I take the first opportunity of acquainting you with

my

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my Intention, and that agreable to the Request made in your Letter to me dated the second instant Captain Blankett will have directions to receive such of the Electoral Troops as he can with convenience accommodate.

The Victuallers I perceive are lightened, and I consider them entirely under the direction of the Government I wish in every respect to co-operate with you, - but I apprehend if it is judged proper to send those Vessels home; that in the present situation of affairs, their going under the Convoy of the Leopard would only retard Her Progress, without answering any end in regard to their Protection.

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

Signed W. Cornwallis

Brown
Madras Road
26 June 1791

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Sent the following Letter to Commodore Cornwallis.

To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis

Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships &c. &c.
in the East India

To Commodore Cornwallis requesting him to inform the Board of the time of the Leopard's departure and to state the number of Troops that can be accommodated.

Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 26th Instant, & beg leave to make our acknowledgements for the Communication you have been pleased to give us of your intention to send to England in a

a short time his Majesty's Ship Leopard.

We shall avail ourselves of this opportunity to transmit Dispatches to the Honble Court of Directors, and shall be obliged by your information as to the time of this Ship's departure.

As soon as we know the Number of Troops that can be accommodated on Board the Leopard we shall give the necessary orders for their being kept in readiness to embark.

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

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27.th June 1791.

Signed Cha.s Oakeley
Sr. Counsil.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered 1173 to 206. 207.

To Lieutenant Riddle - to take Charge of the Treasure now Ready in the Tumbrills and proceed with all expedition to Vellore - directing him on his Arrival at that Place to deliver over the Tumbrils to Mr. Torriano, and return with his Detachment to the Presidency -

To Lieutenant Riddle

To the Paymaster at Vellore - informing him of the amount of the Treasure delivered in charge of Lieutenant Riddle and of the Instructions given to that Office.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

Received the undermentioned Letters as

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as entered in Mss Nos 208. 209. 210. 211. 212.

From Lieutenant Reade intends proceeding immediately to Vellore with the Treasure under his charge

From Lieutenant Reade.

From acting Persian Translator at Calcutta advising of his intention to send his Letters in future for Europe through the channel of the Secretary at this Presidency

From the acting Persian Translator at Calcutta.

From Captain Massey stating that he has already collected and sent to Vellore 708 Bullocks, and that he expects to dispatch several more in a few Days

From Captain Massey

From the Subsecretary at Bengal acknowledging the Receipt of the Duplicate Letter to the Supreme Council of the 19th Ultimo and of the Letter to Mr. Secretary Hay of the 18th with the Consultations and Packet therein mentioned

From the Subsecretary at Bengal.

From Lieutenant Downie requesting to be informed immediately of the Intentions of Government respecting his future motions

From Lieutenant Downie.

At a Consultation

Present.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
acting President

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqr.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Tuesday
28 June 1791.

Minute

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Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Bengal

To the Honorable the Governor in Council,
at Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

From Bengal - Desiring to be furnished with certain Accounts relating to the Pay and of the Bengal Artillery Serving on the Coast.

1. In a Letter dated the 17th of February; in last year, we notified to you our wishes relative to the Payment of the Bengal Artillery, then ordered to be detached to the Carnatic, and now serving under your Presidency.

2. The Artillery Bills and abstracts were to be drawn in Pagodas, and the Grand Total converted into Current Rupees at a fixed Rate of Exchange to be settled by your Government, but we requested you to give the necessary orders that instead of writing off these advances to the Military charges of your "Presidency, ours might be debited for the amount "after the Charges had been audited, care being taken "to forward to us authenticated Statements thereof "monthly, with the vouchers for the same in Duplic=cate, to enable our Accountant General to debit Fort St. George in the proper Sum, and include it

in

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"in the Monthly account of advances to the Military
"Department in Bengal"

3 This instruction heaving by some means
or other, escaped notice, we have to request that you
will issue the necessary orders for its being complied
with as soon as possible, for the whole period during
which the Bengal Artillery continued to draw
their Pay and allowances from the Madras Paymaster,
— and that you will also direct the proper Officers at
Fort St. George to transmit to Bengal Certificates of
the amounts of the several Sums that have been or
may be from time to time, advanced to the Paymaster
of the Bengal Troops serving under your Presidency.

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

(Signed) Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke

Fort William
1st June 1791.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter
be sent to the Military Paymaster General and that
he be directed to state how far the orders of the
Governor General in Council have been complied
with.

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Read the following letter from the Military
Board.

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board inclosing the Honble Company's Works in Buildings & Repairs

Having advertized for Proposals of Contract for executing the Honble Company's Works in Building and Repairs, We have the honor to submit to you a Comparative Statement of the Tenders made to us in consequence by Messrs. Roebuck and Abbot and Mr. Robert Woolf, together with a Copy of the Letter accompanying those of the former.

Upon these Proposals We shall remark that, independant of the Rates offered by Messrs. Roebuck and Abbot being the most advantageous, the Deduction of Fifteen, instead of twelve, p.c.t. proposed to be allowed therefrom, upon all such Works as shall exceed five hundred Pagodas, in the Piece, makes a Considerable difference in their favor, We therefore recommend that they be accepted.

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St. George
24th June 1791.

Signed / Thos. Musgrave
J. Cowper
Geo. Deane.
Major

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Major General Musgrave

President &c. Members of the Military Board.

We take the liberty of laying before you the Rates at which we are willing to Contract for the Repairs that may be wanted by the Honble the Company; on the following Restriction; which we hope you will find not unreasonable, for the Due performance of our engagement we are willing to enter into any penalty, or security that your Board shall deem Requisite

Any article or kind of work which may not be specified, but yet with propriety may come within the nature of this Contract, we hereby offer to perform on such terms as shall be Judged Reasonable by the Military Board, when it shall be necessary and should it happen, that the Honble Company may require work to be done at the immediate — Dependencies on the Garrison of Fort St. George such as at Wallajaubad, Poonamallee, Tripasore &c. — we hereby engage to perform such work at the Rates set down in these proposals with the addition only of the allowance for Carriage of such articles

as

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as may be absolutely necessary to have transported from the Presidency.—

As the present Brick and Chunam Contract will expire during the whole Duration of the Contract for Repairs, we request to be allowed, when the Brick Contract shall cease to provide our own Bricks and Chunam for the Company's Work

Whatever Carpenters and Bricklayers work can be done with old materials we are willing to do for half of the accompanying Rates

We are willing to allow seven Pagodas and half p. Candy for all the Iron Work that may be found therein, five fanams per pound.

We request to be supplied with the Iron that we may want for the Company's Works out of the Company's Warehouse at the Rate of fifteen Pagodas p.r Candy, and have such assistance granted to us, as may be necessary to procure

the

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the Workmen and Artificers that may be required for
the carrying on of the Work, with the allowance of
the Number of Lascars that have hitherto been
granted to Contractors for Repairs.

We wish to be understood that
the Rates accompanying these proposals at which we
offer to Contract, are the Rates at which all works
not Exceeding Five hundred Pagodas in the
Price will be charged, but on all such works
as shall exceed Five hundred Pagodas in the
price, we are willing to allow a Deduction of
Fifteen per cent from the abovementioned Rates—
Contract for five Years—

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servants,
Signed/ Benjamin Roebuck,
William Abbot.

Fort St George
20th June 1791.

a true Copy
Signed/ Danl. Shaw
Secy. to Bd.

Comparative Statement of the Proposals of Mr. Woolf and Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott for the Contract for Repairs and Buildings.

		Mr. Woolf			Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott		
Plain Brick Work in Chunam, in repairs &c. of Buildings	₱ Cub. feet	"	2.	10.	₱ Cub. ft.	"	2. 35.
Ditto Ditto in Clay	Do.	"	1.	65.	Do.	"	1. 65.
Arched Work in Chunam	Do.	"	4.	40	Do.	"	4. "
Brick Paving with 6. 8. 10 and 12 Inches Paving Bricks & two Course of Wall Bricks in Chunam	₱ Square	6.	"	"	Do.	5.	10. 40
Brick Paving as above with one Course of Wall Bricks in Chunam underneath ₱ Square	Do.	5.	"	"	Do.	5.	" "
Brick Paving with one Course of Paving Bricks in Chunam	Do.	3.	23.	"	Do.	3.	21. "
Wall Bricks Paving on Edge with one Course of Bricks underneath in Chunam	Do.	4.	11.	40.	Do.	4.	10. 40.
Wall Bricks Paving Flat of two Courses one in Chunam and one in Clay	Do.	3.	"	"	Do.	2.	21. "
Ditto in Chunam one Course	Do.	1.	23.	"	Do.	1.	31. 40
Ditto Do. in Clay one Course	Do.	2.	"	"	Do.	1.	10. 40
Brick Work to Terraces of three and four Courses and fine Chunamed	Do.	12.	11.	40	Do.	11.	" "
Ditto Do. of two Courses and fine Chunamed of Square	Do.	10	"	"	Do.	9.	" "
Brick Work to Terraces of one Course and fine Chunamed	Do.	9.	"	"	Do.	8.	" "
Painting to Paving and Brickwork	Do.	"	19.	"	Do.	"	19. "
Tiling with Flat Tiles underneath and Chunam Borders	Do.	2.	23.	"	Do.	2.	10. 40
Ditto without Flat Tiles and with Chunam Borders	Do.	2.	"	"	Do.	2.	" "
Ditto without Flat Tails or Chunam Borders	Do.	1.	23.	"	Do.	1.	21. "
Shifting and Repairing Flat and Pan Tiles	Do.	"	15.	"	Do.	"	15. "
Making Toppings in Chunam	Each	"	7.	"	Do.	"	5. "
Do. Ditto in Clay	Do.	"	3.	60.	Do.	"	2. 40.

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Copied 28th & Sent 29th

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Roofing	10	"	Do	9.21.	"
Do	10.	"	Do	9.10.40	
Do	5.	"	Do	4.21.	0.
Do		"	Do	0 0	0.
Lascars	14	"	Do	0 0	"
Mason	4.	23	"	Do	4. 10. 40
Do	4.	23	"	Do	4 10. 40.
Do	3.	"	"	Do	3 . 25.
Coolies	34	40.		Do	25.
Do	5	"		Do	4
Do	5.	"		Do	5.
Do	11.	40		Do	10.
Do	7.	"		Do	6
Do	23.	"		Do	18.
Do	35	"		Do	30.
Do	24	"		Do	24.
Do	36.	"		Do	36.
Do	30.	"		Do	30.
Do	2	"		Do	1. 21.
Coolie	1	30	"	Do	1. 15.
Do	2	10.		Do	2:65.
Do	7.	20.		Do	7. 20.
Do	6.	40.		Do	6 40.
Do	13.	"		Do	13.
Do	10.	20.		Do	10.20.

Roofing containing Salmonias Pyrus Nails Flat and Pin Nails Chunam Bones — Plaistering as above but without Flat Nails & Square Pyramidy Coats & in Towers with Pyramidy Coats & in Towers with Pyramidy Cutting & the Chunam, and Fine Chunam Three Coats of fine Chunam

Do Do and replacing it with the

Plain Work and the Coats

Ramul Work with the Coats

Mulberings with three Coats

Plain Work with one Coat

Making Bullsteams containing Basement and Hamming

Making Brick Work Mending

White Washing & Square

Stone Work

Paving with Blue Stone on the Causes of Brickes

Do with Jam Stone on Do

Do with Jam Stone on Do

Blue Stone Wrought and Laid

Carpenters Work

Chunam Worked and put up

Do

Ditto Rough

Ditto of 5 Inches Square and upwards in

Ditto Rough

Ditto under 5 Inches Square of Jettam Work

Do

Ditto Rough

Shaving Boards wanting and Laid when

Teak Jam Frame with Hearts

Teak Jam Frames with Hearts

Teak Window Frames with Hearts

Teak with Bolts and Hinges

Teak Pannelled Doors of 2 and 2½ Inches thick

Teak Plain Doors of 2 and 2½ Inches thick

			Mr. Woody		Mr. Roebuck and assoc.	
Teak Doors three Inches thick with Bolts and Hings ₰ Sup.t foot	Sup.t foot	"	14	₰ Do.	"	14 "
Teak Venition Doors with Hings and Bolts ₰ Sup.t foot	Sup.t foot	"	12. 40.	Do.	"	12. 40
Teak Venition Windows with Hings and Fastenings	₰ Sup.t foot	"	11. 40	Do.	"	11. 40.
Pannel Window Shutters with Hings and Fastenings	₰ Do.	"	9.	Do.	"	9. "
Plain Window shutters with Hings and Fastenings	₰ Do.	"	7. 20.	Do.	"	7. 20.
Rattan Windows with Hings and Fastenings	₰ Do.	"	5. 60.	Do.	"	5. "
Repairing Rattan Work	₰ Do.	"	2. 40.	Do.	"	2. 40.
Circular Carpenters Work to be Double price or the Measurement to be taken Square from the Highest Point						
Single Desks with Hings Locks &c. as ₰ Muster	each	8	2 "	"	6	" "
Double Duskes with Do.	Do	11	" "	"	9	" "
Tables Do.	Do	8	" "	"	6	" "
Chairs Do.	₰ Dozen	11. 23.	"	Do.	10.	" "
Couches	Each.	3. 34. 40.		Do.	3. 34. 40.	
Cup board Locks		16.	"	"	16.	"
Good Black Palmecrab 12 feet Long	₰ C.t	14	" "	"	14	" "
Good Black Peepers 10 feet Long	₰ C.t	2 11 40	"		2 10 40.	
Country Timber for Piles	Each	1. 28 60	"		1 10 40	
Small Sticks for Halves	₰ C.t	" 13	"	"	" 13.	"
Rattaning Windows	₰ Sup.t foot	" 2	"	Do	" 2.	"
Railing for New Bridges including Braces Posts Iron Clamps Screw Nails Bound.t	₰ running foot	" 32	.	Do	" 28	"
Planking for Bridges of 2½ Inches thick including Red Wood Pins Iron Nails &c. ₰ Sup.t foot	₰ Sup.t ft.	. 9 40		Do.	" 9 40.	
Gates for New Works of 4½ Inches thick Rabbilled Dowelled and lined with Diamond Head Nails Bolts Hings Padlocks &c.	₰ Sup.t ft	1 23	"	Do	1 15	"

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Bombproof Doors for Arm Works of 2 and 2½ Inches Rabittes Lined and Dwilled with Kings Cross Bolts Worked and put up	Sup. feet	13	0	17	0
Ditto of three Inches thick as above	₰ Sup. feet	13	40	18	40
Red Wood Cogs for Powder Mills	Each	25	0	20	0
Red Wood Spindles for Ditto	Each	1	240	1	0
Teak Hampers for Ditto Shod with Brass and put up	Each	5	23	5	0
Teak Hampers for Ditto without Brass Do	Each	3	23	3	28
Large Iron Work Hammered only 5 ℔ and upwards in a Piece	@ 15 ₰ ℔	1	0	@ 15 ₰ ℔	1 0
Smaller Do in Hooks Hings Fastinings Nails &c	@ 13 ₰ ℔	1	0	@ 13 ₰ ℔	1 0
Wood Screw Small	₰ ℔	0	28	₰ ℔	0 28
Ditto Large	₰ ℔	0	35	₰ ℔	0 25
Iron Work filed	@ 9 ₰ ℔	1	0	@ 9 ₰ ℔	1 0

Brass Work

Large of 5 ℔ and upwards in a piece cast only	₰ ℔	0	11	0	11
Ditto Wrought	₰ ℔	1	240	1	240
Small Cast an Wrought including Works Wires Nails of Sorts &c	₰ ℔	0	0	0	15
Brass Nails Hooks Bolts Hings Locks &c &c	₰ ℔	0	16	0	0

Colours.

Yellow Blue White Brown and Red with one Coat of Europe Oil ℔	Sup. Yd.	0	2 40	0	2 20
Ditto	₰	0	2 20	0	2 0
The above Colours one Coat of Country Oil	₰	0	4 0	0	4 0
The above Colours two Coats Europe Oil	₰	0	3 40	0	3 40
Ditto two Coats Country Oil	₰	0	5 40	0	5 40
Ditto three Coats Europe Oil	₰	0	5 40	0	5 20
Ditto three Coats Country oil	₰	0	5 40	0	5 40
Green for Outer Coat with Europe Oil	₰	0	4 60	0	4 60
Ditto for Do with Country Oil					

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Ading President in Council

Sir,

We have been honored with your Letter of the 22d Instant.

From the Military Board - are of opinion that Major Tutt is entitled to a Seat at their Board.

As the Senior Officer of Artillery at this Presidency, was nominated a Member of our Board, by Order of the Honorable the Court of Directors on its original Institution, and as the Officer in Command of the Artillery at the Mount has invariably had a Seat in consequence, We are of opinion Major Tutt is equally entitled thereto, whilst in such Situation, & particularly as our Board is at present deficient of a Member of the Artillery or ordnance Dpartment.

We have the hono to be &c &c

Fort St George
26th June 1791.

/ Signd / Thomas Musgrave
J. Capper
Geo. Maule.

Minute on the forma Letter from the Military Board

Resolved that the Proposals of Contract of Messrs Roebuck & Abbott for executing the Honble Company's Works in Buildings and Repairs be accepted, and that the Military Board be directed to prepare the

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the Heads of a Contract Accordingly.

Major Tull appointed Member of the Military Board until further order

Agreed that Major Robert Tull be appointed a Member of the Military Board until further orders.

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Hydrabad.

From the Resident at Hydrabad with advice of the Polygars having altered Lieut Popelands route.

William C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Governor in Council,

Military Department.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter for the Governor General which I request may be forwarded, and have to inform you that in consequence of the junction of the Mahratta Army with ours, and the country between this and the Camp being clear the Nizam has Determined to send the Treasure by a different Route & countermanded the March of Lieutenant Popelands detachment, on which Account I have written to Captain Dunwoody that his Detaching the Company ordered by the Board for Lieutenant Popelands relief will not be necessary.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient Servant

(Signed) John Kennaway.

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William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Resident at Hyderabad advising of the Surrender of Gunjy Collah- the Stores intended to be sent to the Nizams Army from Innacondah deemed unnecessary in Consequence

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Board that the Fort of Gunjy cota surrendered to the Nizams arms the 12th Instant, and that his Highness has signified to me that the dispatch of the Guns, Mortars and Ammunition &c. which the Board have been pleased to agree to his being furnished with from Innacondah will not be necessary. I shall dispatch this under an open cover to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam that they may countermand the dispatch of any part of the above Stores that may have been directed to be sent from Masulipatam or any other part of that District.

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

Paangul
14th June 1791.

/Signed/ John Kennaway

Minute on the two foregoing Letters

Agreed that the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar be directed to take charge of and lodge in a place of Security at Innacondah, for the Stores &c. lately sent to the Northward for the Service of His Highness the Nizam.

Ordered

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Ordered that the Military Board do ascertain the Expence of transporting the Stores to the Nicondah, that it may be charged to the Nizam's account

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council,

Hon.ble Sirs,

I have the hono.r to transmit the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry, convened for the purpose of investigating the Charges preferred against a Mr. Hanson by the Gentlemen Cadets, from which the Board will perceive that Mr. Hanson is a person very unworthy to hold a Commission I therefore recommend that he be dismissed the Company's Service and sent to Europe by the first opportunity.

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

Gaudens
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/Signed/ Tho.s Musgrave.

From Major General Musgrave enclosing the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to investigate the Charges against Mr. Hanson Opinion thereon.

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held by order of Major Genral Musgrave Commander in Chief &c &c

Major Roberts President

Captain Cookson | Members | Captain Campbell

Mr. Hanson Cadet being Called before the Court and

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and having had the Copy of the Charges of Misbehaviour preferred to Government against him, by the Gentlemen Cadets, who came to India on the Ship Earl Cornwallis, read to him, as well as being given the Perusal of them Acknowledges them to be true.

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Signed / George Roberts
Major & President

Mr Robert Hanson Cadet dismissed the Honble Company's Service -

Resolved that Mr. Robert Hanson Cadet be dismissed the Honble Company's Service, and sent to England by the first opportunity.

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz reporting a favorable Change in the Sentiments of the Rajah and in his Conduct towards the Family of the late Rajah

After Shivarow arrived he came to see me and assured me that he would endeavor that from time every thing should be done in a friendly manner, and that, if any thing to the Contrary should happen, I might let him know it and propose proper means to remove every appearance of disharmony;

I was happy to hear this declaration

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and shall be still more happy if I can, consistently with Truth, assure the Honorable Board that all goes on to their Satisfaction.

As I mentioned in one of my Letters some things, which made the late Rajahs' family very uneasy, I begg'd of Sheerow to remove them, Concerning the little Babes, who were not treated decently Sheerow represented to His Excellency that it was improper to shew any Ill will to those innocent Babes, which had the desired Effect.

As to other Points, which create uneasiness he has promised to use his best Endeavours to have them removed likewise.

I desired him to assure his Excellency that it would give me the most exquisite Joy, if I from time to time could mention instances of a good harmony.

At last Sheerow assured me that such Letters as had been sent by His Excellency to the Honble Board, should never be written any more.

As these declarations were fair, I doubt not but my Acquainting the Honble Board with them

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them will be pleasing.

I have the Honor to be

respectfully &c &c

(Signed) C. F. Swartz.

Read the following Letter from

the Executors to the Estate of the late Lieutenant

Colonel Moorhouse.

To

The Honorable Major General Medows

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Executors to the Estate of the late Lieut: Colonel Moorhouse respecting the Gratuity Ordered by the Court of Directors to be presented to that Officer

Having been advised by Letters from England addressed to the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse that the Court of Directors have been pleased to order the Sum of one thousand Pounds Sterling to be paid to that Officer as a Mark of their approbation, We take the liberty to inform you, that We, as Executors to his Estate, are ready to receive the above Sum for the Benefit of his Widow, and hope You will be pleased to direct payment to be made Accordingly.

We are with great Respect, &c &c

(Signed) Jas. du Pre Porcher
George Hall

Exors to the Estate of Lieut. Col Moorhouse

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Agreed to inform the Executors that the Board are not authorized by the orders they have received to dispose of the sum intended as a Present to the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse and that in Consequence of the Death of that Officer it must rest with the Honble Court to determine with Respect to the application of the Money.

Minute thereon.—

Read the following Proceedings of the — Hospital Board.

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Read a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson dated the 22d. Instant an extract of which the Secretary is directed to send Mr Baillie for his information.—

Proceedings of the Hospital Board recommending that Mesrs Samuel & Mr. Morris be stationed at the General Hospital Tocchinopoly Mr Nicolls at the General Hospital Vellore Mr Wright with the 2d Regt of European Infantry & Mr O Donoghe at the Genl Hospital Madras.

approved.

approved

The Hospital Board recommend that Messrs Samuels and Mac Morris. assistant Surgeon, be stationed at the General Hospital Tocchinopoly — Mr Nicolls at the General Hospital Vellore — Mr Wright with the 2d Regiment of European Infantry, and Mr O Donoghue at the General Hospital Madras.

(signed) James Anderson
Physician Genl
William Duffin
Head Surgeon.

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The acting President lays before the Board the following copy of a Letter from Captain Alexander Read to Lord Cornwallis

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To His Excellency the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis

&c &c

May Lord,

On the 15th I began my march back to Dionhully, and reached Maloor the day following during which I received repeated Accounts from the Southward & Westward that a Large body of the Enemy had arrived in my neighbourhood. – These being Confirmed by Letters from Bangalore and Dionelly, I concluded them to be the 2000 Horse which your Lordship was informed had marched this way from Seringapatam – and that my Convoy must be their object. As I have taken occasion to mention in former letters it is impossible for me to protect a tenth part of my Supplies, should half that force come against me, while marching – I therefore resolved, that, to proceed was unadvisable – Maloor being surrounded by jungle all the forage about it would not have been Sufficient for two days and I was apprehensive that if

From Captain Alexr Read to Lord Cornwallis stating the measures he has adopted in Consequence of the approach of a Body of the Enemys Horse –

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necessary to halt so long there, many, perhaps all, of the Bullocks Bunjaries would have dispersed to provide for their own safety — For all these Consideration, I returned yesterday to Goonta — Goonta, as the nearest place Convenient for taking post —

My Harcarras from the several places, where the Horse were said to be, having just arrived, I find they were the remainder of the party I surprized on the 11th Instant, who have left the Colar District, and ravaged the Country, in their way to the westward when I am informed there is another body of horse — Having taken the necessary steps to gain intelligence of their approach, I intend marching again tomorrow, in the hope of meeting with no further cause of delay.

I proposed before, in consequence of having learned from Colonel Oldham, that it was your wish the Banjarries should be prevailed upon to advance beyond Bangalore, and there agreeing to it, to proceed to Dumbally, as the Straightest road to join the Army, but, from Captain Robertson's letter of the 10th just received, under standing it is your Lordship's wish, I should take my Supplies first to Bangalore, I shall do so Accordingly, and expect to be there on or before the 26th —

Your Lordship having authorized me to apply to Lieutenant Colonel Oldham for assistance,

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I shall immediately request he will send me Six Companys and if he can spare it, a Gun; as such a reinforcement will make my Detachment respectable in the eyes of the Banjarries, who are extremely timid in advancing, as well from a Sense of my present force incapable of protecting them all, as from the dread they have of the treatment they would meet with were they to fall into the hands of the enemy. — Having experienced how much my endeavours have been limited in this and my first excursion, by reason of having so few people I shall take the reinforcement I have mentioned, along with me in my next, which, I am Sanguine enough to think, will be still more productive than the present One — I have laid the Banjarries and Pollegars under the strictest injunction, to use every means in their Power in procuring Gunny Bags, and all those they being with them filled shall be bought up;

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

Read the following Petition from Mrs Povario, Widow of the late Captain Povario.

To

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President &c. and Council of

Fort St. George.

The humble Petition of Elizabeth Pavaris

Sheweth

That your Petitioner burthened with several Children, has been left a Widow for near three years without the least seviable means of support, from the death of her late husband Captain Clement Pavaris, who long enjoyed that appointment in the Honorable Company's Service, It would be presumption in your Petitioner to quote testimonies of the good Character of her deceased husband at different and remote periods, the public Records commemorate his Zeal to his Honorable Employers Government desirous of recompensing long and faithfull Services, Vouchsafed to confirm the Allowance annexed to the Rank your Petitioners husband held for near 28 Years, as appears by the Accompanying note from the Military Secretary The Certificate

From Mrs Pavaris representing the long & faithful Service of her late husband Captain Pavaris and requesting that some provision may be made for the Maintenance of her self & Family

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mentioned by Mr. Secretary Chamier are 1st Captain Povarios commission by Governor Saunders and Council dated Fort St. Davids the 16 of March 1752 2d Major Laurences Letter to Governor Saunders and Council dated the 20th of August 1753. at Trichinopoly recommending Captain Povarco for having lost his leg in the Siege of that Fort, and for resisting the pecuniary temptations of the Rajah of Mysore. 3d Captain Dalton Certificate of the same date at Trichinopoly and nearly to the same effect 4th Major Brereton's commission to Captain Povario dated the 5th of September 1759, at Conjeveram, while he was Commander in Chief. And 5th Major Genral Laurences commission to Captain Povario dated the 13th of March 1761. as Youngest Captain

His serving from the period with the successive Generals, particularly under Sir Eyre Coote are notorious, and will be passed over in silence, but as these Documents are of no use to your Petitioner, for they have not been in any degree instrumental to your Petitioners Relief, nor

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are there on the spot such Officers who have served in former Campaigns with Captain Povaio, as could intercede in behalf of his Widow, whose situation is inexpressible, and her present Misery so great as obleges her to supplicate the Bounty of your Honorable Board in such a manner as to your Wisdom and Liberality shall seem fit. And as in Duty bound Your Petitioner shall ever Pray.

Agreed that Mrs Povaio be allowed a monthly Stipend of Six Pagodas until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known.

Minute thereon –

The Acting President recommends that Lieutenant Uzuld be informed, that if he think there is a necessity for Landing any further part of the whole of the Cargoes of the — — Victuallers, orders will be given to Supply him with Bankralls for their Reception,

Lieutenant Uzuld be informed that Bankralls will be provided for the Reception of any further part or the whole of the Cargoes of the Victuallers if he think it necessary.

Approved & ordered Accordingly,

Messrs Wallace and Pindar,

Assistants

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Mess.rs Wallace & Pindar apistants in the Military & Political Departments take the Oath of Secrecy

Assistants in the Military and Political Department being introduced by the Secretary, the Acting President administers to each the Oath of Secrecy.

" Chas Oakeley.

" W.m Petrie

" J. Huxley

J. Ogilvie &c.