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## Diary

Received Letter from Lieutenant as entered in C: C: No. 159. – stating the Cause of his not repairing to Calastry – & requesting the Disturbances raised by his Troops on account of their Pay – and advising of his Determination to proceed immediately to Benares.

Substance of Letter from Lieut.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nos. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218.

From Captain Williamson – advising of his Return from the Head of the Vencatagherry Pass to Amboor – intends loading the Elephants with Bullock Bags – considers it dangerous employing the Elephants carrying Grain above the Ghauts.

From Captain Williamson

From the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar – with Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Billaun = condah applying for the Amount disbursed on account of Repairs to the Officer's Quarters in that Garrison.

From the Officer Commanding at Argole

From the Officer Comm = = manding at Argole – advising of Lieutenant Grace's the Officer's intention of

Charge

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Charge of the Treasure from Lieutenant W. Copeland being on his return to his Station, in consequence of orders received by the latter to reconduct it to Ganjycotah.

From the Secretary to the Military Board — with a Quarterly return of Military Stores of every Description remaining in the Arsenal of Fort St. George, and in the principal Subordinate Magazines, on the 1st Instant.

From the Officer Commanding in the Northern Division — with a Report of every assistance to the Bullock Contractor's People which the smallness of the Force in the Division under his Command will admit of.

From the Commander of the Company's Ship Alfred — desiring to know if the Hammocks sent on board his Ships for the use of the Detachment from St. Helena are to be returned to that Island, or landed at this Presidency.

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

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29 Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234.

To Captain Williamson— desiring him to employ the Elephants under his Charge in conveying Rice from Arnee to Ambour until further orders.

To Captain Williamson

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar— to take charge of and Lodge in a Place of Security at Innaconda such Stores as may have been Landed from the Ketch at Motapilley.

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

To the Military Board— informing them of the Instructions given to Captain McKinnon— desiring them to ascertain the Expence of transporting the Stores intended for the use of the Nizam's Army to Innaconda— advice of Major Dallas's appointment as a Member of their Board.

To the Military Board

To Ditto— desiring them to prepare the Heads of the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Roebuck and Abbott for executing the Honble Company's Works in Building and Repairs.

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To Mr Robert Nanson — informing him of the Resolution of the Board to dismiss him from the Honble Company's Service and of their Intention to send him to England by the first Opportunity that offers.

To Mr Robert Nanson

To the Commandant at Vellore — informing him of the orders given to Lieutenant Riddell for the immediate return of his Detachment to the Presidency after delivering over the Treasure under his Charge to Mr Swinton.

To the Commandant at Vellore

To Captain Mafsey — informing him that it is not by any means the Intention of the Board to distress the Inhabitants by taking away the Bullocks actually at the Plough.

To Captain Mafsey

To Mrs Povaco — informing her of the Pension granted her — and of the orders given to the Military Paymaster General to discharge the same monthly.

To Mrs Povaco

To Lieutenant Duff — directing him to proceed with the Detachment under his Command by the Shortest Route to Vellore.

To Lieutenant Duff commanding a Detachment of Horse from Bengal &c Nellore

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To Lieutenant Downie commanding a Detachment of Bullocks from Bengal at Nellore.

To Lieutenant Downie — as above —

To the Military Paymaster General

with Copy of a Letter from Bengal — desiring him to state how far the orders therein alluded to, respecting the Accounts of the Expences of the Bengal Artillery have been Complied with —

To the Military Paymaster General

To Lieutenant Wyld of the Majesty's Navy

To Lieutenant Wyld — informing him that Bankshalls will be provided for the Reception of any further part or the whole of the Cargoes of the Victuallers if he thinks such Measure necessary. —

To the Executors to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse —

To the Executors to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse

informing them that the Board are not authorized by the orders from the Honble Court of Directors to dispose of the Sum intended as a present to the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse. —

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

To the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money with Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Dindegul — desiring them to give such Instructions in consequence to Captain Bonser as they may judge Necessary. —

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To the Secretary at Fort William enclosing a Quarterly Return of Military Stores of every Description remaining in the Arsenal of Fort St George, and in the principal Subordinate Magazines on the 1st Instant.

To the Secretary at Fort William

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad — with Copy of Earl Cornwallis's Letter dated the 14th Instant.

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad.

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.

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

To Bengal with copy of Earl Cornwallis's Letter dated the 14th Instant.

Gentlemen,

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

We have the honor to be,

Fort St George
30th June 1791.

Wd. Wd.
Signed / Chas. Oakeley /
Wd. Council

At

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Friday
July 1st 1791

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President

William Petrie
and
John Huddleston } Esqrs.

The Honble Major General
Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation
Read and approved.

Read the following Letter
received Yesterday from Lord Cornwallis.

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

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis
thinks it probable
that the Enemy may
make an Incursion
into the Barramaul
and Coimbetore
Measures to be
adopted in consequence

The Cavery River has risen very considerably, but by our last Accounts it still is fordable as Lisprow, however, has not only brought his whole Force to this side, but a considerable quantity of Artillery and Stores, I cannot doubt of his intention to give us every disturbance in his power to interrupt our Supplies, and, in particular, to prevent as much as possible the equipment of our Part of the Army, from which, he well knows, he has the most serious misfortune to

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to fear. — The necessity of our regulating our Movements in Concert with the Marattas, & protecting their Supplies, will keep us so much to the Eastward, although they have agreed to Depend only on the Sea Communication, that it will certainly be possible, and I by no means think improbable, that Tippoo who can now have no apprehension for Seringapatam for these next four Months, may make a rapid march to Coimbetoor, and from thence, drop into the Barramaul & Carnatic. —

You may be assured that I will give you the earliest Intelligence of such an event, but I must desire you in the meantime to be upon your Guard, and amongst other precautions to reinforce the Garrison of Arnee, and take every means in your power to transport the Stores and Provisions that are not wanted for the use of that Garrison, from thence to Vellore, and, if possible, to Amboor. —

Camp 10 miles East of Nuggul Mungulum 27 Miles distant from Seringapatam June 17th 1791

I am, with great Esteem & Regard

Dr. Sir

Your most obedient

Signed Cornwallis

Resolved

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Resolved that Major General Musgrave be immediately called upon to Suggest such means as may occur to him for providing as much as possible against any consequences at present to be appre= =hended from the Sudden Incursion of the Enemy, and to state his opinion with regard to the Mode in which the object of Lord Cornwallis's Recommendation for reinforcing the Garrison of Arnee may be most conveniently accomplished.

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Resolved also, that it be observed to General Musgrave, that, if Tippoo should have it in Serious Contemp= =lation to enter the Carnatic, it is most likely he will use all possible means to impede the Exertions that are making to re equip the Army, that his primary object will be to cut off the large Supplies of Cattle &c. collecting in the Neighbour= =hood of Ambour, and that any Measure therefore which he may propose tending to their Preservation, will meet with due attention from the Board.

Do

Agreed that a Letter be written

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to

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to Lord Cornwallis informing him of the above.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Inquired Revenue.

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Board of Inquired Revenue recommending that the Collectors at Tanjore be rendered independant of each other — and that an equitable Division of the Country be made.

We do ourselves the Honor of enclosing for your information Copy of a Minute Delivered in by Messrs. Haliburton and Balfour, and of recommending that the Measure proposed by them be adopted. as the Season is advancing we request to be favoured with your decision as soon as possible. — We have formed such a Division of the Tanjore Country for the two Collectors as appears to us equitable and Convenient; and we take the Liberty of submitting it to your determination.

Fort St George
30th June 1791

We have the Honor to be
Sir: Your: Your:
Signed/ Wm Petrie
" David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

In

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In Consultation 29th June 1791.

The present System of managing the Tanjore Country has, we believe, arisen no more from accident than from any intention on the part of Government. It was late in the year before the assumption took place; and the Season was so far advanced, before we & Ramm and Tullojee had transmitted any report, upon which this Board could have formed any permanent arrangement, — that it was deemed inexpedient at that time to make any alterations. If circumstances had permitted, we should certainly have objected to this mode of joint Collection. For we have found it absolutely necessary in the Nabob's department to afford the Collectors the most ample support and to free them from all incumbrance. — The opposition, which we had reason to expect, and which in some instances we have actually experienced, pointed out the necessity of strengthening the Collectors hands by making them as independent as possible. now, — by blending the powers of the Tanjore Collectors we are afraid that we have

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The Country lies as follows.

Western Division — Mr. Read

Combaconum Loubah, including Pondanellum

Papanasum Loubah

Vellum

Putticund

Seven Nauds

Eastern Division — Mr. Lallofield

Mayaveram Loubah, including

Sheally

Manarcoil Loubah

Patticottah Districts

Read the following Letter from the acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

&c &c &c

Honble Sir,

From the acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors — enclosing a Distribution of the Profits arising from the Arrack Agency from the 1st May 1789 to the 30th April 1790

Agreeable to the General Orders issued by the Honble the Governor in Council of the 29th January 1789.

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I applied to the adjutant General for an abstract of the Troops Serving at the Stations where Spirits were sold, and for the periods of Command of the different Offices - and having in Conformity thereto drawn up the enclosed Distribution of the Profits of Arrack from the 1st May 1789 to the 30th April 1790 - I beg leave to Present them to your Honor in Council, and request you will be pleased to cause the General orders that it may be carried into execution.

I have the honor to be,
Wd. Wd.
[Signed] Benj.n Roebuck
acting for the Honble Basil Cochrane agent for the Spirituous Liquors.

Fort St George
29 July 1791.

Distribution

# Distribution of Star Pagodas 7318.5.35 at 4/6 Fanams per Star Pagoda making Fanams 33663335 among the Commanding Officers of the respective Garrisons and Cantonments being the Profit arising from the Arrack Agency from the 1st May 1789 to the 30th April 1790 to be paid at the respective Stations.

| Stations | Names Commanding | Period of Commanding | amount to be paid at each Station to the respective Officers Fanams Cash | Total Fanams Cash |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mount | Lt Colonel Sydenham | from 1st May 1789 to 31st September 1790 | 7815 71 | 7815 71 |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Gibb | from 1st October 1789 to 15th March 1790 | 7238 10 | 7238 10 |
| | Captain Smith | from 16th March 1789 to 16th April 1790 | 255 26 | 255 26 |
| | Lieutenant Nash | from 17th to 30th April 1790 | 52 72 | 52 72 |
| Tannaullee | Lieutenant Colonel Agnew | from 1st May 1789 to 15th January 1790 | 28500 " | 28500 " |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell | from 16th January to 22d March 1790 | 5197 64 | 5197 64 |
| | Captain Robert Shaw | from 23d March to 30th April 1790 | 3901 29 | 3901 29 |
| Chinglput | Lt Colonel Captain Manson | from 1st May 1789 to 9th April 1790 | 1279 64 | 1279 64 |
| | Captain Lieut Campbell | from 10th to 30th April 1790 | 635 29 | 635 29 |
| Vellaycherd | Major Cosserave | from 1st May 1789 to 12th March 1790 | 5875 " | 5875 " |
| | Colonel Kirkpatrick | from 13th March to 24th April 1790 | 6946 41 | 6946 41 |
| | Colonel Ashby | from 25th to 30th April 1790 | 849 40 | 849 40 |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd | from 1st May 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 9734 45 | 9734 45 |
| Trivadamaradoo | Colonel Nixon | from 1st May to 24th December 1789 | 14804 67 | 14804 67 |
| | Colonel Brucee | from 25th December 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 1686 43 | 1686 43 |
| Vellore | Major Vaughan | from 1st to 31st May 89 from 1st July 89 to 1st March 1790 | 5247 19 | 5247 19 |
| Woodiay Lines | Major Bailey | from 1st to 31st June 1789 | 669 64 | 669 64 |
| | Lieutenant Brunton | from 1st May 1789 to 31st April 1790 | 882 12 | 882 12 |
| Ramacoil | Colonel Kelly | from 1st May 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 11463 42 | 11463 42 |
| | Captain Robert Kyd | from 20th to 30th April 1790 | 56 67 | 56 67 |
| Vellary | Lieutenant Kinnear | from 1st to 21st May 1789 | 493 9 | 493 9 |
| Nagapatam | Lieutenant C. C. Ogg | from 1st to 10th June 1789 | 158 " | 158 " |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Brandergast | from 11th June 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 5124 34 | 5124 34 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trichinopoly and Worriore | Lieutenant Colonel Brace | From 1st May to 30th Sept. 1789 & from 1st to 24th Dec. 1789 | 188 | 96 | 7/4 | 188 | 96 7/4 |
| | Colonel Hearne | From 1st October to 12th December 1789 | | | | | |
| | Colonel Dixon | From 25th December 1789 to 12th March 1790 | 98 | 45 | 22 | 98 | 45 22 |
| Aska | Colonel Musgrave | From 13th March 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 198 | 50 | 53 | 198 | 50 53 |
| | Captain Ogle | From 1st May 1789 to 12th September 1789 | 27 | 416 | 11 | 27 | 416 11 |
| | Captain Withycombe | From 14th September to 21st December 1789 | | 147 | 77 | | 147 77 |
| Vellum | Captain Fraser | From 22nd May 1789 to 21st January 1790 | | 153 | 7/8 | | 153 7/8 |
| Negapatam | Lieutenant Wm. Hammond | From 1st May 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 79 | 52 | 22 | 79 | 52 22 |
| Tanjore | Captain Glendoning | For the 4 months May June July & Sept. 1789 & April 1790 | | 759 | 18 | | 759 18 |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Stuart | For the Months of August, October, November and December 1789 & January, Feby & March 1790 | 55 | 96 | 36 | 55 | 96 36 |
| Bauramporo | Captain John Taylor | From 1st May to 30th June 1789 | 12 | 009 | 58 | 12 | 009 58 |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Trent | From 1st August 1789 to 31st March 1790 | | 1262 | 12 | | 1262 12 |
| | Captain Montagu | From 1st to 30th April 1790 | | 47 | 49 | 13 | 47 49 13 |
| Masulipatam | Major George Banks | From 1st May 1789 to 29th December 1789 | | 312 | 14 | | 312 14 |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Patterson | From 31st December 1789 to 30th April 90 | | 1246 | 17 | | 1246 17 |
| Ganjam | Captain Gent | From 1st October 89 to 30th April 90 | 60 | 10 | 66 | 60 | 10 66 |
| Ongole | Captain Dunwoody | From 1st June 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 30 | 57 | 7/4 | 30 | 57 7/4 |
| Pulleamcottah | Lieutenant Colonel Hughes | From 1st December 1789 to 30th April 1790 | 36 | 80 | 28 | 36 | 80 28 |
| Cundatore | Major J.C. Lonyon | From 1st to 31st January 1790 | | 209 | 15 | | 209 15 |
| Tripassore | Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell | From 15th July 89 to 15th January 1790 | | 624 | 8 | | 624 8 |
| | Captain Dalrymple | From 16th January to 31st March 90 | 7 | 249 | 54 | 7 | 249 54 |
| Inaconda | Major Mynch | From 1st September 89 to 30th April 90 | 2 | 650 | 11 | 2 | 650 11 |
| | | | 3 | 416 | 66 | 3 | 416 66 |
| | | Sundry Fractions | | | | 336 | 628 45 |
| | | | | | | | 5 35 |
| | | Total Pagans | | | | 336 | 633 35 |

(Signed) Benjn. Roebuck
acting Agent for the Honble
R. Cochrane Agent for Spirituous
Liquors.

Errors

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Minutes thereon

Ordered that a Distribution of the Profits of Attack from the 1st May 1789 to the 30th April 1790 be made, and that the necessary General order be published in consequence.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President

From the Military Paymaster General — information respecting the Accounts required by the Supreme Government relative to the Pay &c. of the Bengal establishment Serving on the Coast.

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Lushington's letter of the 28th. Instant I beg leave to inform you that the Instructions of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council have been attended to by me as far as lay in my power — That I have ready a particular Account of all advances and payments made by me on Account of the Bengal Troops, and that the reason why the Accounts required have not been transmitted, is because those particularly ordered now included in Mr. Colts accounts and now ordered to be transmitted when audited, the Auditor General has had them for some time under his inspection, and informed me he will have concluded this audit in a few days

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days when they shall be immediately transmitted to Bengal.

I have the Honor to be,
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ Benjn Roebuck
Mil. Sec.y General

Cay Office
Fort St George
30. June 1791

Ordered that the Contents of the above Letter be communicated to the Supreme Council.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter
from the Honble Commodore Cornwallis

To the Honble the Governor
in Council
Madras

Sir,

I have directed Captain Blanket of his Majesty's Ship Leopard, to receive Hanoverian Officers and privates to the Number of one hundred and fifty. — I imagine the Victualling will be paid by the Honble Company — I must beg that care may be taken in regard to the Baggage as nothing more can be received on board his Majesty's Ship Leopard than what is necessary for their Passage.

From Commodore Cornwallis one hundred and fifty Men will be accommodated on board the Leopard — remarks respecting the receiving of the troops and the proportion of Baggage to be taken with them

I have the honor to be,
Wa: Wa:
/Signed/ W.m Cornwallis

Crown
Madras Road
29. June 1791

agreed

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Agreed to inform the Commodore that as the Board conceive Captain Blankett will not be able to give Suitable Accommo-
Minute thereon = dation to as many Officers as are proper = = tioned to the Number of Men to be sent on Board the Leopard, they wish to know how many of the former can be conveniently embarked, that the Necessary Directions may be given.

Agreed also to inform him that proper attention will be paid to the Observ-
= vation he has made in regard to the vic- = = tualling the Troops during their Passage, and to the Quantity of Baggage to be taken with them — and that the Board hope to be favored with an Early Com- = = munication of his Intention as to the Time of the Leopard's Departure from hence.

Do.

Read the following Letter from Messrs Topping and Parry.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From Messrs Topping and Parry with a Compleat List of Gun Carriages and their appendages — and Specifications of each, with the Estimate of Cost of which articles Tenders have been laid before the Military Board — stating the cause of their present Reference.

I Am accompanying it &c.

Comet.

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Coach List of Gun Carriages, and their appurtenances, as obtained from the Books of the Military Board, and comprehending those of the Bengal Pattern and improved construction — all of which, we presume, it is your intention shall be included in our Contract. a Copy of this paper, with the Prices at which we propose to deliver the Several articles, had been transmitted by us this day to the Military Board; and this transcript is now laid before Government to save the Honble Board both time and trouble in investigating the prime Cost of the Several articles it contains — so as to compare it with our Statement —

In drawing up that Statement we have, in such articles as composed our former List, set down the very same prices that you were before pleased to approve of; and in the additional Articles, our rule has been to observe an exact proportional Difference

The transporting Carriage however and Mortar Cart of our former List being no longer in use, but a new and more expensive Pattern adopted, the Honble Board must be informed

that

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that a correspondent alteration had been made.
We however Submit this charge with due re-
ference, to the consideration of Government, &
being ready, should it be disapproved of, to
make good our former Offers, tho' they will
Subject us to considerable loss.

We are sorry to have given
the Hon.ble Board this trouble; but the diffi-
=culty of procuring, at first, a Compleat List of
ordnance Stores has been the cause: Had the
whole been advertised in the Courier it would
have saved both the Hon.ble Board and ourselves
much trouble.

Madras
June 30th 1791.

We are &c.
(Signed) Rich.d Topping
" Tho.s Parry.

Ayle Inw. Teak spare for heavy Field artillery
Do ... Do ... for light Field artillery
Do ... Inw ... for Limbers
Do ... Do ... for light Field Carriages
Beds for Mortars Madras Pattern ... 13 Inch
10 Do
8 Do
5½ Do
4⅝ Do
Do ... Do Bengal Pattern ... 13 Do
10 Do
8 Do
Beds for Howitzes depressing ... 5½ Do
Do for Travis Carriages ... 4½ Do
4½ Do

Carriages

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Carriages Garrison Trail | 42 | Pounder |
| | 32 | Do |
| | 24 | Do |
| | 18 | Do |
| | 12 | Do |
| | 9 | Do |
| | 6 | Do |
| Do Garrison Truck Common | 42 | Do |
| | 32 | Do |
| | 24 | Do |
| | 18 | Do |
| | 12 | Do |
| | 9 | Do |
| | 6 | Do |
| Carriages Garrison Truck with traversing Platforms complete | 42 | Pounders |
| | 32 | Do |
| | 24 | Do |
| | 18 | Do |
| | 12 | Do |
| | 9 | Do |
| | 6 | Do |
| Carriages Field with Limbers for Heavy Field Artillery | 24 | do |
| | 18 | Do |
| | 12 | Do |
| Carriages Field with Limbers and Boxes for light Field artillery, & Construction | 24 | Do |
| | 18 | Do |
| | 12 | Do |
| | 6 | Do |
| | 3 | Do |
| " Howitzer | 8 | Inch |
| | 5½ | Do |
| | 4½ | Do |

Carriages

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Carriages Field with Limbers and
Boxes for light Field artillery
New Construction

" Howitzer
Carriages Field with Limbers and Boxes for Cavalry
Carriages for Laboratory Chests
Carriages, transporting large
" " Small
Carts Mortar large
" " Small
" Artificers
" Armorers
" Platforms
" Hospital
Poles Limbers for Heavy Field artillery
Do Do for Lights Do Do
Tumbril Ammunition
do do Bengal Pattern Bombay & Coast
do do do Common
do do Madras Pattern
do do for Cavalry

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2 circumstances that have occurred since the date of my last Letter, and of the influence which they have had upon my decisions, and will also convey to you a general outline of my future intentions.

You will deliver a Copy of the Correspondence with Tippoo, and communicate the substance of the other papers to the Nizam and the Minister, and you will according to the directions contained in my Letter to Mr. Malet avail yourself of that opportunity to assure his Highness of my determination to persevere in a vigorous prosecution of the War until the objects of the Confederacy can be attained and of drawing their particular attention to the pressing advances that Tippoo has repeatedly made to me on account of the Company and of the uniform steadiness with which I have constantly declared to him that I could listen to no propositions for opening a Negociation except in concert and with the consent of the other Members of the Confederacy.

I do not at present see any great reason to believe that Tippoo's power is in his own opinion yet reduced so low as to render it necessary for him to make the sacrifices for peace which the allies will think themselves entitled to demand, but as I have engaged to him to recommend to the Nizam and the Peishwa to send Deputies with full powers to Bangalore to meet persons that

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may be named by him for the purpose of opening a Negotiation for the re-establishment of Peace, I trust that His Highness will lose no time in nominating his Deputies, and should the proposed meeting actually take place, He may depend upon me for shewing a due regard to his Interests. —

Although I have been unwilling to express myself to His Highness in harsh terms respecting his Cavalry it is right that you should know that ever since the first ten or twelve days after their junction, they have given me numberless reasons to be dissatisfied with their Conduct, and that our late distresses for forage and Provisions, which have had so material an influence on the operations of this Army, are principally to be attributed to them. — The uncertain state of Political affairs in Europe made me anxious to use every means in my power to bring the War with Tippoo to a speedy termination, but I should not have ventured to have undertaken the enterprize against Seringapatam so late in the season, if I had not expected that so numerous and powerful a Body of Cavalry would have exerted themselves and have been sufficiently able to have protected forage for our Cattle, and to have secured supplies of Provisions for the Troops. —

They proved however regardless in almost every instance of my Orders and deaf to my representations

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4th after my near approach to the Enemy's Capital, and instead of spreading themselves in the Country to secure our Communication and to Cut off those of the Enemy, they could hardly ever be prevailed upon to go beyond our Picquets even in search of forage and Provisions for themselves, but persisted in remaining close in our rear in an unwieldy mass, and in a state of the most unaccountable inactivity and apathy until they were reduced to the greatest want and misery, whilst they at the same time consumed great quantities of forage and Provisions which would have properly fallen to the share of this army as being within it's power and reach and even in a great measure actually within the bounds of it's own encampment —

I can hardly allow myself to suppose that this behaviour of the Cavalry which has given me so much ground for Complaint has proceeded from a premeditated criminal design in any of the Chiefs, but it may perhaps be more properly ascribed to the total incapacity of Rajah Tage Umut for such a Command and to the discontented and unmanageable disposition of Syud Ali Khan, who appeared to engross his entire confidence.

Having long relinquished all hopes of drawing

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any advantage to the common cause from the Service of that Cavalry, and the Rajah and the other Chiefs having also frequently applied to me for permission to quit the Army, I had about a week ago agreed that the whole Body should return to their Masters, But the Rajah having since the junction of the Maratta Armies, earnestly requested to be allowed to remain with a few thousand of those that are in the most serviceable condition, I have from an unwillingness to do any thing that might be disagreeable to the Nizam, as well as from other political considerations consented to it. and Assud ale Khan with the Sick and Lame Horses of the whole, and with his own Troops and those of several of the inferior Chiefs, has this day commenced his March to the Northward, leaving with the Rajah, Mahomed Ameen a Man of whom I must in justice say that I have always had reason as far as I could judge to be satisfied with his Conduct. —

It is only necessary to add that as the Rajah appears at present to be in a tractable temper of mind and as I think he may profit from the advice of Mahomed Ameen I do not desire that he should be removed from the Command But that in case his Highness should send more reinforcement of Cavalry,

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my wish is that Asudali Khan shall never again be of the party.—

You may take proper occasion to convey to his Highness and the Minister in the most moderate terms part of my sentiments of dissatisfaction with the Cavalry. But in justice to my own conviction of the Nizams intention to give me a powerful support, you will always in such conversations give the strongest assurances that far from looking upon the misconduct of the Cavalry as in any degree imputable to him, I remain perfectly persuaded of his earnest desire to fulfil his Engagements and to do every thing in his power to promote the success of the Arms of the alliance against the common Enemy.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient

and humble Servant

Signd Cornwallis

Camp 8 Miles

North of Seringapatam

May 31st 1791

P.S. You will be pleased to send Copies of this Dispatch to the Government of Fort St George and likewise to the Supreme Council in Bengal.

Charles Warre Malet Esqr.

Resident at the Court of Poona

Sir,

I refer you to the enclosed Copy of my Letter of this date to Sir Charles Oakeley

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2 of the late movements of this Army, and of the reasons
that obliged me to alter my plan of operations, which
you will explain in the fullest manner to Nana
Furnavese, and I desire that you will at the same time
give him the strongest assurances that he may depend
upon a steady perseverance on my part in concert
with Hurry Punt and Purseram Bhow, in prosecuting
the most vigorous measures to distress the Common
Enemy, and to reduce him to the necessity of giving
ample satisfaction to all the Members of the Confederacy —

We have already resolved to keep the Field
during the Rains in order to deprive him of the
means of drawing Supplies to his Army from the
Neighbourhood of Seringapatam and from the greatest
part of his Dominions to the Northward of it with the
intention to derange his internal Government and
diminish his Strength by distroying his resources. —

I likewise enclose a Copy of my late
Correspondence with Tippoo and a Copy of my
Letter of this date to Captain Kennaway; as well as my
Letters to the Peishwa and to Nana Furnavese, you
will be enabled by the Correspondence with Tippoo
to point out to Nana the strict attention which I have
uniformly paid to the Interests of the allies of the
Company according to the Treaties that I have

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contracted with them; but as I have promised to Tippoo to propose to the other Members of the Confederacy to send Deputies to meet any persons that he may think proper to send to Bangalore for the purpose of endeavouring to negotiate a general peace, I trust that the Peishwa's Ministers will lose no time in nominating a Deputy or Deputies to attend the meeting, altho' I must confess that I am not sanguine in my hopes that Tippoo notwithstanding his losses, is yet in a disposition of mind to make concessions to the extent that the allies will think themselves justly entitled to demand from him.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient

and humble Servant,

Signed Cornwallis

Camp 8 Miles
North of Seringapatam
31st May 1791

P.S.

You will be pleased to send Copies of this Dispatch to the Government of Fort St George and likewise to the Supreme Council in Bengal.

True Copies

Signed Jrome. Mercer

Acting Assistant

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To the Nizam

written 31st May 1795

The unanimous operations of the confederacy in carrying on the War and the present situation of affairs require that such communications with the powers allied should be maintained as circumstances will admit — I lose no time in embracing the opportunity now offered by the free and unmolested Channel which has been so successfully and expeditiously opened by the Mahratta Armies under the Command of Hurry Punt Tantia and Purseram Bhaw, with whom I had the happiness of an Interview on the plains of Nilcotta on the 29th May.

After having taken possession of Bangalore and having been joined by your Highness's Troops under the Command of Rajah Tuje Sunt which I have already done myself the pleasure of writing to you I marched towards Seringapatam, The Enemy had arrived there before me by hasty Marches and had taken possession of the strong grounds near the Fort, having the Island and the Fort of Seringapatam in his Rear, on the 15th May I attacked and totally defeated him, — The vicinity of Seringapatam and the Batteries which he had erected on the North side of the Island saved his Army from destruction his

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Loss of men however must have been considerable and besides a number of Colours we took four pieces of Brass Cannon. —

I have great pleasure in congratulating your Highness on this victory obtained over the common Enemy and in expressing my satisfaction at the zeal that was manifested by your Highness's Troops with Rajah Tuge Sount and the other Chiefs during the action, as this was the first in which your Highness's Troops have been engaged with the English Army and their exertions afforded me great pleasure. I presented the Rajah with the four Pieces of Cannon taken from the Enemy by the English Troops and request your Highness will accept of them in token of the victory gained by the united forces of our Governments. —

After this Victory it was my intention to have formed the Junction with the Army under General Abercromby who had arrived at Tiruppatoor but the advanced Season of the Rains and the want of Forage which reduced the Cattle of my Army to a State incapable of such exertions as my plan would require, induced me to relinquish that design and Accordingly wrote to General Abercromby to fall back to the Pass. —

At this time I had the happiness to hear of the approach of the Maratta Army and Accordingly effected the Junction with Hurry Punt Tantia and Purseram Bhow whose zeal and activity in

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2 marching towards me Claims my unlimited praise
and proves their earnestness to prosecute the Interests of the
Confederacy and to avail themselves of the favorable opport:
tunity offered to effect the grand object of the alliance The
Junction of the Mahratta Army and the present —
position of the joint of the allied States has enabled me
to comply with the repeated and urgent request which
Rajah Furje Punt has made to me in consequence of
the weak state of the Horses of his Army, the inclemency
of the weather and the severe exercise his Cavalry have had
for a length of time in a Country which the Enemy spared
no pains to destroy upon the road of our march has reduced
the Horses to a weak and unserviceable State and the
Rajah has been for some time past desirous of pursuing
the most advisable Plan to recruit them and at the
same time contribute his assistance towards the general
operations - The present being a favorable opportunity I have
given my consent to detaching the weak and unform
Horses to such Country as can supply them with forage
enable them to recover their Strength and at the same time
assist in covering the Supplies that may be on the Road
towards the Army and towards the Garrison which I have
left in Bangalore - this Detachment will be Commanded
by Assud ale Khan while the Rajah with such
of the Cavalry as have not suffered to that degree

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and are still fit for Duty will remain with the
Army and assist in the execution of the general plan
of operations - I flatter myself that this will meet
with your Highness's approbation and that at the
Expiration of the Rains, when the Horses shall have
recovered they will join the grand army and be
reinforced by such others of your Highness's Troops
as you may think proper to send with them.

As from the beginning of the present affairs
I have uniformly adhered to my Engagements and
have seriously resolved that the utmost confidence
shall be evinced on my part I have transmitted to
Captain Kinnaway Copies of the Correspondence which
has passed between me and the Enemy, that he may
inform your Highness of its Contents - From these
Letters your Highness will observe my resolution
to consider the Interests of the allies in the same
manner as those of the Company and my Determi-
nation to rule my Conduct by a strict attention to the
Treaties existing between us. I think it necessary
to point out to your Highness the subject contained
in these Letters relating to the Assembly of Deputies
from each State for the purpose of examining and
discussing the Claims and pretensions of all the

parties

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2d parties concerned according to their respective Rights and situations and for consulting on Terms for an honorable and advantageous Peace altho' Tippoo Sultaun has inserted the word "Confines" I cannot but consider it as a tacit compliance with the Plan which I have pointed out this subject I request your Highness will let me know your Sentiments, and I further propose to your Highness as I have done to the Peishwa that you write as soon as convenient delegate your authority to such Person as you may judge proper to superintend the Management of your Interests at that Meeting —

For further particulars I beg leave to refer you to Captain Kennaway to whom I have written on every point and to the Letters from Rajah Tuge Wunt

To Azeem ul Omrah and
Meer Abul Cossim
of the same tenor and date —

A true Copy
Signed G. T. Cherry
C. F.

True Copy
Signed Graeme Mercer
Acting Assistant

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From Rajah Teige Wunt

Received the 10th May 1791

I have received your Lordships friendly Letter relative to the close connection between the two Governments, their mutual Interests, the arrangements for wearing a Badge of Distinction and for the followers By Gods help, there is no difference between your Lordship and his Highness, since the day his Highness's forces joined the English army, they have worn the distinguishing Badge as your Lordship requested and the Cavalry under the Command of His Highness's Munsubdars such as Muzaffer ul Mulk, Mahomed ameen Arab, Buddrul Dowla, Mahomed alawul Deen Khan, Mahomed Hussain Khan on the Right of the Company's Troops more in advance agreeable to the advice of Mr Stuart and Colonel Martine in proper numbers at the distance of 2 Cos 2½ and at the most 3 Cos and in the Rear at the same distances, keeping their Baggage between them as recommended by your Lordship and whenever your Lordship orders them to seek for Grain &c. They do it, These Troops do nothing but obey Orders and will execute what they are ordered to do,

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2d agreable to the conversation to send 3000 Horse with Captain Dallas I gave the Orders to the Chiefs and they are ready at their Stations, whenever any one shall come from Captain Dallas or any Chief shall come, they will accompany him. —

To Rajah Teige Munt

written 27th May 1791

As you have already expressed a strong desire to seperate the Troops belonging to his Highness the Nizam under your Command, from this Army and have been induced to urge this measure from the weak state of the Horses and the distresses of the people from want of Grain &c. I think the present a very favorable opportunity to carry such a measure into execution, altho' I cannot but think that those distresses might have been prevented by the Exertions which so large a Body of Cavalry are capable of in an Enemy's Country abounding with Provisions and which I have repeatedly recommended, yet as that cannot now be remedied, and I am of Opinion that the Forces under your Command may be very beneficial

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beneficial to His Highness in maintaining and extending his Conquests, I desire you to march immediately and to make the three or four first days marches as long as possible in order that you may lose no time in reaching those Districts most likely to afford relief to your Troops, and where you may be in the power of receiving His Highness's Commands.—

## To Rajah Teige Wunt

Written 8th May 1791

The Army having now reached the open Country, I consider it as a Duty which I owe to the Interests of the Common Cause, and to the Honor of his Highness the Nizam's Arms to call upon you to bring the large body of Cavalry under your Command into activity that it may assume the degree of superiority over the Enemy to which it is intitled both by its Numbers, and by the zeal and Spirit of its Chiefs, and by that means contribute in the manner which was intended by His Highness to promote the success of the Campaign.

As Tippoo has on all occasions since the commencement of the War carefully avoided

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2d an action with British Armies of very inconsiderable
Numbers, and in particular would not venture to
attack this Army when a large part of it was employed
in carrying on the Siege of Bangalore, there is not the
least probability that he will now hazard a Battle
with the strongest Army that was ever brought into
the Field against him, It therefore falls to the share
of the Infantry to proceed with the Artillery according
to the plan which has been settled, to attack
Seringapatam, and it is the Duty of the Cavalry to
over run the Country to cut off Tippoo's communication
with his Capital, and to prevent the approach of his
small Detachments of Light Horse to disturb the
Troops that will be employed in the Siege.

To answer these purposes I desire that
you will immediately detach a body of his Highness's
Cavalry of any number that you may judge advisable
and under the Command of such Chiefs as you may
think best qualified for executing the service, into
the open Country to the North west of the present
encampment, with orders to drive the Enemy's
small parties from the neighbourhood of the
Army, and to intercept every thing going to or coming
out of Seringapatam on the Roads leading to it
from Coorapatam and Shevagunga.

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Tippoo was by the last accounts at a great distance from hence with the main body of his Army and there is no reason to believe that there is at present any considerable body of his Cavalry near our front, But whatever the situation of the Enemy may be, the Detached Corps ought to leave its heavy Baggage with the army, and move into the Country as lightly equipped as possible which will enable it either to avoid with facility any Detachments of the Enemy that may be furnished with Infantry and Guns, or to attack them with success if a favorable opportunity should offer, and if it should at any time be pressed by superior numbers, it will find perfect security in falling back to the Army.

I shall order further Detachments to be made as the Army advances and I think it right at the same time to state to you that it is only by their own activity and exertions that it will be possible for the Cavalry under your Command to procure forage for their Horses or subsistence for themselves and that to continue as has hitherto been the practices to encamp with their followers close to the Rear of the Line of Infantry, would certainly occasion great distress to the whole Army & ruin to the cause in which we are engaged

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I must likewise request that you will take effectual measures to restrain the Troops under your Command from insisting to force Sentries belonging to the English Regiments and to oblige not only the Cavalry but also the Baggage and followers belonging to them, to remain in the situations which are allotted to them by the general order of March.

I am persuaded that you will see the necessity for using your utmost authority to prevent a repetition of both of these irregularities, when I inform you that by the rules of the English Discipline it is the duty of a Sentry to shoot any man to Death who attempts to force him upon his post, and that inclusive of the great inconvenience which has been experienced from the multitudes of the Cavalry and their followers who have broke in upon the line of march of the Columns of our Infantry and Artillery, the English Troops are exposed to great danger, and have already suffered considerable loss by the similarity of appearance of his Highness's and the Enemy's Cavalry which renders it impossible for the Officers and Soldiers of our Army to distinguish the one from the other and which enables the Enemy to mix with the straggles of the Nizams Cavalry and to watch for favorable opportunities to attack individuals on the line of March or upon their arrival at the new encampments.

I cannot help on this occasion expressing my

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2d my regret that I have not been able to prevail upon you to comply with my repeated request that you would be pleased to order his Highness's Cavalry to wear some mark by which they could be known by each other as well as by us being persuaded that such a Measure would be attended with many advantages in carrying on our operations together, but in order to avoid Confusion it is absolutely necessary that they should on all Marches preserve the Stations that are allotted to them.

Rajah Tuje Wunt

written 10th May 1791

When I yesterday took leave of you myself and assured you I felt a degree of confidence that my representations had made some impression upon you, I have however now the mortification to find that I was totally mistaken for instead of 3000 men under some Chiefs of Character it has just been reported to me by Captain Dallas that there were not thirty more than 200 of your Troops of inferior quality, and this morning to join him, and notwithstanding your repeated your repeated promises to the contrary our line of March was more crowded and embarassed than this day by your numerous foragers and followers of every description, who ought to have marched and foraged

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2 on the left flanks of the Cavalry where the Country was
in many places very open, but who as usual were
hastening forward to fight with our guards for the few
bundles of Straw which we had been able to save from
Tippoo's Horse, and which are so necessary to preserve the
existence of the Bullocks that are drawing the heavy
Artillery to Seringapatam. —

I have the highest respect for his Highness
Nizam ally Khan your Master, and I am convinced
of the Sincerity of his Disposition to fulfil his Engagements
in the most honorable manner, so much backwardness
therefore on your part to concur with the Troops under
your Command in measures that are absolutely necessary
to promote his Highness's Interests as well as those of the
other Confederates greatly surprizes me, and it will render
it incumbent upon me to state to his Highness the disap-
pointment that I have experienced in having hitherto
received no kind of support or assistance from the nu-
merous body of Cavalry which from his anxiety to
act with vigor against the Common Enemy, he was
pleased to put under my direction.

To Rajah Seige Wunt

written 6th May 1791

I have great pleasure in congratulating
you on the victory that was obtained yesterday over
the common Enemy and in expressing my great
Satisfaction

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2d Satisfaction at the zeal which was manifested by his Highness the Nizam's Troops under your Command – a near and strong place of retreat saved Tippoo's army from entire destruction but his loss must have been very considerable and the event of the day will no doubt have clearly convinced him that his force is totally unequal to cope with this united Army in the Field – The British Troops took among st other trophies four very fine pieces of Brass Cannon, and being desirous to mark my respect and attention in the most conspicuous manner I have resolved to put his Highness in immediate possession of them, I therefore request that you will as soon as possible send proper people with Draught Bullocks to the Park of artillery to receive those Cannon and I shall give Orders for their being delivered them, upon your application for them.—

True Copies
/Signd/ G. F. Cherry
Sec.y

True Copies
/Signd/ Graeme Mercer
Acting Assistant

N:B:
The other Enclosures of this Letter have been already entered /Vide Consultation 17th June C. C. N. 15./

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The Honble Major General Medows

President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St George

From the Military Storekeeper with List of Stores provided in the Month of May and Bill for the amount —

Honble Sir

I have the Honor to lay before you a List of Military Stores provided by me in the Month of May last with an affidavit to their actual Cost and my Bill for the amount, which I request you will be pleased to discharge.

I have the Honor to be,
with great Respect,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,

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[Signed] Sos. du Bré Porcher
Military Storekeeper

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Military Stores Furnished by the Military

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| Gunpowder Madras 60 lt | Barrels | 534 | |
| Long Cloth Brown | Pieces | 100 | D |
| Knapsacks | | 1365 | D |
| Copper Hoops 224 lb | lb | 417 | D |
| Powder Barrels Tinn Tailed | | 500 | D |
| Ammunition Barrels | | 200 | D |
| Rattans for Do | | 105 | D |
| Drum Braces | Bundles | 350 | D |
| Copper Tubes Empty 6 Pdr | | 2518 | D |
| Pouch Belts | | 60 | D |
| Teak Timbers | | 4 | D |
| Teak Simmon Blanks | | 11 | D |
| Teak axles | | 4 | D |
| Charcoal | | 808 | D |
| Linseed Oil | Loops | 25 | D |
| Wood Oil | Gallons | 1½ | D |
| Bolts and Pans | Mean. | 72 | D |
| Mallays | | 64 | D |
| Coconut Brushes | | 20 | |
| Battics | | 60 | |
| Firewood | | 14,640 | D |
| Flowers | Billets | 2000 | D |
| Paddy husk | Mea | 100 | D |
| Malls | Loops | 5 | |
| Brooms | | 100 | |
| Bettelas | Bundles | 32 | |
| Cotton Thread fine | Pieces | 5 | |
| Salt Petre | lb | 2 5 | |
| Flint Iron | Ea | 2 | D |
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Storekeeper in the Month of May 1791

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Sign.d Jos. Lucas Pose Bowker
M.r Storekr

Sign.d Jos. Lucas Pose Bowker
Storekr

Sign.d S. Stadden
Sign.d Justice

Sworn to before me this
day of July 1791.
Sign.d S. Stadden
Sign.d Justice

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| Nails, — lb 10 | " 20 - | |
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This Sum is to be Transferred —

Sent the following Letters

To Major General Musgrave

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

To Major General Musgrave Communicating the Contents of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 14th Ultimo — Measures to be adopted in Consequence — Remarks of the Board on the subject —

Lord Cornwallis having advised the Board that the present Situation of the War will keep the Army so much to the westward, that he thinks it possible, and by no means improbable, that Tippoo, who can have no apprehension for his Capital for four Months to come, may make a rapid March to Coilsour, and from thence pass into the Baramhaul and the Carnatic, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will be pleased to suggest such means as may occur to you for providing as much as possible against any consequence at present to be apprehended from the Sudden Incursion of the Enemy.

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Lord Cornwallis has recommended, that among other Precautions, the Garrison of Arnee be reinforced - you will be pleased to take this matter also into Consideration, and State your Opinion with regard to the mode in which the object of his Lordship's recommendation may be most conveniently accomplished.

If Tippoo should have it in serious Contemplation to enter the Carnatic, it is most likely that he will use all possible means to impede the Exertions that are making to re-equip the Army, and that his primary Object will be to cut off the large Supplies of Cattle &c collecting in the Neighbourhood of Arnboor - any measure therefore that you may propose, which can tend to their Preservation will meet with due attention.

Fort St George
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I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis

To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis requesting to know how many Officers can conveniently be embarked on the Leopard

Commanding in Chief of His Majesty's Ships & Vessels
in the East Indies

Sir,

We have been honored by the receipt of your Letter of the 29th ulting, informing us that you had given Directions

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2d Directions to Captain Blankett of his Majesty's Ship Leopard, to receive on board Hanoverian Officers and Men to the Numbers of One hundred and fifty.

As we conceive that Captain Blankett will not be able to give suitable accommodation to as many Officers as are proportioned to the Number of Men to be sent on board the Leopard, we request you will be so obliging as to inform us, from many of the former can be conveniently embarked, that we may give Directions accordingly.

We shall pay proper attention to the Observation you make in regard to the victualling the Troops during their Passage, and to the Quantity of Baggage to be taken with them.

We hope to be favored with an early Communication of your Intention as to the Time of the Leopard's Departure from hence.

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1 July 1795

We have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&
Council

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

To Bengal with Copy of Ld Cornwallis's Letter respecting the Loan of 12 Lacks of Rupees to be made to the Nawaub

We have the Honor to inclose Copy

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2 of a Letter received this morning from Lord Cornwallis, and to inform you that we have the means at present in our Treasury to answer the Calls therein mentioned. —

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

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Signed Cha.s Oakeley &c. Council

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal - representing the Cause of Delay in the transmission of the accounts — relating to the Pay of the Bengal Troops serving on the Coast. —

Gentlemen,

Para 1 We have been honored by the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Ultimo desiring that the Instructions contained in your Letter of the 17th February 1790, may be complied with as soon as possible. —

2 We have been informed by our Military Paymaster General that your Orders had been attended to by him, as far as lay in his power - that he had ready a particular account of all advances made by him on account of the Bengal Troops, & that the reason why the account required had not been transmitted, was, because those particularly Ordered were included in Mr. Colt's accounts, which had not been audited, but which were at present under the Inspection of the auditor General, and would be

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be forwarded in a few Days to Bengal. —

We have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(Signd) Chas Oakeley Mr Council

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

My Lord,

We have been honored by your Lordships Letters of the 14th and 21st ultimo.

We have called upon Major General Musgrave to suggest such means as may occur to him for providing as much as possible against any consequence at present to be apprehended from the sudden Incursion of the Enemy, and to state his Opinion with Regard to the mode in which the object of your Lordships Recommendation for reinforcing the Garrison of Anne, may be most conveniently accomplished. — If Tippoo should have it in serious Contemplation to enter the Carnatic, it is most likely that his first object will be to cut off the large Supplies of Cattle &c collecting for the army — we have therefore thought it of Essential consequence to inform

Ld Cornwallis with advice of the reference made to Major General Musgrave on the subject of the Contents of his Letter of the 14th Ultimo. The Sums required by his Letter of the 21st Ultimo will be held in readiness

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2d General Musgrave that any Proposition of his, which can tend to their Preservation, will meet with due attention from us. —

We shall in conformity to the Desire of your Lordship, hold in readiness the Sum required by your Letter of the 28th Ultimo. —

We have the Honor to be,
with great respect & Esteem,
&c. &c.
Signed Chas Oakeley & Council

Fort St George
2d July 1791

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mo B. Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. —

To the Garrison Store Keeper - directing him to have in readiness, to ship at the shortest Notice, a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions for the Consumption of One hundred and fifty - Men during their Voyage from hence to England, calculating their Passage at Six Months. —

To the Garrison Store Keeper

To the Board of assumed Revenue — informing them of the Division made by Government of the Tanjore Country. —

To the Board of assumed Revenue

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar — stating that the Claim preferred by Lieutenant Forbes for reimbursement of the Amount

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

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amount expended by him in Repairing the Quarters at Bellumcondah is inadmissible.

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Alfred

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Alfred informing him that the Canvas Hammocks sent on board his Ship at St Helena for the use of the Troops are to be returned thither on the Alfred.

To the Resident at Hydrabad

To the Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copy of Jiah Ram Reddy's Petition desiring him to take a favorable opportunity of interposing the Subject to the Viziam and if it be proper so obtaining a Compliance with the Prayer of his Petition.

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To the Residents at Boonah & Hydrabad enclosing Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 25th Ultimo.

To the Residents at Boonah and Hydrabad

Received Letter from the Calastry Rajah (as entered in C. C. N 160) stating that he is busily employed in collecting Bullocks for the use of the Army and requesting that some Musquets which he wishes to purchase at the Presidency may be allowed to pass through the Gates of the Fort.

Substance of a Letter from the Calastry Rajah

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in C. B. Nos 7. 8. 9. 10.

From the Collector in the District of Cavoor N.

From the Collector in the District of Cavoor N. advising of his having written to

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3 the subject of the Cattle purchased in the Districts under his Management and of his having marked them according to the Instructions conveyed to him under Date the 19th Ultimo.

From the Collector in the Ongole & Palnaud Districts.

From the Collector in the Ongole & Palnaud Districts — Bullock Drivers for the use of the Army. —

From the Commandant at Chingleput

From the Commandant at Chingleput — requesting Permission to proceed to the Presidency for a few Days. —

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army accounts

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts - enclosing a Bill for House Rent claimed by Major Tutt, as having been the allowance granted to Lieutenant Colonel Sydenham whilst in Command of the Cantonment at the Mount. —

Received the following Letter from the acting Resident at Cuddalore. —

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

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore - with Returns of Stores Troops &c. in that Garrison for the Month of June - has directed that all Reports whatsoever respecting Troops be made by the Garrison Sergeant Major, in consequence of the Indisposition of Lieutenant Colonel Hughes. —

Honble Sir,

I herewith have the Honor to transmit the following Returns of this Factory for the Month of June last. Viz.

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Return of Troops in Garrison
Surgeon's Report of Sick Officers
Do Do Non Commissioned and Privates
The Return of Military Stores is unavoidably deferred for a Day or two.

I beg leave to acquaint you, that Lieutenant Colonel Hughes was yesterday taken extremely ill, and continues this day so much indisposed as to be incapable of signing his Name, or to perform the Duties of his Station, in consequence of which, and deeming Captain Kennedy, the next Officer in Command, an improper Person to be placed in the Command of the Garrison, I have judged it expedient to direct, that all Reports respecting the Troops be made to me by the Garrison Serjeant Major until Colonel Hughes may be so far recovered as to be able to discharge his duty as usual.

I have the Honor to be,
Respectfully
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed R. Dashwood

Cuddalore
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At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President

Monday

4.th July 1791

William Petrie }
John Huddleston } Esq.rs

The Honble. Major General Medows

absent upon Service. —

Minutes of last Consultation read

and Approved. —

Read the following Letters from

Lord Cornwallis. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

&c. &c. &c.

From Lord Cornwallis

- Cash to be held in readiness on account of a loan to be made to the Marattas —

Sir,

I have been obliged for Reasons that I cannot at present explain to you to promise a considerable Loan to the Marattas. I therefore desire that you will immediately take to the Amount of twelve Lacks of Rupees out of the China Ships, notwithstanding any Orders to the Contrary that you may have received, and coin it into

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into Bayes with as much dispatch as possible.

I am, with great Esteem & Regard

&c &c

Sign'd Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar^t

Camp near
Oorlodroog
June 25^th 1791.

From Lord Cornwallis.
the Swallow Packet
to be Dispatched for
England early in
September — Guns,
Gun Carriages and
Tumbrils to be procured
from Bengal —

Sir,

I shall be obliged to you if you will acquaint the Supreme Board that I think it will be highly expedient for the Public Service that the Swallow Packet should sail for England from your Presidency in the very beginning of the Month of September, and that I therefore recommend to them to transmit their Dispatches either by Land or water in such time as will nearly insure their arrival at Fort S^t George by the 31^st of August. you will likewise be pleased to request of the Supreme Board in my name that they will send to Madras for the use of the Army in the course of the Month of August, eight Iron eighteen Pounders with their Carriages, and one Spare Carriage / my reason for desiring Guns as well as Carriages is that there may be a Certainty of their fitting them / and from twenty to thirty ammunition Tumbrils if they can procure freights at that Season of the Year for so great a number — A Pilot Schooner might I believe bring all the Guns and Carriages and might

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likewise be charged with the bulky part of the Government's Dispatches, but could convey but few, if any of the Tumbrils, these latter which make a very inconvenient lading and must generally bestowed upon Deck may therefore be sent on freight upon the different Vessels that happen to sail from the beginning of August to the middle of September from Bengal to the Coast.—

Camp at Amanatoor
June 24th 1791

I am, with great Esteem and Regard
Yr. Fo.
Signd Cornwallis

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

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis. orders respecting the Cloathing for the Bengal Troops serving on the Coast the Army moves to the Eastward advice of his Intention to reconnoitre the Fort of Savendroog

In addition to the applications which I desired you in my Letter of yesterday to make to the Bengal Government, I have to request that they will order the Cloathing for the Bengal Troops on this Service to be prepared, and Dispatched to Fort St George, as early in August as possible— Returns of the precise Quantity that will be wanted, shall be transmitted to Calcutta by the first opportunity.—

The Marattas having now no further apprehensions about their Communications on safety of their distant Detachments, acquiesced in our beginning to move to the Eastward this Morning, and, unless after

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after minutely reconnoitring the Strong Hill Fort of Severndroog, I should be encouraged to attempt the Reduction of that important Post, I shall probably in four or five Days reach the neighbourhood of Bangalore.—

An Outline of our future Plan of Operations has been explained and concerted with the Maratta Chiefs, and they have promised not to separate from me, until we can bring the War to an honorable Conclusion. In my present Situation, I am generally pretty much occupied with the current daily Business, but I shall take an early Opportunity of communicating to you the particulars of what has passed between me and those Chiefs at some of our late Conferences.

Camp at Ottery droog 25th June 1791

I am, with great Esteem & Regard
Yr. Mr.
(Signd) Cornwallis

The Board have already informed Lord Cornwallis that the Sum of twelve Lacks of Rupees will be held in readiness to answer any Call which he may have for it.—

Minute on the three foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis

Agreed that a Letter be immediately written to the Supreme Council, advising them of his Lordships wishes in respect to

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Tumbrils, and Cloathing. —

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave. —

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Hon^ble Sirs,

From Major General Musgrave - Opinion on the Measures that should be adopted in order to provide as much as possible against any consequences to be apprehended from a sudden Incursion of the Enemy into the Carnatic. —

I have been this Morning honored with the Board's Letter of the first Instant, to acquaint me, that Lord Cornwallis had appriz'd the Board of the Probability, and possibility that Tippoo may invade the Baramaul and Carnatic, and desiring me to suggest means to avert as much as possible the consequences of a sudden incursion. —

I confess that a danger thus suddenly apprehended, and unexpectedly notified, has come upon me so unawares that, not having been honored with any previous communication on the subject, and uninformed either of the present position of the army, their future plan of operations, or the nature of the force from which we are to dread an attack, I should have found some — difficulty in giving an immediate opinion on the measures most prudent to adopt, was the situation of our affairs here any other than what it is. But as the Board must be sensible of the utter impracticability of collecting a force in the Carnatic capable of keeping

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the Field after being drained of men, and having our Garrisons weakened to compose the offensive Army, and the Detachment under Captain Read, I trust they will therefore agree with me that little room is left for reflection, and no thing remains for us but to endeavour to defend and protect our principal Stations which will be best effected by providing as much as possible the means for their defence, and augmenting the force of those that are weakest, and most liable to be attacked, by detaching to their assistance the few men that can be spared from the Presidency.

I agree with his Lordship in thinking that Arney from it's situation and the nature of it's defences, is likely in case of an invasion, to be an object of attack, tho' probably not the first, I therefore recommend that Lieut. Riddle with his Company be ordered to reinforce that Garrison as speedily as possible and that a detachment of Artillery with a proportioned supply of stores be withdrawn from the Mount to augment the Strength both of Arnee and Vellore.

I conceive that the reinforcements expected shortly from Europe and the assistance that may be afforded by His Majesty's Navy sufficient to defend the Presidency from any danger, or insult, I happears to me that two or three Companies of Europeans from those

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arrived lately from St Helena, and the Hanoverians, might be spared for the better security of the places I have mentioned, and should the Board coincide with me in this opinion the sooner it is carried into execution the better. — Strict Orders should be circulated to all Officers Commanding Forts to be on their Guard, and to hold out against any force, to the last extremity.

From the accounts which I hear of the large Supplies of Grain thrown into the Fort of Vinkelgherry I cannot help feeling serious apprehensions for it's Security; It is also doubtful to me whether Amboor in it's present diminished state is capable of affording protection to the numbers of Cattle collected in it's neighbourhood — Therefore strongly recommend that Captain Reads Detachment be recalled immediately, as it is probable, in the event of an invasion, the Enemy's first attempt will be against those places which I conceive to be of the utmost importance. This Detachment will not only give security to the Fortresses, but I have no doubt will also be able to keep the communication open and protect future escorts, especially when acting under the direction of so able and experienced an Officer as Captain Read.

These are the points which appear to me immediately to demand attention, and I observe time in communicating them to the Board, whose orders upon all

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all occasions I shall most cheerfully obey, but at the same time I must remark, how Hazardous it is for a person to venture a positive opinion on subjects of such Moment, when he has no means of acquiring those necessary knowledge, and his information is partial and circumscribed, In such cases, to be mistaken, is not to be Culpable, and error may be expected beyond what falls to the common lot of human Judgement.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect,
Sir, Your
Most Obedient
Humble Servant
/Signed/ Thos. Musgrave

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Minutes on the Foregoing Letter from Major General Musgrave -

Agreed to inform General Musgrave that the Communication to him of the 1st Instant. was precisely to the same Effect as that made to the Board by Earl Cornwallis, and contained the only advice they received on the Subject That, since then, advices have been received from his Lordship dated the 25th Ultimo, stating, that the Marattas had acquiesced in his beginning to move to the Eastward that Morning, and that, unless he should be encouraged, after reconnoitring the Strong Hill Fort of Savendroog, to attempt the reduction of that important Post, he should probably in four or five Days reach the Neighbourhood of Bangalore.

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That the Board wish therefore to know, before they come to any Determination upon the measures the General has suggested, whether the Circumstance of the intended Movement of the Army to the Eastward, will occasion any, and if any, what alterations in the Measures recommended in his Letter of the 3d Instant —

Resolved also to inform General Musgrave that the Hanoverian Regiment is under Orders to proceed to Europe; but that Lieutenant Riddell's Company of Sepoys will be directed to proceed to Anne as soon as it shall have executed the Service on which it is at present employed —

Agreed that a Copy of General Musgrave's Letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis in Cypher, and that his Lordship be informed at the same time of what has passed between the General and the Board —

With respect to General Musgrave's recommendation for recalling Captain Read's Detachment, the Determination upon this Point must rest with Lord Cornwallis, who is the most competent Judge of the Propriety of the measure —

The Acting President lays before the Board the following Letter received this Morning from Captain Alexander Read —

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Sir,

From Captain Alexander Read. amount of the Supplies escorted to Bangalore stating the Measures he has been obliged to adopt in consequence of the near approach of large Bodies of the Enemy's Cavalry and requesting to be permitted to draw Table allowance

I have duly received Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 1st and 7th Instant, and, as therein directed, shall look to Lord Cornwallis alone for my instructions

I have been greatly disappointed in the length of time it has taken, to bring on the Benjarries, for I reckoned, and I believe, gave you reason to expect, I shall have accomplished that, and rendered more important Service, before this period. yet, with no retrospect from day to day, throughout my late incursion, I can, with the fullest confidence and Satisfaction assure you, that there has not been the least delay, which, with an eye to circumstances, could have been safely prevented.—

I was under the necessity of going to Goorla-goonta, for the Benjarries, for, otherwise, they never would have advanced; and, after their junction, I thought it prudent to halt there, for some days, having strong reports of the Enemy's coming in force to intercept me— On the 22d a small body of Horse made its appearance at Chillaguti, 40 Miles from Bangalore They beat off a part of Cornet Kippen's Troop, and drove away four hundred and eighty Cattle— Fully sensible, tho' the Enemy's force was trifling, that I could

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not proceed with a Charge of such magnitude, until enabled to protect it better, I took post, and applied to Colonel Oldham for Six Companies of Sepoys - while waiting for them, my Scouts brought intelligence of a Commanded Dewn coming against me, and I received an express from Lord Cornwallis, informing me, the son of that man had actually left Seringapatam, with two Brigades and two Thousand Horse, in consequence of which, Captain Brown was detached with three Battalions to my Support - uncertain when Captain B. might arrive, I made a Second request of Colonel Oldham, and he sent me two reinforcements of half a Troop of Cavalry, two Guns, and twelve Companies of Sepoys - The Looties did not even appear after that, and I enjoy the particular pleasure of ending my expedition this Morning, by arriving here without further Loss. —

My whole Supply amounts to 1952 unloaded Bullocks about 9000 loads brought by the Banjarries 14,567 Sheep &c and 100 Horses - Half of the unloaded bullocks will, I hope, prove fit for Carriage or Draught the Banjarries say, they will part with as many of their Cattle, as the Contractors Chose to take, and of the Horses, 78 being adjudged fit for the Service by Cornet Hippery, they are delivered over to him for his Troop. —

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I beg leave Sir to acquaint you, in consequence of the augmentation my Detachment has received, that, from a circumstance attendant on Command, my expence in the Field, greatly exceeds my Pay and allowances, (which are no more than in Garrison) with a wish it may be submitted to the Consideration of Government, as I believe it is generally so indulgent to grant Officers, in my Situation, a Table allowance, and I entertain a hope that, either my actual endeavours, or Length of Service will weigh something in it's decision respecting mine at present.

Camp at Bangalore
June 29 - 1791

I am, with the greatest Respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Read

Minute on the foregoing Letter

It affords the Board the most sincere Pleasure to find that Captain Read has conveyed in Safety to Bangalore the large Supplies which he had collected for the use of the Army.

Thanks of the Board signified to Captain Read

The Service performed by Captain Read is of essential consequence, and as it has been conducted with great Zeal and Judgment, it is Resolved to return him the Thanks of the Board, and to express to him their warmest approbation of the whole of his Conduct.

The Board cannot admit of any Charge for Table allowances as it would be more a Precedent hereafter for

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applications for a similar allowance. But in order to enable him to defray any Extraordinary Expence which he may have sustained during the late useful Expedition and as a further Testimony of the Board's Acknowledgments of his Services it is Resolved that a Gratuity of One Thousand Pagodas be given to him

a Gratuity of one Thousand Pagodas to be given to Captain Read

Read the following Letter from Bengal,

To the Honble the Governor in Council at Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Bengal desiring that peremptory Orders may be given for carrying into Execution the Instructions contained in their Letter of the 8th May 1789 for introducing an uniformity of System in the accounts of the three Presidencies

1st We have to acknowledge our Receipt of your Letter, dated the 17th March 1791, in which we are informed that the Committee, appointed at Fort St George, to report upon the Plan for introducing uniformity of System in the Military accounts of the three Presidencies, had addressed your Government, setting forth that, "as all the arguments against the introduction of the new "System, last year, recur at the present moment, with "additional force, they submit, whether it should not be "further, postponed until the termination of the present "War."

2d Desirous to carry into execution the Company's Orders, dated the 28th of March 1788, relative to the plan above mentioned, and having received from our Military Auditor General the necessary forms and Regulations for that purpose, we transmitted Copies of them to you so long ago as on the 8th of May 1789, & recommended

That

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That Orders should be given for the early adoption and strict observance of them, according to the Company's Directions, but without altering the rates or the Establishments under your Presidency, & remain in consequence of this Recommendation that you appointed the Committee above alluded to, as noticed in your Letter of the 1.st of September 1789, to which we replied on the 2.d of October of the same year, by observing that we hoped that the Arrangements, which we had proposed, would be adopted on the 1.st of May 1790.

3 On the 20.th of March 1790, you informed us that you had directed the proper Officers, under your Presidency, to proceed to the adoption of the Regulations, but you submitted to us, "whether, in the present Situation of Affairs, "it might not be proper to postpone, for One Year the "Execution of the Plan, as had been recommended to you, "by the Committee employed, in order to avoid the "Confusion that must attend such a Change, at this Crisis, "especially as you were well persuaded, that no immediate "Benefit to the Service could attend a continuance of "the present System for another Year."

4 In Answer to this Letter we informed you, on the 23.d of April 1790, that on Referring "to the Reports of "your late Committee, employed in the investigation of "the Army accounts, we observed, that they Noticed the "great Confusion in which these Accounts were involved "during the last War, and we were of Opinion that the

* The Letter was signed by John Holland, I.st Lieut.t Major & Edw.d J. Holland

⊕ The Letter was signed by Edward Holland, W.m & J. Holland

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"present Crises should not be passed by without the most
"vigorous endeavours being used, to establish the efficacy of
Controul, and the utmost regularity in the Accounts of your
"Military Disbursements in future." —

5 In a Letter,* on the same Subject, dated the 18th of
May 1790, you intimated to us, "that you were fully
"persuaded of the utility of the measure recommended," but
proposed a delay, for another year, in consequence of an
Address from the Committee before mentioned. —

6 In answer to that Letter, we assented to the
Delay, proposed, for one year but "regretted that a Season
"of Peace had been suffered to elapse, during which the
"Plan might have been compleated for establishing that
"strict controul over the Military Disbursements, which are
"at all Times so essentially necessary, but more particularly
"so during the operations of a War," upon reverting, on this
occasion, to the arguments, urged by your Committee, in
their said Letter of the 18th of May 1790, for the Delay of one
year, which was resolved upon in Consequence of it, we observe
that they seem to relate Chiefly, to forms of Detail, without
connection with the most Material parts of the plan,
namely the General outlines of the Establishment of
efficient Controul, and the Arrangement of the Offices of
Supply, Pay, and Controul, at the Presidency, upon the
Principles adopted in Bengal, but supposing the objections
of the Committee to have had weight, at the Period they
were made, Viz.t the commencement of the Official
Year

* The Letters was signed by John Tandy & Edwd. Saunders.

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year 1790/91 it does not occur, why measures had not
been taken towards the accomplishment of the object,
during the Seven Months of profound Peace, which
followed after you had received our Letter of the 8th of May
1789, nor during the remaining four Months of the
Official year 1789/90, and altho' the delay proposed, in
the Committee's Letter of the 18th May 1790, was only for one
year, it does not appear, that a single preparatory Step, for
carrying the Orders of both Governments into execution, was
taken by the Committee during the whole of the Official
year 1790/91; but, on the Contrary, the proposition, now,
is to put off the Business to an indefinite Period.

As two years have already elapsed, since our
first Instructions were sent, without any effectual
Measure having, as far as we know, been attempted, by
the Committee; and as the Court of Directors are very
desirous that the Plan should be established, we
cannot approve of the delay proposed. Indeed, we are
persuaded that the principles of the new System may
still be introduced at your Presidency with perfect
convenience, for the Current Official year, in all the most
essential parts; at least as far as regards the General
outline of the Establishment of efficient Control, and the
Arrangement of the Offices of Supply, Pay and Control, at
the Presidency, according to the principles in force under
this Government, and we beg leave to add that we think
it would not prove a difficult task, if heartily engaged

* Between 1st June 89 & 1st January 1790

* Between 1st January & 31st April 1790

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in, to carry the more minute parts of the Plan respecting
forms, into execution, during the Course of the year; for even
your Committee, in their Letter of the 18th May 1790, only said,
"That to transmit Copies of the forms, hereafter to be observed,
"by the Paymasters, would require at least the space of a
"Month."

8 The Improvement of more forms, to execute the
plan with most facility, according to these principles, may
be made gradually, if the particular Situation of the Army,
at this Conjuncture, renders it really impracticable to adopt
the System, immediately, in all its detail, as well as in its
more material parts. —

9 No excuse was made at Bombay, such as
has been offered by your Committee, on the Contrary, at
Bombay, they have proceeded far in the adoption of the —
principles of the new System, and particularly in the Depart:
ment of the Military Storekeepers, by Confining them to the
receipt and Issue of Stores, without having any Concern in the
Supply of them; and they have likewise, restrained the Military
Paymaster General from being also a Paymaster in detail as
formerly. —

10 You are now acquainted with our wishes, and
we trust that peremptory Orders will be given to the Heads of Offices
at your Presidency, with whom it rests, to carry them into Effect. —

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

(Signed) Chas Stuart
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper
Rawlins

Fort William
20th May 1795

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Minutes thereon

Resolved, in consequence of the Orders contained in the above Letter, that the Plan recommended by the Govr and General in Council in his Letter of the 2d May 1787, for an uniformity of System in the account of the three Presidency, be carried into Execution. —

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Ordered that a Copy of the Bengal Letter be sent to the Committee, and that they be directed to report with as little Delay as possible such Steps as must be taken, and such Arrangements as may be necessary in order to carry into Execution the Instructions of the Superior Government —

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member at the Presidency and the Gentlemen in Council - Fort St George. - Madras &c &c

From Major General Medows expressing his Dissatisfaction at the Conduct of Captain the Commissary of Stores in Camp

Camp near Oolavr. Tuesday the 21st of June 1791

Hond Sir & Gentlemen

I was favored with yours of the 26th of May yesterday and have given the necessary Orders with regard to the Certificates of the Lascars. —

I have sent an Extract of your Letter to Captain Bell the Commissary of Stores, with Orders for his immediate compliance, and sorry to add, both the Lord Cornwallis and myself have too much reason to be dissatisfied with him. —

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Signed Wm Medows

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Read the following Letter from Captain

Williamson —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Fort St George

Sir,

From Captain Williamson with a Statement of Money disbursed in the Month of June applies for a further advance & represents the Difficulty of procuring Rice —

I am honored with the receipt of your Letter dated the 28th Ultimo containing Orders from the Honorable the President in Council for my employing the Elephants in conveying Rice from Arnee to Amboor which Orders shall be complied with as soon as possible. —

Lieutenant Talfrey with a Detachment of 39 Elephants returned this Morning from Vencatygherry and Lieutenant Hinckesman is expected here tomorrow from Vellore with 63 Elephants. —

On the 5th I shall leave this for Arnee with the whole of the Elephants that are fit for Service. There are a few of them that have slight sores in consequence of their having carried lately heavyer loads than they have been formerly accustomed to, a very few days will however be sufficient for their recovery. —

I am again under the necessity of applying for more money; enclosed I send a Statement of the expenditure of the Sum of Ten Thousand Rupees which I received from Mr. Forians at Vellore. —

I find a great difficulty in procuring Rice

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Rice for the Elephants, I am under the necessity of sending my people to different Villages round the Country and to advance Money to them before they can be prevailed on to beat out the Paddy.

I have reduced the allowance of Grain given daily to the Elephants, from Bengal Sears to the Sers of this Country, which is just one fourth.

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

Signed Jas Williamson Captain
In Charge of Elephants from Bengal.

Trichinopoly
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Statement of Money Disbursed in the Month of June 1795
Amount of the Abstract of two Company's of Sepoys with their Staff and the Bay Batta and Foot allowance of a Captain and two Subalterns for the Month of May 1795

To Feeding 114 Elephants for June 1795 — Rs. 4260 11.-
To Pay to the Elephants Servants for June 1795 — 2055.-

Rs. 6607. 11.-

Money Received from Mr. Torriano Rs 10,000.-
Cash Remaining in hand 1 July 1795 Rs. 392. 5.-

Signed Jas Williamson Captain

Lieut. Thomas

Ordered, That a further Advance of Ten Thousand Rupees be made to Captain Williamson by the Paymaster as Desired.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President &c. Council at Fort St George

From the Resident at Ganjam Depredations committed by Sanades and his adherents — States that the Force in the District is insufficient for the Maintenance of good Order —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Herewith I have the Honor to forward to you, transcripts of Letters which I have lately received from the Manager of the Havelly in this District, and from the Officer Commanding the Troops at Bavampoor, and ful much Concern, that such Disorders should still obtain in these Parts. —

In the Degree that the Force and the various Services to be executed by it in this District would admit, I have complied with Mr Webb's suggestion for the Security of Ichapoor, and have excited the several Posts and Detachments to that vigilance, which I hope may repress the frequency of such Predatory Incursions but to obviate them altogether, or to suppress the Insurgents will not I apprehend be practicable while the Estab: blishment of Troops for the Service of the District remains in so very reduced a Proportion. —

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect
&c &c
Signed J Crawford

Ganjam
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To Henry Crawford Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

I am very sorry to inform you, that two of the Villages belonging to this Hannaly Viz.t Coulgaum, and Kerlahpooram within two Cos of Tschapoor were last nights or early this morning plundered by Sunadoo's Peons, and many of the Inhabitants wounded, some few it is said Mortally. The numbers of Peons I am informed was from three to four hundred, but my account is not circumstantial as to the quarter from whence they came, nor the direction they took after they had plundered the Villages - As Sunadoo's Adherents increase according to the best intelligence I can procure, daily both in Numbers as well as boldness venturing in their incursions farther into the open Country than they have been used to do for a long time past, I am not without apprehensions for the safety of Tschapore itself, at which place I have therefore to request you will order a Strong Guard even as far as a Company, if they can possibly be spared to be posted immediately and that you will please to take into your Consideration by what means further protection may be afforded the Hannaly - I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect, &c. &c. /Signed/ Nath.l Webbe

A true Copy
/Signed/ Thos Lushington

Mons.r Cotteh
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To Henry Crawford Esq.

Resident Ganjam

Sir, It is with concern I inform you, that very early yesterday morning a party of Sanadoo's plundered Kirtapooram, and Paut Sonapoore, two Villages, near Itchapour, belonging to the Havaly at the former, three villagers were killed and two wounded and some Cloth &c carried off, but little mischief was done at the latter, These Depredaters entered the above Villages by the way of Chigulty, and returning the same road, I am informed, they had a slight skirmish with the peons of that Zemindary, every avenue between this and Itchapour is too well guarded for them to pass, the few Troops in Camp have obliged me to trust, (as my predecessors in Command did) to the Chigulty Rajah's preventing them passing thro' his Country, or to having information from that quarter, in time to oppose them. — In consequence of intelligence that Sanadoo's peons were collecting together, and that a party had a design on the Villages to the Northward of this, I have for several nights had out flying parties along the Skirts of the Jungle, but from the very great difficulty of obtaining certain intelligence,

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of which you must be sensible, you will not I presume be surprised, if our vigilance is sometimes evaded, —

Mr Webb apprehensive for the safety of Tchapour, has officially requested I will, until I hear from you, send a Guard to protect it, I have in Compliance sent a Havildar's, all I can spare with: out exposing other places, and leaving myself Sufficient Troops to support those Posts, or for the exigencies of the Service, I am not under any appre: hension for Tchapour, there being among the Inhabitants a great number of Moors and Armed Men, I therefor consider the Guard now sent as perfectly useless, but as many other Villages in that part of the Havaly are exposed, I with deference, beg leave to suggest a plan for their Security Viz.: To order the Jemidar's Guard from the 1st Battalion at Sadgore, to be joined by a Subedar, two Havildars, one Naigue, one Drummer, one Puckally, and 30 Sepoys from Lieutenant Webber's Detachment and an European Officer from hence, to proceed to Pettatoly a village in the Chigutly Country which Commands the Valley, and Roads that Sanadoo's people must necessarily pass through to enter the Havally, there would

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would still remain a respectable Detachment with Lieutenant Webber for the protection of Pellantry, at least till the troubles might enable us to recall the Company from Goomsur when if required he might have a reinforcement.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Lee
Lieutenant

Camp at Baramphour
15th June 1791

As the Resident at Ganjam reports that the Force in his District is insufficient for the maintenance of good Order, and for it's Preservation against the Incursions of Sanadoo and his adherents - it is

Minute thereon

Resolved, to add to each Company of the 18th Battalion of native Infantry thirty men to be continued during the War. —

Ordered that Major General Musgrave be desired to take the necessary measures for augmenting the Battalion to the number above stated. —

Do —

Read the following Letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis. —

To the Honorable the Governor in Council
Madras

From Commodore Cornwallis.
Six Officers can be accommodated on board the Leopard. —

Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter dated

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dated the first of July, requesting I would name the Number of Officers to be received on board His Majesty's Ship Leopard, as a proportion of the One hundred and fifty Men already ordered. —

In answer to which, I can only say that it is well known, that in a Man of War there is no particular accomodation for any, but those belonging to the Ship; in Cases of this kind it must be done as well as possible — I do not apprehend that more than Six Officers could well be received — I could wish that it might be immediately fixed; as I propose sailing in four or five days. —

I shall order Captain Blankett to sail as soon as he is ready, and I should suppose two Days would be full as long, as it can be necessary for him to stay — I cannot imagine there can be the least occasion for His waiting, as there is a packet I understand ready to sail for Europe at a moments notice — and the Ship may be much wanted at Home. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) W Cornwallis

Crown
Madras Road
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Agreed to inform Colonel De Wangenheim that Six Officers and One hundred and fifty Men belonging to His Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment are to be embarked on the Leopard, and to desire that they be held in readiness to proceed on Board at the shortest Notice. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue. —

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue — Venkatagherry Rajah completes the Payment of his Pesheash for Fusly 1200 recommending that a Khelaat be sent to him according to custom.

We have the Honor to inform you that the Rajah of Venkatagherry has completed the payment of his Pesheash for Fusly 1200 - as it has been usual to send a Khelaat with a letter upon this occasion and the expence being inconsiderable, not amounting to more than 40 Pagodas, we beg to recommend that one be written from the Acting President to that effect. — We have the Honorable

&c.

Signed

Wm Petrie.

David Haliburton

Wm Balfour

Signed

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Agreed that a Letter be written by the Acting President to the Rajah of Venkatagherry upon the occasion of his having completed the Payment of his Peishcash for Fasly 1200 — Agreed also that two hundred old Muskets be presented to him to replace those which were lost by his People doing Duty with the Company's Troops at Tripatore, and that the value be charged to the Head of Account Presents.

Minute thereon

G Balmain Secr.

" Chas Oakeley

" Wm Petrie

" J Hudleston

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5th Diary

Sent the following Letters.—

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir.

We have the Honor to inform you that we have just received Intimation from Commodore Cornwallis that his Majesty's Ships Leopard will probably sail for England in ten Days.—

As the Intercourse with the Army is now open, we think it of consequence that you should know the exact State of our Treasury, which stands this Day as follows

In the Cash Chest Star Pag.s 241, 469.

In the Treasury in Pag.s and Rupees 3,84,232.

D.o in Bills . . . 8,528.

D.o in Ports Rees Pagodas. 1,44,206.

D.o in D.o Mars. . . . 2,55,768.

In the Mint in avail Rup.s 1,49,686.

Total Star Pag.s 11,83,889.

All the Bills drawn from Camp have been regularly paid— Our Garrison

and

To Major General Medows State of the Treasury on the 5th Instant advice of the Exchange fixed for the Arcot Rupee and Star Pagoda and of the Gratuity granted to Captain Read—report respecting the Collections Mr. Petrie takes his Seat at the Board.—

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and Civil Establishment are also paid up.

We have since your Departure availed ourselves of such opportunities as offered of drawing upon Bengal, but by studiously avoiding to press this Resource, and receiving only such Sums as Individuals wanted to remit for their own Occasions, we have gradually brought down the Exchange to 375 Arcot Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas. But we cannot omit to observe that nothing has contributed so much to favor this Reduction in the Exchange as the Resolution we took some time ago to establish the Value of the Arcot Rupee and bring it into the Currency of the Settlement. This measure has completely succeeded & besides the advantage above mentioned, has thrown a large Sum into Circulation, and saved the Company in all their future Payments, the difference between the present fixed Exchange of 365, and the Exchange of Rupees previous to this Reform which was at the Rate of 383 per 100 Pagodas with the certainty of further daily Depreciation in proportion to the quantity of Silver

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5th remaining to be issued.—

Our Revenue Collections have been in general as favorable as we could hope for under the Circumstances of the war, but it may be proper to mention that from this Time, until the End of the year, they must necessarily, from the Season, be small.—

The Honorable Court of D Directors having positively ordered an D Investment to be provided on this Coast, D and directed Bills to be drawn on them for the Amount, we have made the necessary advances accordingly, but without asking D the Permission of drawing, except for a very small Sum.—

It affords us the most sincere Pleasure to hear that Captain Read is safely arrived with his Army at Bengalore—we D have resolved that a Gratuity of one thousand Pagodas be given him as a Testimony of our approbation and to enable him to defray any Extraordinary Expence we may have D sustained during his late useful Expedition.—

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We have the Pleasure to inform you that Mr. Petrie took his Seat in Council on the 19th ultimo, agreeably to the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors.

We have the Honor to be with Esteem.

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Dr. Sr.

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

To Captain Alexander Read,
at Bangalore.

Sir.

To Captain Alexander Read thanks of the Board for his late services advice of the Gratuity they have been pleased to grant him.

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 29th Ultimo and to inform you that it affords him the most sincere Pleasure to find that you have conveyed in Safety to Bangalore, the large Supplies which you had collected for the use of the army.

This Service, the Board consider of essential Consequence and as it has been performed with great Zeal and judgement merits particular commendation. I have it

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5th I therefore in Command to return you the Thanks of the Board, and to express their warmest approbation of the whole of your Conduct.—

In order to enable you to defray any extraordenary Expence which you may have sustained during your late Expedition, and as a further Testimony of the Board's acknowledgement of your services they have resolved that a Gratuity of one thousand Pagodas shall be given to you.—

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

To Major General Musgrave.—

&c &c &c

To Major General Musgrave advises of Earl Cornwallis's Intention of removing to the Eastward &c to report whether this Circumstance will occasion any Alteration in the Measures he has suggested.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 3d Instant and to inform you that the communication in my Letter of the 1st Instant was precisely to the same effect as that made to

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to the Board by Earl Cornwallis and contained the only advice they received from the Subject since those advices have been received from Lord Cornwallis dated the 25th ultimo, stating that the Mahrattas had acquiesced in the Scheme of Lordship's Beginning to move to the Eastward that Morning, and that unless he should be encouraged after reconnoitring the strong Hill Fort of Severndroog, to attempt the reduction of that important Post, he should probably in four or five Days reach the Neighbourhood of Bangalore.—

Before the Board come to any Determination upon the Measures you have suggested, they desire me to desire you will be pleased to inform them whether the above mentioned circumstance of the intended Movement of the Army to the Eastward, will occasion any, and if any what alteration in the measures you have suggested to them in your Letter of the 3d Instant.—

I am further directed to inform you that the Hanoverian Regiment is under

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Orders to proceed to Europe, and that Lieutenant Riddell's Company of Sepoys is under orders to proceed to Arnee as soon as it shall have executed the Service on which it is at present employed.

I have the Honor to be

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4th July 1791.

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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To the Honorable Charles Stuart,
and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council,
at Fort William.

Gentlemen,

1 We had the Honor yesterday to receive your Letter of the 20th may, and shall give immediate directions to the Committee on the subject of the proposed arrangement of our accounts.—

To Bengal respecting the new arrangement in the Accounts &c Guns, Carriages Tumbrils and Cloathing to be sent to this Presidency to this Swallow to be sent to Europe early in September advice of Captain Reids arrival at Bangalore. Copy of Letter to Lord Cornwallis respecting the State of the Treasury—

2 We have been desired by Lord Cornwallis to request in his Name that you will be pleased to send to Madras for the use of the Army in the Course of the Month of August eight Iron eighteen Pounders with their Carriages, and one spare Carriage, and from twenty to thirty Ammunition Tumbrils, if you

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you can procure Straw at that Season of
the year for so great a Number — His Lordship
has further desired that you will order the Cloathing
for the Bengal Troops serving on the Carnatic
to be prepared and dispatched hither as early
on August as possible — Copies of this Letter
of the 23d and 24th to Bome on that and other subjects
we have the Honor to enclose for your information
3d We are informed by the Commodore
that his Majesty's Ships Leopard will probably
Sail for England in ten Days — We shall send
Dispatches by them to the Honorable Court
of Directors, and shall advise the Court at
the same time that they will hear from you
by the Swallow which will sail from hence
early in the Month of September —
4th It is with much pleasure
we advise you that Captain Read who had
been detached in the Mysore Country for
Provisions arrived the 29th ult at Bangalore
with a very large Convoy to enclose a Letter of
Captain Reads Letter conveying to us that
agreable Information —

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We have the Honor to Inclose Copy of our Letter of this Date to the Lord Cornwallis relative to the State of our Treasury.—

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

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4th July 1791.

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis Kg.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

In our Letter of the 2d Instant we advised your Lordship that we had called on Major General Musgrave to suggest such measures as appeared to him requisite for guarding against any such attempts as the your Lordship thought it not improbable might be made by Tippoo during your Continuance to the Westward.—

To Lord Cornwallis with Copy of General Musgrave's Letter respecting the Measures that should be adopted in order to guard against any danger to be apprehended from the Incursion of the Enemy— Further reference made to that of Officer Gratuity granted to Capt. Read.—

General Musgrave has in consequence sent us a Letter of which we have the Honor to enclose a Copy for your Information He seems to think the Information communicated to enable him to

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to form his opinion imperfect, but on this head we stated the substance of your Lordship's Letter to us, and nothing further could be required on our part. The state of the Garrisons and our military resources has officially acquainted with. –

As the idea expressed by your Lordship with respect to the enemy's designs may have undergone some change since your arrangement with the Marattas, and consequent approach towards Bangalore we have communicated these circumstances to General Musgrave, as they may probably occasion some alteration in his sentiments respecting the necessary measures of defence. –

Your Lordship will observe among other precautions the General has suggested the necessity of Captain Read's immediate return to Ambour, but the determination upon this point will now rest with your Lordship who must be the most competent judge of the propriety of the measure. –

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We have ordered Lieutenant Riddels Company of Sepoys, after delivering the treasure which he is escorting to Vellor, to proceed to Arnee, and shall take such other means to strengthen that Garrison and to reinforce Vellore and Amboor, as the General shall think adviseable. -

It affords us the most sincere pleasure to hear that Captain Read is safely arrived, with his Convoy at Bangalore. We have resolved that a gratuity of 1000 Pagodas be given him as a testimony of our approbation, and to enable him to defray any extraordinary expence he may have sustained during his late useful Expedition. -

We have the Honor to be with great Respect and Esteem. -

&c &c

Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c Council

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To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis &c

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My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis
State of the Treasury
on the 1st Instant
Exchange between
the Arcot Rupee
and Star Pagodas
report respecting
the Collections.
Mode adopted for
providing a Boat
Investment.—

We have had the Honor to
receive your Lordship's Letters of the 23d and 24th
ultimo, and shall immediately communicate
your wishes to the Government at Bengal we
have just received Intimation from the
Commodore that His Majesty's Ship Leopard
will probably sail for England in about ten
days.—

As the intercourse with your Lordship
is now open, and as it may be essential to the
success of your plans, that you should know
the exact state of our Treasury, We have now
the satisfaction to inform you that it stands
this day as follows.—

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| In the Cash Chest — Star Pagodas. | | 2,41,469. |
| In the Treasury in Pagodas and Rupees. | | 3,84,232. |
| Do. in Bills. | | 8528. |
| Do. in Portonovo Pagodas. | | 1,44,204. |
| Do. in Dollars. | | 2,55,768. |
| In the Mint in Arcot Rupees. | | 19,616. |
| Total Star Pags. | | 11,53,889.— |

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all the Bills drawn from P

Camp have been regularly paid our garrisons

and civil establishments are also paid up.—

We have since your Lordship's

departure availed ourselves of such of opportunities

as offered of drawing upon Bengal, but by

studiously avoiding to force this resource &

and receiving only such sums as Individuals

wanted to remit for their own occasions &

We have gradually brought down the Exchange

to 375 Arcot Rupees for 100 Pagodas, But we

cannot omit to observe that nothing has

contributed so much to favor this reduction

in the Exchange as the resolution we took

some time ago to establish the value of

the Arcot Rupee, and bring it into the

currency of the Settlement. This measure

has completely succeeded and besides the

advantage abovementioned, has thrown

a very large Sum into Circulation, and saved

the Company in all their silver payments

the difference between the present fixed

exchange of 365 and the Exchange of rupees,

provoices to their reforms which was at

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the rate of 383 P100 Pagodas, with the certainty of further daily depreciation in proportion to the Quantity of Silver remaining to be issued.—

Our Revenue Collections have been in general as favorable as we could hope for under the Circumstances of the war but it may be proper to mention that from this time until the end of the year they must necessarily from the Season be small.—

The Honble Court of Directors having positively ordered an Investment to be provided on this Coast and directed Bills to be drawn on them for the amount We have made the necessary advances accordingly but without using the permission of drawing except for a very small Sum.—

We have the Honor to be with great respect and Esteem.—

Fort St. George
4th July 1791.

&c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

For

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To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis KB

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis on the Subject of the Contribution demanded from the Rajah of Travancore.

We shall now do ourselves the Honor to communicate to your Lordship the Measures that have been taken in consequence of your Letter to us dated the 31st December last regarding the Contribution to be demanded from the Rajah of Travancore towards defraying the Expences of a War, which had been undertaken in the first Instance for the sole Purposes of preserving him from the Destruction with which he was threatened by Tippoo Sultaun —

your Lordship was pleased "to recommend, that as an heavy Demand "upon the Rajah might either bear the "appearance of avarice on our Part, or of "our affairs being in Distress, might make "an unfavorable Impression upon the "Minds of our other Allies on the Coast of "Malabar, it would be necessary that "our ultimate Requisition should be

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"moderate, and clearly within the Strict Bounds
"of our Rights, which should be admitted to
"extend since 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 Rajah's Military Establishment 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."

Having obtained from the Resident at Travancore an Estimate of the Rajah's Revenues, which were stated in the Gross to amount to the Sum of thirty five Lacks sixty eight Thousand /35,68,000/ Rupees and 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 your Lordship because it would free us from the Embarrassment of unsettled Expences and Deductions for Troops, which had been hitherto paid

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by the Rajah, and which, if can a specified Sum of Revenues to the Amount of Four Lakhs, 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 -

As we were desirous that the specific Sum to be demanded from the Rajah should approach as near to the Ideas suggested by your Lordship as Circumstances would permit, we determined that the Peth Revenue should be taken only at Twenty Sacks 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

Mr. Powney in all his Letters, Loses on this Subject, has been decidedly of Opinion, that the Rajah would never easily induced to contribute a specific Sum

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Sum of a Money for the support of the War, than to allow any fixed Proportion of this Revenues, whether it be half four fifths or any other Amount, and he founds this opinion on the supposed Jealousy of the Rajah, whose Interest leds him to conceal, with great Care, the Value of this Income.—

In our Letter, the Rajah therefore We made no particular mention of the amount of this Revenues. We stated only, the specific Sum We had resolved to demand of him, under the full Sanction of your Lordships approbation

The Rajahs Account, upon the Principal 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 to the 8 of January 1791. | } | Rupees 10,00,000 |
| Received from the Rajah in part two Lacks of Star Pagodas with at 365 Rupees 50 % of Star Pagodas is | } | 7,30,000 |
| Balance | | 2,70,000. |

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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 Liquidation of the Balance with the Demand for half the Current year making together 770,000.-

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 Lordships Approbation.-

We have the Honor to be with great Respect and Esteem.-

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&c. &c.
Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

To the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships & Vessels
in the East Indies.-

To Commodore Cornwallis &c. &c. - teral troops intended to be sent to England on his Majesty's Ships Leopard.-

Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 3d Instant, in reply to which we beg leave to inform you, that we have given

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given the necessary Orders for the Embarkation of six Officers and one hundred and fifty Men belonging to his Majesty's Regiment Troops, at such time as Captain Blankett may signify to us that he is ready to receive them on Board the Leopard.—

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

Col. Commd.

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.B. Nos. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19.—

To the Commandant at Amboor directing them to send to camp by the first safe opportunity that offers the Medicines lately sent to Amboor by the Apothecary for the use of the Army.—

To the Commandant at Amboor.—

To the Officer commanding at Chinglepat.—

To the Officer Commanding at Chinglepat with Permission to wait on the Presidency.—

To

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To Colonel Dellwangenheim

To Colonel Dellwangenheim desiring him to hold Six Officers and one hundred and fifty Men belonging to his Majesty's 18th Hanoverian Regiment in readiness to embark for England on the Leopard at the shortest Notice informing him that provisions will be sent on board for the Troops and that all superfluous Baggage must remain till a future Opportunity.-

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Alfred with permission to receive on board his Ship as Passengers for St. Helena.-

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Alfred.

James Swaithes Drummer of Infantry and William Wood Fifer of Artillery the Company being at no Expence thereby.-

To Do. with a List of Charter Party Passengers for England ordered to embark on the Alfred.-

To Do.

To the Acting Resident at Cuddalore directing him to recall immediately the Order which he had issued upon the Dispossession of Lieutenant Colonel Hughes directing

To the Acting Resident at Cuddalore.-

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directing the Sergeant Major to make all
Reports to him respecting the troops.—

To Lieutenant Riddell.

To Lieutenant Riddell directing
him to proceed with the Company of Sepoys
under his Command to Arnee as soon as he
has delivered over Charge of the Treasure and
to do Duty in that Garrison until further
Orders.—

To the Commandant at Arnee.—

To the officer Commanding
at Arnee informing him that Lieutenant
Riddell with the Company of Sepoys under
his Command has been ordered to proceed
to Arnee and to do Duty in that Garrison
until further orders.—

To the Paymaster at Arnee.—

To the Paymaster at Arnee
informing him that Lieutenant Riddell being
considered on Detachment from the
Army is to draw full Batta, desiring him
to pay the same regularly also to discharge
the officers Bill for Forage &c. Horses from
the 1st. to 12 May last.—

Substance of a Petition from Venela Row.—

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Received a Petition from
Venceta Row as entered in G.C. 8th July regarding
that Sumavasa Row may be Detained at the
Pondicherry

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6th Presidency until their respective Claims to the Jaghiredarships of Arnee shall be fully investigated.—

Substance of a Letter to the Vencatachurry Rajah.—

Sent Letter to the Vencata-churry Rajah (as entered in C.C. N.o 162) expressive of the Satisfaction of the Board at his having completed the Payment of his Peishcush for Fasely 1200. requesting his acceptance of Kheleat, and informing him that Directions have been given for the Delivery of 200 Muskets to his Order.—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 20. 21. 22. 23. 24.—

From Lieutenant Reddell advising of his Arrival at Vellore and of his having delivered over Charge of the Treasure to M.r Torriano.—

From Lieutenant Reddell.—

From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore advising of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Hughes on the 2.d Instant.—

From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore.—

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's army acknowledging the Receipt of M.r Secretary Jackaong

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army.—

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Jackson's Letters of the 31st. March, 3 May and 31st. June, stating that the necessary steps have been taken in consequence.—

From the Collector in the Trichenopoly District.—

From the Collector in the Trichenopoly District cannot procure a single Bullock Driver in the District under his Management.—

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing sundry Duplicate Bills of Lading of Military &c. Stores, Provisions &c. shipped on Different Vessels for the Supply of this Presidency.—

7th Dispatched the undermentioned Letter as entered in Mis. Nos. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34.—

To Major General Musgrave.—

To Major General Musgrave informing him of the Boards Resolution to add to each Company of the 18th Battalion of Native Infantry 30 Men to be continued during the present war, and desiring him to issue the necessary orders for augmenting the Battalion to that Number.—

To the Resident at Ganjam.—

To the Resident at Ganjam advising him of the instructions given to

Major

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Major General Musgrave for augmenting the
8th Battalion of Native Infantry.—

To the Paymaster to the Army

To the Paymaster to the Army— desiring him to exert himself in bringing up the Army Accounts and to transmit them at least as forward as the End of April in such Time as to arrive at the Presidency by the Beginning of August.—

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore.— desiring him to advance Captain Williamson the Sum of Ten Thousand (10,000) Rupees.—

To Captain Williamson

To Captain Williamson— informing him of the Instructions given to Mr. Torriano to make him a further Advance of 10,000 Rupees.—

To the Military Board desiring

To the Military Board.— them to order two hundred old Muskets to be delivered to the Venkatagherry Rajah upon his making Application for the same the value thereof to be charged to the Head of Account Presents.—

To the Board of Asseamed

To the Board of Asseamed Revenue— Revenue enclosing a Letter for the Rajah of Venkatagherry to be forwarded by them with

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with a Packet -

To the committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations -

To the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations enclosing Copy of a Letter from Bengal dessiring that the Plan recommended by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council in his Letter of the 8th May 1789. may be immediately adopted and Directing them to report with as little Delay as possible, such Steps as must be taken and such Arrangements as may be necessary in order to carry into immediate Execution the Orders of the Superior Government -

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts

That Major Sutt can only draw the Allowance for House Rent stated in the Book of Regulations Vizt twenty five (25) Pagodas pr Mensem -

To the Commander of the Company's Ship General Coote -

To the Commanders of the Company's Ships General Coote with a List of discharged Men from the Ships and Company's Service to be received on Board

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To

his Ship as Charter Party Passengers for England.—

Received the following

Letter.—

To Wm. Collins Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army with a Bill for the Carriage of the Tent Poles of the 29th Battalion of Native Infantry.—

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Bill presented for payment, on account of Carriage of Tent Bamboos for the 29th Batt.n for the propriety of which charge I have seen a G. O. Copy of which has been made into one of the publick Orderly books in Camp. Under such circumstances it would appear unnecessary to make mention of the charge in question, which also bears the official signature of the Commanding Officer to sanction it, were it not lain down as I my duty to request payments which may even appear to me only extraordinary, and this I have conceived the present one to be, as no charge of the same kind is made by either

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thus

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Of the Officers in Camp, whose Baggage are carried by Bullocks.—

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Signed Wm Brown

Pay.r

The Honble Company Dr.

To additional Pay to 30 Lascars attached to the 29th Batt.n of S.I. for Carrying the different Tent poles of the Batt.n in the Month of Sept.r at 3 6 4 each agreeably to the orders of Government of the 3. April 1790 — 6 6 4 / 14 22

Camp at Kopool 1st May 91

To Watt.n Brown Esq.r
Military Paymaster

Signed J. Dalrymple
6 Comp.a 29th Batt.n

(Signed) And.w Reed
Capt. Comm.g

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm Brown
Pay.r

W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th ultimo and

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From the officer commanding the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army advising of his Arrival at Gunjecottah sends Mr. Conductor Nixon to receive charge of Stores at Innacondah enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Scott respecting the Noncommissioned Staff of the Detachment of Artillery.—

Sir

I request that you will make known to the Honble the President in Council my most grateful acknowledgements for the very great honor done me by his approval of my Conduct, and that of the Detachment before Copool, and of the sense I feel at the attention given to my recommendation of Lieutenant Orr.—

In my Letter from Sirdhoor of the 15th Ultimo I mentioned my expectation of being at Adoni on the 18th however on my arrival at the River Tongbudra the morning of the 16th found it unfordable, and after enquiring, that a sufficient number of Boats could not be collected there for crossing the Detachment, nor at any other Ford excepting Kurnool marched on the 18th determined to place the 26th — on the 3d Instant every thing was got over the River, excepting six Tumbrils which I found myself obliged to leave behind at a Village about 12 Cos from Nacherre to be repaired one had broke down entirely and the others so much shattered that a repair became absolutely

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absolutely necessary before they could be
provided further. For this purpose I left an
European artificer, and all the other Workmen
that I could collect with a Jemadars Party as
an Escort. On the 5th the Tumbrils joined me
marched the 8th and arrived here the 16th and
found as I expected from the information
I had received, the place had been rendered
some days before my arrival to his Highness's
Troops the terms of Capitulation I understand
were, all public property to remain for the
Circar, all private permitted to be removed
away.—

Agreeable to Orders I wrote
his Highness the [illegible] conveyed by
the Resident to me, I detached Mr. Conductor
Nixon on the 23d. with one to Tennarondah
with a Serjeant and two European artillery
men, a Tindell and 10 Lascars also from
the artillery and a Subadar with forty
consisting of 2 Havildars, 3 Naigues and
50 Sepoys, to receive charge of some large
Guns, Mortars, and Stores, which were intended
to be employed against this place. The Resident

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was to have sent Mr. Nixon Instructions for his guidance.—

I have the honor to enclose a Letter from Lieutenant Scott in Command of the Artillery, respecting the allowance to the non commissioned Staff of the Company, which, in consequence of orders from the Honble Board communicated to me by Mr. Brown the Paymaster, I have ordered to be discontinued— I request that you will inform the Honble the President in Council that it gave me real concern to discontinue an allowance in the Field, to men so deserving which they had enjoyed for years before in Garrison.—

The Army here under the Command of Hafiz Freidu.deen, I suppose may consist of about 10,000 Men I hope however to be able to make myself more certain of the number, by the time his Highness's further Orders arrive— I have the honor to be

Camp at Gingy Cottah
18th June 1791.

&c &c
(Signed) Andw Read
Captn Comm.g
Captn

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Captain Andrew Read

Commanding

Sir,

Having been furnished by the Paymaster Mr. Brown with a copy of an Official Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson, under date the 3d. of May directing by order of the Board, that the extra allowance hitherto granted to the non commissioned Staff of Artillery under my command, be in future discontinued, The order expressing such Staff cannot be allowed to Enroll a detachment of 8 Europeans,

I therefore beg leave to point out to you, Sir, the Jurediament which the non commissioned Staff of the party are in, and to request you will be so obliging as represent the same to Government, whom I can have little doubt, but their generosity will readily restore to those men

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the same allowances, they have been
pleased to grant them for upwards of
5 years past in garrison, and which
I believe to be customary to all detached
companies of european artillery. When
Captain Tutt marched from Ellore
with this detach.t the artillery was
ordered to consist of besides, two P.
Subalterns, one Conductor and 52 non com.
-missioned Rank and File, which P
constituting the majority of this
company, the Staff were consequently
included and pay on that account P
until last month regularly drawn
for them in Camp, the parties left
at Ellore and Nogeed were likewise
considered as on command and the P
monthly returns of the company made
from camp — I have only to add Sir
that I should Government still deem
it unnecessary to admit of noncommis-
-sioned Staf with this detach.t as P
considering the head quarters of the

company

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company to be at Ellore, I cannot but wish that the men who now hold off the several Stations and of whose conduct I have the pleasure to think, you have since seeing under your command, expressed your approbation, may be permitted to return there — Though, at the same time, I offer it as my humble opinion, that their services might be better employed here, and from my knowledge of the men they would themselves much rather forego the prospect of any advantage than at present quit the field —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. G. Scott
Lt. Commandg

Camp Ganjecottah
18th June 1791

Hospital Board
7th July 1791.

Mr. Rolle having requested permission to come to the Presidency the Hospital Board have the honor to

From the Hospital Board Mr. Rolle applies for permission to visit the Presidency recommends that some Bark and other Medicines be purchased —

cannot be granted Mr. Rolle must remain at Cuddalore —

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to lay his Letter before Government.-

The Apothecary having represented that Bark and several other Medecines are very much wanted and as no supplies have yet arrived from Europe, the Hospital Board recommend that he may have permission to purchase those Articles that are indispensably necessary until the annual supply arrives.-

approved.

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician general
Wm. Duffin
Head Surgeon

To Doctor James Anderson Physician Genl.
&c. &c. Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

May I request that you will be Pleased to Solicit Government for permission that I may repair to the Presidency.-

Mr.

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Mr Duncan a Assistant Surgeon is in Charge of the Medical Department here.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) R Rollo

Sir Charles Oakley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

Cuddalore 4th July 1791 –

Sir,

I have received orders from the Honble Commodore Cornwallis to be ready to proceed to Europe in his Majesty's Ship under my Command by the 15th Instant and I have likewise his directions to take on board, Officers Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Hanoverean Regiments to the Number of One hundred and fifty, and to give you notice of it, in order that they may be ready to embark accordingly.—

From the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Leopard has received orders to sail on the 15th Instant one hundred and fifty Officers, non commissioned and privates of the Electoral Regiment will be received on board—

His Majesty's Ship
Leopard 6th July 1791

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J B Blankett

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To
W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Poonah receives Intelligence of the Junction of the Maratta Armies with the Right Hon.ble the Governor General.

I was duly honoured with your Letter and Enclosure of the 31st Ultimo since their Receipt I have had the pleasure to learn from this Coast by advices to the 2d Instant that the Maratta Armies under Thurry Punt and Purseram Bhaow had joined his Lordship the Governor General, in consequence of which his Lordship had resolved to remain in the Neighbourhood of the Enemy's Capital — I am in anxious Expectation of a Confirmation of this Intelligence from his Lordship which I doubt not must have reached your Presidency long before this. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. W. Malet

Poona 20th Jan.y 1791.

To

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From Capt.n Majr.y's Pension that Lemna Nair encourages the Peons in their riotous conduct recommends that the Peons be furnished Bullocks allowed since his last Representations moving to Calastry.

To Lt.t Col.o Jackson Sup.t

Secretary Military Department

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I had yesterday the honor to receive your letter of the 13th. Instant accompanied by copies of two Letters from Lemna Nair respecting the Peons to be sent into the South of which is advanced thereon, Government are pleased to direct Enquiries, on this subject being accurately informed, I beg to remark that the Peons whom he complains of as wanting Pay are those whom at the commencement of this late violent measures towards his Father, he placed at the Pothwood, and at the conclusion after the reconciliation of parties, posted at Calastry, to keep forcible possession in his name of the Fort of Pycroor near Palmcor committing depredations on the Country round about and at last, when obliged by the Rajahs people to evacuate it, plundered or destroyed all they could lay hands on, drove off a vast number of Cattle and even several of the inhabitants over the Ghauts, after which

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I am, from every account, and circumstance, fully convinced they did not come to him at his Jaghier uninvited. In his letters to Government I perceive, he properly avoids saying, to what purpose he entertained those people, for whom he demands pay of his Father, whom however he is not by any means so delicate with, but presumes to express to him much surprise at pay being refused to them, avowing, without reserve, as his own, every act of Depredation committed by them; - one or more of his letters to this effect have been shewn me. as to the Peons, I think it safe to assure the Honble Board that they will not be more mutinous than he pleases to make them. - I dont remember what he asserts of having formerly applied to me on the subject of those arrears, all this he has lately, and my reply - doubtless my Ideas would have suggested Punishment in room of reward - I gave my opinion, as such to his Father, who, as I then had the honor to write the Board, declared himself capable of chastising them severely; and it was by Acknowledge, with reluctance, and only thro'

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the necessity of the occasion, I consented to a grant of 300 Pagodas to them at Calastry to pay off his superfluous Peons there in order to their dismission which I have much reason to suspect never in fact took place but rather that most of those constitute part of this present force, I have been told that he has already received from this Jaghire near 3,000 Pagodas in grain &c. His letters differ much in the short space of 15 days, as to their number of Pamoore Peons, the first says only 60 but the latter makes them about 550. I know they came in more gradually and not to that number from that quarter while he affects so pathetically to address the President and even offers to present himself at Madras, he writes his Father and others at Calastry, in a strain somewhat similar that he is just preparing to set out on a Pilgrimage to Cashia, and sends me a verbal message, with the Governors Letter, that he will come to me at Calastry in 15 days or a month, as indeed he wrote me where I went for him there last month, to which effect he

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7th at the same time, wrote his Father but no complaint of the Peons, although a number were with him to the full amount he now mentions He pretends to fear some evil, and craves the Protection of Government unless requisite against his own extraordinary weakness, I do not know what he has to dread His Father, it is true, as I also have done, lately reminded him of his written obligation, as to future conduct, retaining of Peons &c. But I declare unpartially upon my honor, his Father appears to me, inclined towards him, a very indulgent Parent, and as such truly desposed to forward his happiness The Man whom I perceive to have most weight in the Rajah's Councils a very Clever and old Servant, named Conayroo/ I likewise declare seems, as far as I can judge, to have a proper regard and the highest respect for Tirna Nair, as the only son of his Aged master, and it is only from Dyehopthanty, who with sinister views, look forward to the old Rajahs Decline, that he can be taught to think otherwise.-

A Letter from Tirna Nair,

in reply to that I sent him from the Honble

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The Governor, accompanies this, by which it would seem he still declines coming to Calastry — I wish, however, humbly to beg permission to stay yet for a few days if I cannot with moderate means bring him to a better sense of [illegible] to be decided to Government and his Father, before any thing hands be determin'd against him; should this measure meet the approbation of the Honble Board and prove successful, I shall be very happy, and am fully sensible his Father will — But for his [illegible] submit to Government what is due to them Punishment to them could I think effectually cure him for ever. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ C. Macsey
Capt.

Vankitgherry
29th January 1791.

P.S. I have the pleasure to acquaint the Honble Board, that since my last letter I have collected at this Place, and this afternoon I dispatch the last of 645 excellent Bullocks and more are collecting, I move to Calastry tomorrow
&c &c
/Signed/ C Macsey

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At a Consultation.

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President;

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esquires;

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service. — —

Friday 8th July 1791.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following Letter

from Bengal. —

The Honble the Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

It being certain from the

Tenor of Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Letter

of the 26th of May to your Government, that

Lord Cornwallis has been under the necessity

of relinquishing, for the present, the Seige

of Serengapatam, and it being no less evident

that his Lordship, in order to be able to resume

that Enterprize at a proper Season, must be

supplied with good Draught Bullocks, the

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from Bengal with a list of Supplies intended to be sent to the Coast by the 1st October next for the use of the Army. —

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Want or bad State of which would appear to
have been one of the principal Causes of his
late Suspension. We have taken measures
for furnishing this important supply to as
great an Extent as We have the means of
providing it, Some to be of Service, if
and as the Tonnage procurable in this River
will allow of Conveyance for it. -

But we apprehend very
much that, in both Instances, we shall
be straightened so far, that altho' the
Number of Cattle we may be able to send
will be of considerable use to the Army, it
will be inadequate to the Wants of it: this
Circumstance, which we have thought it
proper to state lest we should be led
from our General assurances to expect
greater Supplies from hence than it
may be in our Power to furnish, will of
course, suggest to you the necessity of your
making every possible exertion, independently
of this Government, for the purpose of
rendering the Supplies of every Kind as
Complete and ample as may be necessary

We

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We do not propose to attempt the means of ascertaining, with any exactness, the probable Period of Lord Cornwallis's Second Movement from Bangalore towards Seringapatam, but we think it very likely that neither the State of the Weather and Country, nor of his Lordship's General Equipment will admit of his advancing from thence before the 1st. of October, and in the Measures we take here for the Supply of the Troops, We shall assume this to be the day on which the army will move forward from Bangalore.—

We have reason to suppose that about 500 Bullocks sent from hence in the Months of March, in the Ships Sidney Meadows, Swanow, Henry, and Prince of Wales, cannot have been sent to the Army, and if this has been the case, we have no doubt that proper care has been taken of them, so that they will contribute to the Supply proposed to be afforded to Lord Cornwallis.—

These are several articles corresponding with the enclosed List that

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will be of use to the Troops, we mean to
furnish them to as great an Extent as we
can, and We recommend that, independent of
any expectation from Bengal, you will
take Means for having them procured at
Madras.—

There is no doubt that, in regard
to Supplies of Provisions for immediate
Consumption the Army must draw them
from the Magazines in the Carnatic, and
We beg Leave to assure you that we shall
endeavour to replenish those Magazines
as soon as far as we can, by Supplies
from this Country.—

We have the Honor to be

Fort William
13th June 1791.

/Signed/ Chas. Stuart
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

P.S. It is possible that the Resident
with the Nizam will have it in his Power
to assist in procuring Cattle, and we submit
to you whether, in that Case, you should
not

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not signify your Wishes to Captain Kennaway accordingly.—

We beg Leave to recommend that in order to obtain a good Stock of Europe Salt Provisions for the Army, the Commanders of the Company's Ships calling at your Presidency, may be requested to put with as large a Supply, brought out on those Ships, as they can possibly spare, assuring those who are to come to Bengal that we shall take Measures, if they desire it, to provide them with an equal Quantity of Salt Provisions cured here, for their homeward Voyage.—

(Signed) Peter Speke
W Cowper

Proportion of Provisions for 8,000 Europeans for 31 days

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| Salt Meat at 1 ℔ per Man | 248,000 ℔ | 3150—.— |
| Rice 2d Sort at 12 Chittacks | | 4650—.— |
| Or Flour at 1 ℔ per Man | 3100 ℔ | |
| Dall Mung at 4 Chittacks | | 1550—.— |
| Ghee at 2 Chittacks | | 775—.— |

In the above Rice and Flour being stated it is equal to the proportion of 2 Months Bread.—

Proportion of Provisions for 100,000 Natives for 31 days

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| Rice 2d Sort at 1 Seer each | | 77,500.— |
| Dall Kellai at 4 Chittacks | | 19,375.— |
| Ghee for 25,000 fighting Men | | 29,21.35 |

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Abstract of Articles to be sent from Bengal

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|---|---|
| Rice 2. Sort | 82,050 |
| Doll | 2,925 |
| Ghee | 450 |
| Flour | 4,000 |
| Soldiers Shoes - Europeans | 8,000 |
| Sepoys Shoes | 12,000 |

Clothing for a Battalion of Artillery and Eight Battalions of Sepoys and Supply of Sepoy Tents.—

(Signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govt

Agreed to refer the Supreme Council to the Letter to them of the 17th ultimo on the Subject of Draft and Carriage Cattle for the use of the Army, and to submit to them, if as the full Number required by Lord Cornwallis can be procured from the Carnatic and Northern Circars, it would not be proper to relieve the Company from the very great Expence of sending Cattle from Bengal.—

Minute thereon

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Bengal.—

Ordered that the following Report of Grain in Store at the Presidency and at Vellore, Arnee, Amboor, and Vencatagherry be

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be made to the Supreme Council.—

at the Presidency ..... Bags 88,538 Bengal Rice

aboard and on the Road to it Garce — 249 — 3 Rice
204 — 113 Paddy

Vellore ..... Garce 89 — Rice
494 — 260 Paddy

Arnee ..... Do. 200 — Rice
193 — Paddy

Vencatagherry ..... Do. 48 — 72 Rice

From the above Statement, the Supreme Council will be able to judge of the Quantity of Rice that will be required for the use of the army — the Board are of opinion that 70,000 or 80,000 Bags will be ample — but it is resolved to mention to the Gentlemen at Bengal that the late Contracts for this article have in general been so ill performed, that it would be of considerable advantage if the present supply were purchased at once on the Company's account and sent down on their own Ships. By this mode the Expence of Freight would be saved, and there would be a certainty of receiving good Rice. —

among the Articles proposed to be furnished from Bengal for the use of

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Bengal.

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the Troops, the Board understand that Shoes
would be the most acceptable.—

Read the following Letter
the Sub Secretary at Bengal.—

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

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal the Recruits expected from England for the Service of that Presidency to be detained at Madras if required.—

I am directed to acquaint you, that the Governor in Council at Fort St. George is authorized to retain at Madras the whole or such part of these Recruits as may be wanted at that Presidency, or for the Service of the War.—

I am information having been received from the Honble Court of Directors, that they intended sending one Thousand Recruits, this Season, to Bengal, I am

Fort William
the 15th. of June 1791.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Fombelle
Sub Secretary

Minute thereon. Agreed to communicate the above to Lord Cornwallis, and to desire Sir[illegible]
Lordship

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Lordship will inform the Board how many of the Bengal Recruits he wishes should be retained at Madras.—

agreed also to write to Lord Cornwallis regarding the Salt Provisions brought out on the Victuallers, to know from his Lordship whether any Part of them should be received on the Company's Account, and sent to Vellore for the use of the Troops.—

Reference to be made to Lord Cornwallis respecting the said Provisions brought out on the Victuallers—

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Senior Member at the Presidency and the
Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George
Madras &c. &c.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

I was favoured with your of the twelfth of June yesterday, and as soon as ever Mr. Surgeon Berry joins the army he shall have leave to return to the Presidency as Secretary to the Hospital Board in compliance with the Honble Court of Directors appointment

From Major General Medows Mr. Berry will be allowed to return to the Presidency as soon as he joins the Army.—

I am
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
with great respect, esteem & truth,
&c. &c.
Signed Wm Medows
Gov. &c. &c.

Camp near Coteraduguru
the 27th of June 1791.—

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Read the following Letter from
Major General Musgrave.—

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

Honble Sir,

From Major
General Musgrave
Alterations necessary in the Arrangements he has already recommended in consequence of the Movement of the Army to the Eastward.—

I have been this morning honord with Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 4th. Instant signifying to me the desire of the Board that I should give my opinion whether the intended movement of the army to the Eastward will occasion any, and if any what, alterations in the measures I suggested in my letter of the 3d. Instant.—

As the movement of the army to the Eastward will probably deter the enemy from attempting an excursion into the Carnatic with a force sufficient to sit down before any of our Garrisons, I conceive that the Detachment of 3 Companies of European Infantry may be dispensed with particularly as the Regiment of Hanoverians is under orders of embarkation, this is the only alteration that appears to me to be requisite Lieutenant Reddels Company, at all events, is a necessary

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accession to the Garrison of Arnee, and both Arnee and Vellore are much in want of the detachment of artillery which I proposed sending from the Mount.—

The supplies collected at Venkety gurry are in my opinion, an object of such importance, that it would not be prudent to delay ordering Captain Reads detachment to return immediately as it will be the means of securing them and keeping the communication open

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

6th July 1791.

(Signed) Thos. Musgrave

Agreed to desire General Musgrave to issue Orders for the March of the Detachment of Artillery which he has recommended should be sent from the Mount to reinforce the Garrisons of Arnee and Vellore—and to inform him that the return of Captain Alexander Read's Detachment depends entirely upon the Commander in Chief.—

Minute thereon.

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of General Musgrave's Letter be sent to Lord Cornwallis.-

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.-

From the Military Board enclosing the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Roebuck and Abbot Repairs wanted to the Barracks at the Mount.-

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
acting President in Council

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and having, previously thereto, prepared the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Roebuck and Abbot, We herewith Submit the same for your approval.-

Major Maule having surveyed the State of the Barracks at Saint Thomas Mount, and reported to us that some of Repairs are absolutely necessary, We beg leave to recommend that they may be executed, agreeably to this Estimate, amounting to Pagodas 188. 22. 15.-

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave
J. Casper
Geo. Maule
R. Tutt

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board information required respecting Works ordered to be executed to the Fortifications at Amboor recommending that some 18 Pounder Field Carriages be made report respecting the insufficient Quantity of Camp Equipage in Store inclosing the Contracts for Cloathing and for Tin foil Powder Barrels—

Captain Read having preferred an Indent for Ordnance and Carriages for the lower Fort of Amboor, and as We do not Know of any Works which require such Articles— We beg leave to request a Communication of such Information as you may possess regarding them or shall deem necessary for our Guidance, previous to our compliance with the above Indent.—

We take this Occasion to notice to you that no Eighteen Pounder Field Carriages now remain in the Arsenal, and to recommend that Sixteen, to complete the Statement, may be ordered to be made up. It is also necessary to inform you, that when the Camp Equipage ordered to be dispatched from hence for the Army, is dispatched a very small and insufficient quantity will remain in Store, But as we have received authentic, though not official, Information from Camp, that a Proposal had been made by the Commander

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in Chief, for granting Tent allowance to the Officers, We submit whether any other than the Private and Sepoy Tents, now despatching shall be replaced.—

Enclosed We leave the honor to transmit the Contracts for army Cloathing and Ten Lasts Powder Barrels, prepared for Execution by the respective Parties.—

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We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Musgrave
J Capper
Geo. Maule

Ordered that the Contract with Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott be executed.—

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.

Ordered that the Repairs to the Barracks at the Mount be executed, provided the Expence do not exceed the Estimate of Pgs. 188_22_15/20.—

Ordered, that the necessary Information be communicated to the Military Board respecting the Repairs lately made to the Lower Fort at Amboor by Direction of Lord Cornwallis.—

agreed

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Agreed that Sixteen 18 pounder Field Carriages be made up with as little delay as possible, and that the whole of the Camp Equipage lately dispatched from hence for the use of the army, be replaced.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel de Wangenheim.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you the List of the officers and men from His Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment, who according to the Orders I received from Government, are to be in readiness to embark on Board of His Majesty's Ships the Leopard for Europe In this List, you will be pleased to observe, one Surgeon Mate is added to the Detachement, and I request to be informed whether this may remain so or if one man on account of the Surgeon Mate must be left behind as the Officers are obliged to provide for themselves, during

From Colonel De Wangenheim with a List of Officers and Men intended to be sent to England on his Majesty's Ships Leopard requesting that Passage Money may be allowed the Officers and three Months Pay advanced the whole Detachment

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the Voyage, and of Course must lay in a sufficient Store of Provisions, I am to request that you will be pleased, of ordering the passage Money for those Gentlemen to be issued soon, as also the three Months Payment for the whole Detachment which Government has been pleased to order to be advanced, to all the Hanoverian Troops, who are sent back to Europe.—

I further take the Liberty to request, of being made acquainted with the Day, when it will be necessary for this Detachment to embark; and have the Honor to remain with great Respect.—

Madras 8th July 1791.

Lt. Col.

(Signed) Wangenheim
Colonel

Minute thereon.

Ordered, that the former allowance of Passage Money be issued to the Hanoverian Officers to embark on the Leopard, and that the Amount of three Months Pay be advanced to each as practised on a former Occasion.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Samuel Johnston.—

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To Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart. Senior Member & Commie
Fort St. George

Hon^ble Sirs

I am honoured with yours of the 18th Inst. which I have received a Letter from the Committee at Madras saying that the delay of the final Report originates with Me, and you have my Answer enclosed, to which I beg again to be referred to my Letter of the 11th June, as I am exceedingly anxious to proceed to Europe, as well for the Preservation of my public Character and for my private affairs; — I have waited Ten Months for the investigation of a few Months accounts with a conditional Bond hanging over my head for 82,000 Pagodas and also a Security of my Dubash for 20,000 more making an apparent demand against me of Pagodas £3,000, and yet Eight Months are elapsed without my being informed whether it is the intention of Government to call upon me for that Amount, or return the Securities. My health is very much impaired, and should any Accident happen to me, leaving my Family in so embarrassing a doubt

From Mr. Samuel Johnston requesting his Representation of the hardships he endeavouring to the delay of the Committee in delivering in their Report upon his Accounts. —

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will be most distressing. I have therefore to entreat the Honble Board will be pleased to Communicate to me their Resolutions.

I have the honor to be

Tranquebar
7 July 1791.

&c &c.
(Signed) Saml Johnston

Colonel Kyd, Majr Roebuck and Cockburn
in Committee
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I am this day honoured with yours of the 15th Instant upon one part of which I cannot help Remarking, because it imputes to me a blame, which I am conscious I do not deserve, you say "the Delay therefore "has originated with yourself and not with "us" you will be pleased to recollect, that that Trichenopoly Report was sent to you the 28 decr 1790 and that I never heard a Syllable of it till the 5 April 1791, by that days Packet I received a Letter from you dated 29 March in which you have the honor to send me a Copy of the Report

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Report of Messrs. Andrews and Woolf, to
which we must request your explanations
as soon as possible, in order that we may
make our final Report to Government" — In
yours dated the 5th. May you say "Having this
day opened the Box of Vouchers, sent by
the Committee from Trichenopoly we do not
find a Register of the Certificates or Receipts
granted by you to the Sowcars and Ryots &c. &c.
we request you will forward to us an authenticated
Copy of that Register to enable us to conform
to the orders of Government" In mine
of the 16th. May, I gave you my Reasons
for not sending a Register, but, as you
still urged it I did transmit you One, the
12 Instant, upon due attention to these
Duties it will appear that [illegible] the 28 dec. 1790
till the 5th. May 1791, the Box of Vouchers
had not even been opened, which delay I
certainly cannot be responsible to Me; I hope
my Letter upon the Subject of the Grain
is before you. — I have the honor to be. —

&c. &c.

Signed Saml. Johnston

Tranquebar
20th. June 1791.

agreed

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Minute thereon

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Agreed to inform Mr. Johnston that the Committees Report upon his Accounts will be taken into Consideration as soon as it possible, and the Result communicated to him.—

Read the following Letter from the Medical Storekeeper.—

To William Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From the Medical Storekeeper stating the Difficulties that have occurred lately in procuring a Supply of Rhubarb from China.—

As the period for the final departure of the China Ships draws near, and as I have not heard from the Hospital Board on the subject of my letter, I beg leave to transmit a Copy of the same, which I have to request you will lay before His Excellency the Governor and Council, for such orders, or instructions, as they may deem proper on this occasion.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Ruddiman

apothy. for Med. Storekpr.

Fort St. George
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To

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To James Anderson Esqr
M D Physician Genl &c and Members
of the Hospital Board.—

Gentlemen,

Difficulties having lately
arisen, in procuring the usual supplies
of rhubarb from China, permit me to
request you will please to apply to The
Honble The Governor in Council, to write
the Supercargoes on this subject to assist
my agent Mr Gyrefs, in procuring the
annual supply for the Service, for
which, as usual, I have given a commission
with the necessary advances of money.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed Wm Ruddiman
apothy for Med. Stores

Fort St. George
28th June 1791.

Agreed that the Select
Committee at Canton be desired to assist
Mr Ruddiman's agent in procuring from
the Chinese 8 or 10 Piculs of Rhubarb for
the use of this Settlement.—

Minute thereon

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Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper.—

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

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you an Estimate of Cash required this Month for the Manufacture of Gunpowder amounting to Pagodas 1800—and request you would be pleased to order the same to be advanced.

I am with Respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jos. Dacy Pre Porker
M.G. Storek.r

From the Military Storekeeper requesting that the Amount of Gunpowder ordered to be made up this Month may be advanced.—

Fort St. George
6th July 1791.

Ordered that the Sum of One thousand Eight hundred Pagodas (1800) be advanced to the Military Storekeeper for the Provision of Gunpowder.—

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Veeresha, a Guzerat Brameny.—

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

The Humble Petition of Veeresha
Sheervadee, Gujarath Braminy and
Inhabetants of Madraspatnam

Humbly Sheweth

That as your Petetioner came
home from business on the 22. Instant at 6 o Clock
in the Evening was stopedat the Door by two
persons who said Ramasamy / Brother to P
Paupia / wanted me, I replied I am just come
and will wait on him after I have taken my
Victuals, they went away, but returned soon
after, and insisted of my going with them P
I said my Friends I am neither a debtor, nor
Servant of Ramasamy, consequently I cannot
come now, to which they said we have Orders
from Ramasamy, that, if you should not come
by good means to force you, therefore you better
followed — I found that they were determined
to carry me, I went with them without my P
Victuals — found Ramasamy at Gopals House
/ Mr. Spencer's Dubash / who desired the

Peons

Petetion of Veeresha a Gujerat Braminy complaining of the very severe treatment he has received from Paupiah and his Brother in consequence of his having refused to give false Evidence in favor of Paupiah and requesting that Justice may be done him.

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Peons to carry me to his House and await there
till he come home, at 9 o'clock the Ramasamy
came Home and said that his Brother Paupia wanted
to speak with me, I answered and said that he had
no kind of business with me, nor I with him. He
Ramasamy Ordered the Peons to carry me away
to Paupias Garden House, consequently I
was draged away there, and was conducted to
upstair, and Paupia asked How dare I
you go about telling people what I have
confided to you with, & I asked as you desired
me to procure false Witnesses, I only
consulted my Brother respecting it at
which he got up from his Chair, and
gave me a Couple of Slaps on each Side of
my face after him his Brother in Law
got up & stepped and abused me in such a
manner that your Petitioner was not able
to stand — then your Petitioner were
ordered to be carry to Ramasamy and
there to be delivered to him — he asked
me what passed there, I told him the
treatment I had received — to which he
answered his Brother should not have
treated

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treated your Petitioner in such a manner, and desired me to go home, at which your Petitioner was Released — your Petit.r surmises that this wanton behaviour of Caupeia Proceeded from your Petitioners Refuseing to take a false Oath on Caupeia's part in a Cause against the Nabob. —

your Petitioner begs leave to recommend the forgoing Cruel and inhuman Treatment to your Worships serious consideration, and grant to your Petitioner such Justice as you may think proper, and your Petitioner shall in duety bound Shall

Ever pray.

Minute thereon.

as the Complaint preferred in the above Petition has relation to the objects at present under Inquiry, it is resolved to send a Copy of it to the Committee for their Investigation. —

Death of Lieut.t Sommers of the Infantry and Lieutenant Colonel Hughes of the Invalids.

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Sommers of the 3.d Battalion of Native Infantry on the 28.th Ultimo at Negapatam,

and

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Ord[r] of Lieutenant Colonel Hughes of the Invalids at Cuddalore on the 2d Instant.

" Chas Oakeley.

" Wm Scott

Hudleston

Majors &c

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# Diary

Received a Petition from

Substance of a Petition from Ragoonadu Row Claimant for the Zaghiredarship of Arnee.

Ragoonadu Row Claimant for the Zaghiredarship of Arnee, as entered in C: C: No. 163, stating the Claim he has by Birth right to the Zaghire= =dar Ship – requesting that the Zaghire may be restored to him together with all the Money &c that has been collected by Lunawasa Row since he has been dispossessed thereof.

Received the following Letters

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## William Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department.

From the Resident at Hyderabad with Letter for Lord Cornwallis respecting the persons deputed to attend the Congress.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a quadruplicate of my Letter to the Governor General which I request may be transmitted by a dispatch Conveyance from the triplicate which I have this day forwarded to you by way of Tranquebar. This Letter conveys information to the Governor General that Meer Alum &c has been appointed to proceed to his Lordship

and

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9 and will not fail to know whether or not I shall
think one of the Nizam's Sons and his Highness's
Ministers will follow him about the end of
the Month and that it is his Highness's
intention Captain Read's Detachment shall
accompany them. They are to proceed by the
Carnatic roads of Sira.

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

Pay Office
Fort St George
8th July 1791

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary

Sir,

I am the Military Paymaster General's
with Copy of a Letter
from the Commissioners
and enclosing the
amount of Bills drawn by
Captain Read's Detachment
of Horse.

I have the honor to enclose
you a Copy of a Letter I have received from Mr.
Paymaster Hoare and request you will be so
pleased to inform the Honble Governor in Mr
Council that I have provided the Bills
enclosed in that Letter for Acceptance and
that they will be punctually paid when due.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn Roebuck
M. P. G.
P. Benjamin

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Benjamin Roebuck Esq.r
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you, a Bill for Star Pagodas 2,969.22 which the Hon.ble Governor in Council ordered Captain Bell Commissary of Stores to refund to me, on account of the Hon.ble Comp.y for certain Bills paid him in March 1790 N.o 13 & 16 in Charges Extraordinary N.o 15 Viz.t paid for 32 Carts employed for Carriage of Stores as p.r Captain Bell's bill Sic.a Rup.s 220.— I also called on him repeatedly for instructions from the Honorable Board to refund, the which Bill he says must be a mistake, you will therefore please to look at the Vouchers, and send me a Copy of it, as well as acquaint the Board of having received the inclosed Amount.

By order of Lord Corn.= =wallis, in our arrival near Bangalore, some Pay will be issued to the officers, which there is no other mode of doing but by giving their pay Chits to the Cutlers of the Army, and issuing an order for me to receive them for

Bills

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Bills on Madras, the Kings Paymaster is to follow the same mode as his Deputy there.

Half the Month of April, May and June Pay &c. is now due to the Army.

I shall take the earliest opportunity of sending you the Accounts and Vouchers, when settled & safe.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo: Hoar
Paymaster to the Army

A true Copy
(Signed) B K Mc Pe

Sent the following Letter

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal recommendations on the Subject of this Letter is not to be put in Practice by us for the use of the Army - apart of the Goods ordered in the principal Depots Quantity necessary from Bengal &c. as much wanted in Camp.

We have had the honor to
recieve your Letter of the 12th Instant, on the Subject
of Supplies to be sent from Bengal for the
use of the Army.

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Valentingueree
27th June 1791.

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Our Letter to you of the 17th Instt
which was transmitted in Duplicate, will have
informed you that we had great Hope of being able
to procure the full Number of Bullocks required
by Lord Cornwallis for the ensuing Campaign,
and that the whole, provided the Country
were undisturbed, would be collected in the
Neighbourhood of Amboor, on or before the
15th Day of August next, — We have now
the pleasure to inform you that we
have no doubt whatever of being able
to Supply the wants of the army in
Draft and Carriage Bullocks, and
we therefore submit to you, whether it
would not be proper to relieve the
Company from the very great Expence
of sending Cattle from Bengal.

The following Report
has been made to us of the Grain in
Store at the Presidency, and at Vellore,
Arnee, Amboor, and Vencatgherry. —

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at the Presidency Bags 88678 Bengal Rice
Amboor & Ganee ..... 2493 do Rice
on the Road to it Paddy Ganee 2041 13.
Vellore - - - - do Rice .... 89 —
Paddy 496 260
Vencatgherry.

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Twenty thousand Bags Rice 18. 72

Ditto ..... Do Rice 200 ——

Paddy ..... 193 ...

You will be able to judge,
from the above Statement, of the Quantity
of Rice that will be required from Bengal
for the use of the Troops — we are of opinion
that 70,000 or 80,000 Bags will be sufficient, but
we think it right to mention that the
late Contracts for this article have been
in general well performed, that it would
be of considerable advantage if the present
Supply were purchased at home on the
Company's Account, and sent down on
their own Ships — By this mode the Expence
of Freight would be saved, and we should
be certain of receiving good Rice.

We shall write to Lord Cornwallis
regarding the Salt Provisions lately arrived
from England on the four Victuallers, and
if it be his Lordship's wish that any part
thereof should be sent to the Army, we shall
have no time in forwarding it to Bombay, from
whence it can be transported, as opportunities
offer, to Camp.

We have received, & shall
continue

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10 continued to use our best Exertions for the speedy re-equipment of the Army - and you may rest assured we shall not lose Sight of this important object, on which the Success of the War and its early Termination so materially depend.

Among the articles you propose to furnish for the use of the Troops we understand that Shoes will be the most acceptable

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

Fort St George
9th July 1791

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis KG
Governor General &a: &a: &a:

My Lord,

We have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's Information, Copy of a Letter from General Musgrave in reply to our Communication to him of the intended Movement of the Army to the Eastward.

We have desired General Musgrave to issue orders for the March of the Detachment of artillery which he recommended should be sent from the Presidency to reinforce the Garrisons of Arnee and Vellore; and we have informed him that the return of Captain

To Lord Cornwallis with Copy of Major General Musgrave's Letter on the subject of the alterations mentioned in his Letter that he had already proposed by the above Order of the Army to the Eastward respecting Salt Provisions - and the Detachment of the 11th Hanoverians Regiment to embark on the Leopard -

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Captain Read's Detachment depends entirely upon your Lordships.

We beg leave to request of your Lordships to inform us, whether any part of the Salt Provisions brought out on the Victuallers may be received in the Garrison's Account and sent to Vellore for the use of the Troops. Lieutenant Wynch, the Officer in charge of the Transports has reported to us, that some of the Provisions have been injured, and we have in consequence directed them to be sold on the whole.

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that it is our Intention to embark on his Majesty's Ship Leopard on which she sails from hence for England on the 15th Instant, one Sergeant Mate and one Hundred and forty three non commissioned and Privates of the 78th Highlanders Regiment. Commodore Cornwallis having Signified to us that the whole Number could be accommodated with a Passage.

We have the Honor &c.

Fort St George
9th July 1781.

Sd. W. Medows
Sd. Chas. Oakeley
Mr Council

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To

# To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis &c

Governor General &c &c &c

My Lord,

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that we have been desired by the Supreme Council to retain the whole or such part of the Bengal Recruits / one thousand / coming out on the Ships of the present Season, as may be wanted at this Presidency or for the Service of the War

To Lord Cornwallis's instructions regarding the Number of Bengal Recruits to be retained at this Presidency.

— By the Ships of the present Season we have received 899 Recruits for the service of the Coast, besides the Detachment from St Helena — we beg therefore to know from your Lordship, how many of the Bengal Recruits you wish should be retained at Madras.

We have the Honor to be with great Respect and Esteem &c &c &c

/Signed/ Chas Oakeley

Wm Council

To

3364. Fort St George the 10th July 1791

To

To Colonel Capper
Mr Benjamin Roebuck
Mr George Mowbray
& Mr Joseph Garrow

Committee for enquiring into the Charges preferred against the Administration of Mr Lewis Holland

To the Committee for investigating the Charges against the Administration of Mr Lewis Holland, with Copy of a Petition from Vencatrau Thiruvadee, an Inhabitant of Madras complaining of having received ill treatment from Paupiah in consequence of his refusal to take a false Oath in favor of Paupiah in a Cause depending against his Highness the Nabob, and to inform you, that as this Complaint has relation to the object of your Enquiry, it is the Desire of the Board that you will investigate the Subject, and report the Result to them as soon as possible.

Fort St George
10th July 1791

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

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr B. Nos 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45.

To

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To Major General Musgrave —

To Major General Musgrave

requesting he will issue the necessary orders &c
for the March of the Detachement of Artillery
which he has recommended to be sent from
the Mount to reinforce the Garrisons of Arnee
and Vellore.

To Lieutenant Fireworker Lenclair

To Lieutenant Fireworker Lenclair
— with a Packet addressed to Lord Cornwallis
to be delivered over to Lieutenant Colonel
Folson on his Arrival at Vellore — desiring
him to furnish a receipt for the same.

To the Commandant at Vellore

To Lieutenant Colonel Folson —
desiring him to receive Charge of the Box
of Letters placed under the Charge of Lieutenant
Fireworker Lenclair, and to keep it in a
place of Security until he receives orders from
Lord Cornwallis respecting it.

To the Select Committee at Canton

To the Select Committee at
Canton — requesting they will assist Mr Gyrest
in obtaining from the Chinese eight or ten
Peice of Rhabarb.

To Captain Mackay

To Captain Mackay — authorizing
him to act in such Manner as he may
think necessary and proper, in regard to the
Men employed by Lieutenant

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To the Commandant at St.
Tiagar — desiring him to afford such Protection
To the Bullocks praising to Rembow as he
may finde necessary, and warn detaining them
at Tiagar if there be any Probability of their
being interrupted by the Enemy.

To the Commandant at Tiagar

To the Deputy Paymaster
Genral to the Kings Troops — with a List
of Officers of the 12th Hanoverian Regiment
ordered to embark on board his Majesty's
Ship Leopard to whom the usual Allowance
of Passage Money and three Months Advance
of Pay is to be made.

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops

To the Commander of his
Majesty's Ship Leopard — informing him
that the Detachment of Hanoverians
will be embarked on the Leopard as
the 14th Instant, provided it be agreeable
to him to receive the Troops at that
time.

To the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Leopard

To the Military Board —
the Contract to be entered into with
Messrs Roebuck and Abbott approved —
the Repairs they have recommended to the
Barracks

To the Military Board

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To Barracks at the Mount, to be executed, &c
- inclosing Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Corres=
=pondence with Captain Alexander Read
respecting the Execution of Repairs to the
Fortifications at Amboor Lefts and 18 Pounder
field Carriages to be made up the Camps
Equipage lately sent to the army to be &c
replaced without Delay - inclosing Copy of
a Letter from the Officer Commanding the
Artillery with Captain Andrew Read's
Detachment respecting the Non Commissioned
Staff - also Copy of a Letter from the Pay=
=master respecting a Charge made for
the Carriage of Tent Poles.

To the Commandant at &c
To the Commandant at Arnee - desiring him to take such Measures
for the Security of the Bullocks & Grain going to
Amboor as may appear to him necessary & to attend
to the Requisitions from the Commissary General
of Grain and Provisions and the Commanding
Officer at Amboor

To Mr Samuel Johnston -
informing him that the Committee's Report
To Mr Samuel Johnston upon his Accounts will be taken into consi=
=deration as soon as possible and the Result
communicated to him.

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

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with Muster of 2000 Bags of Grain Shipped on Board the Indian Captain Ford — 2211 Bags of Rice Shipped on the same Vessel

From Do with a Muster of 1262 Bags of Grain shipped on the Indian Captain Ford.

From Do with Bill of Lading of Rice Shipped on board the Indian being part of same Rice formerly shipped on the Friendship Captain North which Vessel has been detained in the River.

From Do with a List of Articles lost in the Ship Friendship Captain North the Camps Equipages belonging to His Majesty's 73d Regiment which he requested without Delay.

From the Paymaster at Madras requesting that Captain Monkton may be informed that the 6 Recruits Battalion now Stationed at Mallore is to be paid by Lieut Col Vaughan.

From

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From the Military Paymaster General stating that the Irregularity complained of by the Honble Court of Directors in respect to payments having been made to Officers both Here and on England is not imputable to any Neglect on his part.

From the Military Paymaster General

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore — will rescind immediately the order he had issued directing all reports & respecting the Troops to be made to him

From Colonel DeMangenheim

From Colonel De Mangenheim — requesting that an order may be issued to His Majesty's Paymaster General directing him to advance three months pay to the non Commissioned and Privates of the 14th Hanoverian Regiment as well as the Officers.

From Mr John Humphreys

From Mr John Humphreys Shardow — enclosing an affidavit respecting the Process by which he obtained the appointment of Investigator of the Laytons Accounts during the administration of Mr John Holland.

At

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Fort St George 11th July 1791

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President

William Petrie
and
John Huddleston
} Esqrs

Monday
11th July 1791.

The Honble Major General
Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

The Secretary lays before the
Board Drafts of General Letters to the Hon
Honble Court of Directors to go by the Despatch
which having been read and approved, are
ordered to be copied fair.

The Drafts of the General Letters to the Honble Court of Directors to go by the Despatch read and approved

The Contract with Mr Lowe
Brodie for cloathing the army, and the
Contract with Mr Christopher Breith=
=aupt for tin foiled Powder Barrels are
now duly executed.

The Contracts for Cloathing and for Tinn'd & Iron Foiled Powder Barrels now executed.

Read the following Letter
from the Committee for enquiring into the
Charges

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Fort St George 11th July 1791.

Charges preferred against the Administration
of Mr John Holland.

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

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to lay before
you, our third Report together with Copy of our
proceedings from the 29th December last, to this
time,

Every subject to which our enquiry
directed to term our enquiry, has been compleated,
as fully as has been in our power to obtain
information thereon — We therefore hope that
your honor &c. will be pleased to exonerate
us by a dissolution of the Committee, resting
with full confidence on the countenance of
the good opinion you have been pleased to express
of our exertions which have been uniform
and unremitted, and that they will meet with
the approbation of the Right Honble the
Governor General in Council.

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
[Signed] Happer
" Benj.n Roebuck
" Geo. Moubray
" Joseph Garrow

Fort St George
9th July 1791.

From the Committee for enquiring into the Charges preferred against the administration of Mr John Holland with Copy of their Proceedings from the 29th December last requesting that the Committee may now be dissolved

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The Board having perused the Report upon which it entered into a Book upon the Proceedings of the Committee for investigating the Charges against Sahoo and Edoo Sahoo Mallen Esqrs

Records of the Board on the foregoing Letter

are of opinion that the evidence obtained by them is direct and conclusive upon almost every point, and that even were it less full in any degree, as in the case of the Shivagunga Expedition, and the designated transactions with the Rajah of Travancore the deficiency seems to have proceeded from an unwillingness in the Subahdar and the Rajas to come forward themselves or to permit any of their Servants, to speak upon the Subject - so much as however has been laid open with respect to the other articles of Charge, that deficiency is of little consequence the Main point of Corruption is not sensibly affected by it and the Proof that has been obtained upon the remaining Charges is amply sufficient

The Board highly approve the Remarks

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Remarks made by the Committee upon the evidence produced before them, and in perfectly agree in the conclusions they have drawn with respect to the criminality of the accused Persons, and the aggravation this criminately receives from the circumstance of their having taken the Revenue Oath which applies directly to the Transactions with the Nabob of the Carnatic, the Rajah of Tanjore and the Sophiendar of Arnee.

The Report of the Committee, and the papers accompanying it, are so full and particular that the Board have only to add their entire approbation of the whole Proceeding, and to accompany it by a formal Record of their thanks for the Service rendered to the public by the Labor, Firmness and Judgment with which this important Investigation has been conducted to its present stage. They feel a pleasure in also in repeating their acknowledgments to the Secretary, Mr. Joseph Gamon for the ability he has displayed in his special arrangement of the Proceedings.

Resolved

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Resolved that a Separate Letter be written to the Honorable Court of Directors on the foregoing Subject, and to Mr that the Committees third Report, and the Copy of their Proceedings from the 29th December to the 9th Instant be transmitted to the Hon.ble Court by the Legrand.

A Separate Letter to be written to the Court of Directors upon the foregoing Subject by the present Dispatch.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis received Yesterday

Wg

# Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Fort St George

Sir,

I received from this Morning, and I shall proceed very early to-morrow Morning reconnoitring the Fort of Savendroog, and of giving the Marattas an opportunity of employing their numerous Cavalry and their followers, in Searching the extensive Jungles for the large Quantities of Cattle and Grain, which are said to have been collected in that Quarter from the adjoining Country.

From Lord Cornwallis Account of the arrival of the Army at Anagundy communicating the intended Plan of operations against Seringapatam and Dutch Account of the Battle between the Bengal Army and the Enemy Cavalry

Extract of Letter from Bombay Dated 15th June 1791 to the Secret Committee

After accomplishing these Objects I shall approach nearer to Bangalore to enable me to dispatch the Sick in that

Place,

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Place, and to obtain a Supply of some Articles
of Military Stores.

I am at present in hourly
Expectation of hearing that Captain Read
has arrived there with a large Convoy of Provisions; and, if I am not disappointed, it
my Intention it, to avail myself of that
Supply, and proceed directly to reduce Coylan,
and to place our Armies in such a Position
as to exclude Tippoo completely from all
the principal Northern Passes, leading to
the Eastward, from this Country.

I hope these Measures will
perfectly secure our own Communications,
and that they will also put it in my
Power to make the further Arrangements
that I intended, respecting the Troops of the
Allies without any material Interruption.

I am informed that Tippoo has
taken the advantage of our being detained
to the Westward for the protection of the
Manatta Communications, to detach some
Cavalry and Infantry towards the Barra-
-mal, but I think it highly probable that,
upon his being acquainted with the Direction
of our Movements, he will soon recal
them.

Yours

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Letter in reply to the Honorable Court
of Directors on the foregoing Subject, and to
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# Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Hon: Wm: Wm

Sir,

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I am Lord Cornwallis Journey of the annual of the 4th inst. communicating the intended Plan of furnishing Supplies and Establishment towards the Prosecution of the present War against Tippoo Sultaun to the Peace Treaty of Seringapatam to the Rajah of Tanjore &c &c

Received here this Morning,
and I shall immediately move into this
Neighbourhood for the purpose of thoroughly
reconnoitring the Fort of Savendroog, and of
giving the Marattas an opportunity of join-
-ploying their numerous Cavalry and
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-mal, but I think it highly probable that,
upon his being acquainted with the Direction
of our Movements, he will soon recal
them.

Yours

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You will, I am fully persuaded, use every Exertion on your part to proceed as speedily with the Cattle, and I must recommend that those which have been procured, to the Southward of the Colleroon may be brought to the Presidency, as soon as possible, to be employed in transporting Grain and other Articles that we may want from thence, and I must particularly request, that you Pains be spared to engage the greatest possible Number of Drivers to attend them, and to the Deficiencies in that Class of People in the Army, that our late Losses of Cattle are principally to be attributed.

In Addition to the Sum that I formerly mentioned, you will oblige me by dispatching, without Delay, Six Lacks of Rupees to Vellore to be ready to be forwarded to the Army when I shall be satisfied with the Security of our Communications.

Camp at Maguri 28th Nov 1791.

I am Wa. Wa.

/Signed/ Cornwallis

Sir

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting President & Council
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your
Letters dated the 25th of May and 9th 14th 15th 18th and
21st of June.

Lieut.t Col.o Cummeau's
ordering appointing the
Embarkation of the
Electoral Troops —
Commissariat Supplied with Salt
to be supplied with Salt
Provisions — approved
the Letter written to the
Nabob on the Subject
of sending out Bullocks
to Country — intended
putting the Bullocks
entirely to Contract under
the management of a
Public Agent — receives
advice of Captain
Read's arrival at
Bangalore — Silver
Elephants and small
Tarpaulins much
wanted in Camp.

The suggestions of the Honble Court
of Directors to send home the Hanoverian
Troops in the empty Victuallers appears to me
to be extremely judicious, I therefore desire that
you will immediately provide proper store
Houses to receive the provisions, and notify to
Lieutenant Lloyd that he should unload
and prepare the Vessel without loss of time,
for the reception of those troops, you will
at the same time communicate to Colonel
Wangenheim the determination to embrace
so favorable an opportunity of sending his
Majesty's Electoral Regiments to Europe, &
direct him to hold it in readiness for early
imbarkation and as the quarters at Fort St.
George may be much wanted for the Troops
that will arrive from Europe, I trust that you
will be able to dispatch the Hanoverian Regiments
in the course of a month or Six Weeks after your
receipt of this Letter.

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I think it probable that a part of the Salt provisions may be wanted for the troops on the Coast of Malabar, & therefore the mean time I request that you will give any name make one offer to Commodore Cornwallis if any part of them that he may want for the use of his Majesty's Squadron.

I entirely approve of the answer given by your acting President to the letter addressed to him by his Highness the Nabob of Arcot respecting the Settlement of the Revenues of the Carnatic, I have not yet received any letter from his Highness on the Subject.

The exertions that have been made by your Government to procure a Supply of Bullocks, and to forward them with respect to the equipment of this army, claim my warmest Acknowledgements, and I am happy to find that they have hitherto been attended with greater Success than I had Languine enough to expect, some greater encouragement must be given to Bullock Drivers for without a stronger Number of that useful class of men, our Supplies in Bullocks must continue to be repeated either by this Slow

from

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from the want of people to provide sufficient
food for them, or from their being ruined by ill
usage & wilful driving.

I shall think it necessary to
to push the Cattle that have been procured by
the exertions of Government under the
Management of a public Agent, as I am
sorry to say from experience that the Con=
=tract has been a Delusion of a most dangerous
nature to a Commander in Chief of our
Army.

I had the pleasure of hearing
last night of Captain Read's safe arrival
at Bangalore with a very Considerable Line
of Bullocks which had been collected by
that most Zealous and active Officer. The
grain however which you have ordered to
be forwarded to Vencatagherry will still
be of great importance in our future operat=
=ions, but as the Elephants under the Ex=
=tions Care of Captain Williamson were not in
very good Condition when they began their
their march from the Province of Onde,
and as they will be much wanted for

the

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The Carriages of the Camp equipage of the Army I should wish that they may no longer continued to be employed in the Removal of the Sick from Arnbore.

I was exceedingly disappointed at finding that my Letter to your Address of President dated the 16th of May informing him of the Action which happened near Seringapatam on the 15th I had forwarded in Duplicate had not reached him on the 15th Inst. and that the first intelligence which you received from me of that event came to you by the circuitous Channel of the Resident at Travancore.

I am much obliged to you for the Dispatch which you made in forwarding the first Sum which I requested of you to Vellore, and as we are in much want of Small currency in Camp, I should be glad to that in your future supplies you could send us to the Amount of half, or even a whole Lack of Rupees in Silver Specie.

When any Stores are sent to the Army from Madras or any of the intermediate Stations

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Copy

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Stations, it will be a great convenience to us
if you will add to them thirty or forty
Tarpaulins of a small Size for the use of the
grain Department.

The approbation which
the House of Commons had declared of the
measures of the Supreme Government
respecting the Commencement of the present
War, has given me particular Satisfaction
and I am persuaded that the Vigor and
unanimity of opinion which have been
shewn in so many quarters will essentially
tend to bring it to an Honorable Con=
=clusion.

Camp at
Nagar
15 July 1791

I have the Honor to be
Wr: Wr:
Signd Cornwallis

To
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Wr: Wr: Wr:

I have Lord Cornwallis
with Your duplicate of
his Letter of the 15th July
which I find on examinat=
=ing the Letter for the Sick
Land Wounded Troops on
this Establishment the List
and Plan for Carts to be
made up immediately
intending moving to Bangalore
on the 21st Instant
expecting his approbation
of the Orders of this
Government to equip
the Army.

Sir,

Since I last wrote to you on
the 28th Ultimo I have been favored with your
Letters of the 16th and 18th of June.

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Fort St George 11th July 1791.

I cannot express, after what happened on the taking of Bangalore, how I sincerely mortified I feel at the miscarriage of my Letter of the 16th of May, which I caused to be forwarded in Triplicate, as it so totally disappoints my wishes to give an early Account of every event of importance either to myself or to the Board. I now enclose a quadruplicate of the Letter, altho' the contents will not be very interesting to you.

Humanity as well as good policy calls loud by upon us to make the same provision for carrying the native Sick of the Madras Troops, upon a march, as those of the Bengal Establishment.

It is hardly credible that so shocking a practice could have so existed so long, and that Successive Generals could, without making the strongest remonstrances to Government, have seen their wretched Soldiers, either with a broken bone or a violent fever Squeezed into a Blanket and carried by two of their Comrades, The loss of the two Bearers from the Ranks is not the only Mischief which arises

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arises to the public Service, from this false and cruel economy, for the disgust which it creates amongst the Sepoys occasions great desertion: as an instance of which I need only mention that 22, of 24 Men of Captain Brown's Battalion who deserted in one month, were employed in carrying the Sick. I have taken it upon myself to authorize the payment of the same allowance for Doolies, as that which is paid to the Bengal Captains, to the natives in the Corps on your Establishment during the War, to commence the first of June.

The Doolies of the Europeans are entirely worn out and many bearers will be wanting for that Service, I must therefore recommend to you to order three hundred Doolies to be prepared immediately, and fifteen hundred bearers to be engaged in the Circars.

Three hundred platt form Carts will likewise be wanted for the use of the army, and they should be provided as expeditiously as possible.

I shall

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I have room on the 4th towards Bangalore; I am reduced, the arrival of Captain Read's Convoy, will enable me to proceed, in a very few days, to resume.

The Disposal of the Mahratta Armies during this Recess, is not finally arranged; but I believe it will be settled at a Conference which I shall have with the Chiefs tomorrow.

I cannot conclude with=
=out assuring you, that I shall ever retain the most grateful sense of your Exertions to assist this Army; and that I feel my=
=self fortunate, in this important Junction, in being the Government of Fort St George in such able and respectable Hands.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis

Copy at Foleby July 22d 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
(Quadruplicate)
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Lieut. Col. Commandg. advises of the Victory obtained over the Enemy on the 15th May last.

I have the honor to inform you that I had an opportunity, Yesterday,

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of attacking Tippoo, and of giving him a total Defeat- the Vicinity of Seringapatam, and the Batteries which he had erected on the North side of the Island saved his army from Destruction. His Loss of Men however must have been very considerable, and, besides a Number of Colours, We took four Peices of Brass Cannon.

The Difficulties of my own Situation in respect to Forage and Provisions, and particularly on account of the advanced Season of the year, are not much relieved by this Event, and indeed are very sincere, and the obstacles which this River presents to a Junction or Co-operation with General Abercromby, and which had never been described in any written or Verbal Account of it, appear at present almost insurmountable.

Camp near Seringapatam May 16th 1791.

Sam Wa: Wa:

[Signed] Cornwallis

Minute on the four foregoing Letters

The Board having taken into mature Consideration the foregoing Letters — Resolved that the following answer be written to His Lordship. —

To

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Fort St George 11th July 1791

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

The Lord Commissioners
in reply to the first
part of this Letter

We have been honored by the
receipt of your Lordship's Letters of the 16th May
26th & 28th Ultimo 1st and 2d Instant.

It will afford us great sa-
tisfaction to learn that the supply of Provi-
sions lately procured by Captain Read has
enabled your Lordship to carry into ope-
ration the plan which you have been so
pleased to communicate to us in your
Letter of the 28th Ultimo.

We have issued the necessary
orders for the preservation of all the articles
required by your Lordship. The further
sum of Six Lacks of Rupees will be im-
mediately forwarded to Vellore, such
in Sanams, and we have given orders for
more of this small coin to be prepared
as your Lordship may perhaps think it
expedient to adopt the same exchange as

for

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for Rupee that has been fixt at Madras, as
we shall observe here that the established
value of the Rupee to the Pagoda is as
365 Rs to 100 Pagodas and to the Fanam
and Cash as 1 Rupee to 12.25.

We shall hold out every
encouragement to Bullock Drivers and
Dooley Bearers, and extend over effect
through all the Circars, least the
distress which these classes of people
are supposed to have lately experienced
in Camps may operate in some
degree against us. If any means
could be taken to remove their
apprehensions on this head, it might
have good effect, least we know not
how far it may be practicable to
furnish them with provisions from
the public Stores.

We agree intirely
with your Lordship in the propriety
of

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of the order you have signed respecting
the sick and Wounded Seapoys.

We observe with
much concern the disappointment
your Lord suffered with respect to
the Bullock Contract. Whatever
plans your Lordship may think
most advisable for the future
Conduct of this essential part of the
Service will have our fullest
Concurrence, and we shall be much
obliged when you are at leisure,
if you will be pleased to furnish
us with such Information as
you may think necessary with
regard to the Defaults of the
Contractors.

The approbation
expressed by your Lordship of our
exertions

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...xpectations to recognize the Army it is highly pleasing to us, and we beg leave to assure you that the same Zeal will animate all our Endeavours for the Support of this just and necessary War until it can be brought to an honorable Conclusion.

Fort St George
11th July 1791

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect
and Esteem
Sir &c &c.
Signed Chas Oakeley
&c Council

Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Letters to be transmitted to the Court of Directors of November in the Leopard's Packet.

Resolved that Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Letters now read, be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors, a Number in the Leopard's Packet.

The Necessary orders to be immediately issued in conformity to the wishes expressed by Lord Cornwallis.

Resolved that the necessary orders be immediately issued in Conformity to

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... to the wishes expressed by Lord Cornwallis in the foregoing Letter.

... Chas. Oakeley.

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... J. Henderson

Elphinstone

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11th

# Diary

Received the undermentio-
ned Letters as entered in Mr B. Apr. 55, 56
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From the Resident at
Poona — enclosing, for the Information of
Government, Copy of his last Dispatch-
received from Lord Cornwallis and Duplic-
cate of his Letter to Their Lordships under-
Date the 30th. Ultimo. —

From the Sub Secretary at
Bengal — reporting the Death of Lieute-
nant W. W. Ryland of the Engineer Corps
on this Establishment. —

From the Secretary at
Fort William — enclosing Copy of Mr. Sub
Secretary Tomkyns's Letter of the 6th. May —
desiring that the Invoices and Information
therein required may be furnished without
Delay desiring also that the Master Mar-
iner mentioned in Mr. Secretary Jackson's
Letter

From the Resi-
dent at Poona.

From the Sub
Secretary at Ben-
gal.

From the Secre-
tary at Bengal.

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11th Letter of the 30th May to have been sent by Captain Robinson / but which has not arrived there / may be forwarded by the first Opportunity. —

12th Received the following Letters. —

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

Honble Sir,

We are favored with your Letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to the Return to Europe of the Electoral Troops serving on the Carnatic, and we entirely agree with you in the Propriety of referring this Subject to Lord Cornwallis as well as abiding by the Opinion his Lordship may be pleased to give on the Occasion. —

From Bengal approving the reference made to Earl Cornwallis respecting the Return to Europe of the Electoral Troops. —

Fort William the 15th of June 1791

We have the honor to &c &c &c

(Signed) { Chas Stuart
Peter Speke
W. Cowper.

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member at the Presidency, and the &
Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George — &
Madras — &c — &c

Camp near Bangalore
the 6th of July 1791.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Major Genral Medows acknowledging Receipt of the Copy of the Convention between His Majesty and the King of Spain

I had the honour of yours of the Seventeenth of May only yesterday, — inclosing a Copy of the Convention between His Majesty and the Court of Spain; — of which sincerely wishing you joy. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

(Signed) Wm Medows
Governor &c &c

To William Collins Jackson Esq.
Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

From Mr. Edward Holland with Memorial addressed to the Honble Court of Director to be transmitted to Europe by the first opportunity

I take the liberty to request that the enclosed Memorial may be sent home

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Home a Number in the first Packet that may be dispatched to Europe. —

Fort St. George
19th July 1791. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Edwd Holland

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C. C. N.o 164 informing him that Lord Cornwallis has expressed his entire Approbation of the Answer given to His Highness's Letter of the 12th ultimo respecting the Settlement of the Revenues of the Carnatic. —

Sent the following Letter.

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

To Lord Cornwallis with Copy of the Board's Letter to the Supreme Council under date the 9th Instant. —

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose for your Lordship's Information, Copy of our Letter to the Supreme Council under date the 9th Instant. —

Fort St. George
11th July 1791. —

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect & Esteem
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c.a Council &c.a

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To 12th
To Mr. Thomas Cockburn
Agent for the Bullock Contractors -

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inform you that Lord Cornwallis has expressed a Desire that the Bullocks provided to the Southward of the Coleroon might be brought to the Presidency as soon as possible for the Purpose of being employed in transporting Grain and other Articles from hence to the Army - You will therefore give the necessary Orders to your Agents. - The Board have written to the Northern Subordinates and to the Managers of the Havelly Lands directing that Bullock Drivers be entertained for the Service of the Army. -

I am further directed to inform you that the Board are concerned to observe that Lord Cornwallis has expressed great Dissatisfaction with regard to the Bullock Contract, and has signified his Intention of putting

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors - the Bullocks collected to the Southward of the Coleroon to be brought to the Presidency - advice of Lord Cornwallis Intention of putting the Bullocks lately collected under the Management of a Public Agent - Instructions respecting the Elephants under charge of Captain Williamson - Tarpaulins to be sent to Camp. -

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Lord Cornwallis's Plans if the Draws and Bearer arrive at Arnboor before the End of August, — you will be pleased therefore to send such as you may engage hither as soon as possible and with such escort or guard as you shall judge necessary. —

Fort St. George
12th July 1791. —

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

The same to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

Henry Cranford Esqr. Dr. . Resident at Ganjam
Collector at Machlatore — Dr. J. Mr. Charnier
Collector in the Northern and Center Division of the Masulipatam — Dr. Mr. Mathew Tudor
Havelly
Collector of the Southern Division of d. — Dr. Mr. Andrew Scott
Manager of the Ganjam Havelly — Dr. Mr. Nathaniel Webb
at Guntoor — Dr. Honble Basil Cochrane
Manager of the Havelies under Vizagapatm — Dr. Mr. Michael Keating

Letter from the Secretary

Scott

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Nov. 57.

59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70.

To the Civil Paymaster General.

To the Civil Paymaster General desiring him to prepare three hundred Pooles and send them off to Arnboor with all Expedition and to entertain as many Pooley Bearers as possible for the Service of the Army.—

To Captain Williamson at Vellore.

To Captain Williamson informing him that the Elephants under his care are not to be employed any longer in transporting Rice from Arnee to Arnboor.—

To the Garrison Storekeeper.—

To the Garrison Storekeeper desiring him to take Charge of the Provisions brought out in the Fourteen Victuallers.—

To Lieutenant Uzzell—

To Lieutenant Uzzell of His Majesty's Navy.—

To Lieutenant Uzzell informing him that the Harrowmen Troops will be ready to embark upon his Notification that the Vessels under his

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13th his Charge are ready for their reception — desiring him to deliver over to the Garrison Storekeeper all the Provisions now on board them and to report the Number of Troops that can be accommodated and the proCable Time that the Vessels will be ready. —

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops — desiring him to advance three Months Pay to the whole of the Detachment of Hanoverians ordered to embark for Europe on His Majesty's Ship Leopard. —

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops. —

To Colonel De Wangenheim —

To Colonel De Wangenheim informing him of the Orders given for advancing three Months Pay to the Hanoverian Troops &c.

To D: desiring him to hold the remaining Part of the 14th Hanoverian Regiments in readiness to embark for Europe on the first Vacancy. —

To D:

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To Major General Musgrave.

To Major General Musgrave desiring he will order a Party of Sepoys &c. under

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under the Command of a discreet Officer to be in readiness to escort Treasure to Vellore for the use of the Army —

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General desiring him to prepare without loss of Time a Sufficient Number of Money Tumbrils for Six Lacks of Rupees intended to be sent to Vellore for the use of the Army —

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — desiring them to prepare with all possible Expedition three hundred Flat form Carts and send them off to Arnbor for the use of the Army — To the Commissary and

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

Comptroller General of Army Accounts enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General respecting the Refunds ordered to be made by Captain Bell Commissary of Stores in Camp —

To the Officer Commanding the 6th Battalion of Revenue Troops at Vellore.

To the Officer Commanding the 6th Battalion of Revenue Troops — informing him that Mr. Vaughan Paymaster at

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at Madura is to pay every Description of
Troops stationed at Mellore. —

To the Secretary at Fort S.t

To the Secretary at Bengal

William informing him that the Mandy
alluded to in the 2d Paragraph of his Letter
of the 25th Ultimo has been entrusted to the
Charge of Captain Gardiner of the Ship Com-
merce —

merce

16th Sent the following Letter to
the Committee for enquiring into the Charges
preferred against the Administration of Mr.
John Holland. —

To Colonel James Capper
M.r Benjamin Roebuck
M.r George Maubray
M.r Joseph Garrow

Committee for enquiring into the charges preferred against the administration of Mr. John Holland. —

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for enquiring into the Charges preferred against the Administration of Mr. John Holland with Copy of the Minutes of the Board upon the Subject of their third Report the Committee cannot yet be dissolved.

I am directed by the Hon.ble
the President in Council to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Letter dated the 9th Instant
and to enclose a Copy of the Minutes of the
Board upon the Subject of your third Report

to

3403 Fort St. George July 1. 1791

14th

As the Matter in the Petition referred to your Consideration in my Letter of the 10th Instant, is still under enquiry, the Board cannot dissolve your Committee, until the Charge preferred against Pauneah for subborning Evidence has been investigated, and your Opinion reported thereon. —

I am, &c. &c. &c.

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(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos. 71. 72. 73. —

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractor — recommending that an Officer with a Company of Sepoys be sent to Arnboor in order to protect the Bullocks in such Situations as may appear most convenient for their forage. —

From the Agent for the Bullock contractor

From 6D. — suggesting that the Movement of the Cavalry now at Vellore towards Trinomallee would be a great Security to the Bullocks passing from the Southward —

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From Colonel De Wangenheim. —

From Colonel De Wangenheim — recommending that the Hanoverian Invalids stationed at Arnee be called to the Presidency in order that they may be held in readiness to embark for Europe on the Transports. —

Friday 15th July 1791

The General Letters to go by his Majesty's Ship Leopard having been signed — Ordered that the Packet be closed. —

The Packet of his Majesty's Ship Leopard closed.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

Saturday 16th July 1791

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqrs.

The Honble Major General Medows — absent upon Service. —

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter received this Morning from Lord Cornwallis

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President and Council

Fort St.t George

Gentlemen,

From Lord Cornwallis - order respecting the Embarkation &c.a for the Electoral Troops on board the &c. empty Victuallers

I have received a Letter from Colonel Wangenheim stating amongst other &c. objections to the measure of sending home His Majesty's 18th Electoral Regiment on the empty Victuallers that it will be a &c. great hardship upon the Officers to be put to the expence of laying in a Stock of Provisions for themselves during the passage to &c. Europe, and therefore requesting that the &c. Regiment may be detained and embarked on the Company's Ships in the course of the ensuing Season. —

I should think it highly unadvisable to miss so favorable an opportunity as that by the empty Victuallers of sending the Regiment home; But as I &c. am at the same time exceedingly desirous

that

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that the Officers and Soldiers of that Corps should be treated with every degree of attention and liberality that they can reasonably expect, I recommend that the Victuallers may be settled upon in the most convenient manner for their accomodation, and that the same Sums may be paid to the Officers for the purpose of defraying the expence of laying in a Stock of provisions for their passage, that were allowed to the Commanders of the Company's Ships for furnishing a Table for the Officers of His Majesty's 15th Electoral Regiment that went home last Season. —

I am &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp at
Soondatoor farm
4th July 1791 —

Camp 7th Miles West
of Bangalore 8th July 1791

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have received your

Letters

From Lord Cornwallis — Arrangement made for separating

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Letters dated the 10th and 23d of May and 2d July. —

Separating the Maratta Armies promises a Supply of Rice to the Marattas from the Presidency - a further Sum of 8 Lacks of Rupees to be sent to Vellore - Mr Cockburn to proceed to Camp by the first safe opportunity. —

I have already expressed to your on the Strongest Terms my sense of your great Exertions to assist me, and facilitate the future operations of the Army. — It was with considerable Difficulty that I could prevail on the Marattas to come far enough to the Eastward to open our Communication with the Carnatic, as they alledged that they should sacrifice their own Communication and many little Forts and Places which they made themselves Masters of in their march from the Tumbuddra. —

The Maratta Chiefs however saw as clearly as I did the ill consequences of a total tho a temporary Separation, and the encouragement which such a measure would naturally give to the Enemy, that it has been at length —

arranged

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arranged that Poorunea Bhow with
the Corps that has always been under his
Command including the three Bombay
Battalions, should occupy the Sora Country,
and keep open the Communication with the
Tumbuddra whilst Harry Punt should re-
move with me to the Eastward. —

It is my Intention to proceed
immediately to the Attack of Cuffore, where
I do not expect to meet with any material
resistance, and when I am in Possession of
that Place, to take such Positions with the
Army near the Heads of the Passes, as will
prevent the Enemy from sending Troops
into the Baramhaul. —

By Clearing open the Gar-
rison of Kistnagurry, If I should not think
it adviseable to engage in the Attack of
that place, we shall lay the Baramhaul
and perhaps the Salem Country open to the
Maratta Parties who must if possible pro-
cure Grass for their Horses at least, at the

Enemy's

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Enemy's Expence — In regard to Rice very
little of which is consumed by the Marattas,
who live chiefly on Raggy and other dry
Grain, the Carnatic will be open to their
Bonjarries, and I have assured Kurpa Punt
that if they should find it difficult to
obtain Supplies from the other Parts of the
Country, they shall receive a large Quantity
at a reasonable Rate by going to Madras.

I have likewise been obliged
to promise a Loan of twelve Lacks of Rupees
in the course of two Months to be paid in
Fair Exchange by the Poona Government into
the Bombay Treasury. — It was this Engage=
ment that occasioned my writing to you on
the 21st Ultimo, and as the Maratta wants are
very pressing, as well as our own, I should
wish that at least Eight Lacks more should
be sent with all convenient Expedition to
Vellore, and that a further Sum should be
prepared to be very soon sent after them. —

I do not believe that Tippoo
has sent any Force of Consequence into the
Baramhaul

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Baramhaul and I trust that we shall be-
now able to prevent his doing it. You will
be upon your Guard till we approach nearer
to the Heads of the Ghauts. —

I shall not enter into any
Detail at present of my opinion upon the
Contract Business, but shall only say that
it will be very desirable that Mr. Cockburn
should come to the Army by the first safe
opportunity, that offers to talk over the Subject
with me in Person. —

I am with great Esteem and
Regard. —
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

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

Gentlemen,

From Lord Corn-
wallis acknow-
ledging the Receipt
of the Boards
Letter of the 21st.
25th. May and 2d.
Instant. —

I have been honored with
your Letters dated the 21st and 25th of May and
2d Instant. —

Your Acting President will
have

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have communicated to you what I said to him in my Letter of yesterday's date respecting the future Operations of the Army, as well as my Sentiments in regard to the Security of the Carnatic. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c.a ... &c.a

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp 17 miles West of Bangalore 9th July 1791. —

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

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis respecting Abuses Complained upon the Supplies preparing to Camp.

I enclose to you a petition which I have received from some Persons who have brought Articles to Camp for Sale, I do not know whether they are entitled to the name of Merchants, but whoever they are, it is certainly much against the Interest of the Army that they should be exposed to extortions upon the Road. —

You will oblige me therefore by enquiring whether such abuses really exist, and by taking the most effectual means

to

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to prevent any Duties being laved upon the Supplies that private Traders may bring for the use of the Army —

I am with great Esteem and Regard. —

Camp 5 miles West of Bangalore 26th 9br 1791. —

(Signed) Cornwallis

To the Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General and Commander in Chief

The humble Representation of the Portuguese Merchants

Sheweth,

That most humbly beg to represent to your Lordship the hardships they find in bringing Supplies of Liquors, Bisquits, Candles and Sugar &c. to the Army by paying exorbitant Duties at repeated places which they beg to mention the names of the different places hereafter, and they most humbly entreats your Lordship to grant them such releaf as they may in future Supply the Army without such impediment and for &c.

which

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which they will as in duty bound. —

Ever Pray

Waldavour 3 Rs. duty paid
Tendavanum 4 d°.
Tafsoor . . 3/4 d°.
Vandewash . 2 Pag°.
Mooroo . . 4 Rupees . .

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis. —

Agreed that an Order be given for setting up the Transports in the most convenient Manner for the accommodation of the Hanoverian Officers and Men intended to be sent to Europe on these Vessels; and that Passage Money be allowed to the Officers for the Purpose of defraying the Expence of laying in a Stock of Provisions for their Passage. —

Agreed that the Boards of Revenue be desired to State what Duties have been levied on the private Traders of the Camp, and to take the most effectual means to prevent any being exacted in future upon the Supplies passing for the use of the Army. —

Agreed that Eight Lacks of Rupees instead of Six as formerly ordered

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ordered, be immediately sent off to the Army; and that the further Sum of Six Lacks be dispatched as soon as possible.—

Agreed that an Extract of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 8th Instant be sent to Mr. Cockburn, and that he be desired in consequence to take the first opportunity to proceed to the Army.—

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Senior Member at the Presidency, and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George
Madras &c. &c.

Camp near Savendroog
the 1st of July 1791.—

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows—is of opinion that the services of the seven acting Ensigns, ordered to be struck off, cannot at present be dispensed with.—

I am this moment favored with yours of the nineteenth of June.—
—with regard to the seven acting Ensigns, I do not think they can with propriety,

From

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from the exigency of the times, be struck off. However I shall be very cautious in recommending any more. — and glad the Honble Court of Directors have sent out so many Cadets — have the honor to be

&c.a . . . — &c.a

(Signed) Wm. Medows

Governor &c.a — &c.a

Minute thereon

The Board have communicated the Substance of the above Letter to the Honble Court of Directors. —

To the Horible Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member at the Presidency, and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George — Madras &c.a . . — &c.a

Camp near Bangalore the 4th of July 1791. —

Horible Sir & Gentlemen

From Major General Medows recommending that Captain Little be appointed to the Command of the 13th Battalion of Native Infantry and Lieutenant Ogg to succeed Brigade Major Little. —

I was favored with yours of the First of June only yesterday inclosing General Musgrave's recommendation of

Brigade

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Brigade Major Little succeeding to Captain Westropp and Ensign Peirce to succeed Captain Little. — Captain Little's Character and services entitle him to succeed, and I recommend him accordingly. — But tho' I am very glad to hear Ensign Peirce is well spoke of, it is not customary to appoint an Ensign a Brigade Major which gives him the rank of Captain, I therefore beg leave to recommend Lieutenant Ogg of the Fourth European Regiment to succeed Brigade Major Little — and have the Honour to be with the greatest respect esteem and truth —

&c. — &c.

(Signed) Wm. Medows

Governor &c. — &c.

Ordered that Captain Little be appointed to the Command of the 18th Battalion of Native Infantry — vice Westropp deceased — and that Lieutenant Ogg —

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Ogg to be appointed Brigade Major to the 4th Brigade vice Little —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Senior Member at the Presidency, and the
Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George,
Madras &c. &c. &c.

Camp near Bangalore
the 4th of July 1791 —

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows - opinion respecting Major Johnsons Application to be appointed to the Command of the Vacant Battalion of Revenue Troops at Tinnivelly —

I was favoured with yours of the 22d of June yesterday, recommending Major Johnson to command the Tinnivelly Revenue Battalion. I desired the Adjutant General some time ago to acquaint Major Johnson that those Battalions were kept for our own Officers of merit, unequal to the duties of the Field. I think therefore it would be very hard to let Major Johnson who never was in the Company's Service, come in between their Officers and one of the very few rewards there is for their merits and their

Services

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Services or I should have great pleasure in complying with his Highness's and your desire. —

I have the Honour to be,
&c. — &c.

(Signed) Wm. Medows
Gov.

Minute thereon

Agreed that His Highness the Nabob be informed of the Generals opinion respecting the application of Major Johnson to be appointed to the Command of the vacant Battalion of Revenue Troops at Tinnevelly. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Senior Member at the Presidency, and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George
Madras. &c. — &c.

Camp near Bangalore
the 6th. of July 1791

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows - Major Hall to remain at the Presidency - Major Burr recommended for the Command in the Guntoor Circar.

I had the honour of yours of the third of May only yesterday upon the Subject of the Commissary General of Stores Major Hall, and General Musgrave's recommendation

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recommendation of Major Roberts to succeed
Major Wynch in the Guntoor Circar. — With
regard to Major Hall, Lord Cornwallis desires
he may remain at the Presidency, and should
he have left it — be wrote to, to return. — With
respect to to Major Roberts he is not so old as
Major Burr at Vellore — who has applied for it,
alledging that every Senior Major to himself
has a Command. — As I am informed he is
equally fit for it I beg leave to recommend —
him, —

and have the honor to be,
&c. . . . — &c.

(Signed) Wm. Medows
Gov. &c. . &c.

Ordered that Major
Hall be directed to continue at the Presidency
and to resume his Seat at the Military
Minute thereon Board — and that Major Burr be appointed
to the Command of the Troops in the Gun=
toor Circar — Vice Wynch. —

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&c. . . . . &c.

(Signed) Wm. Medows
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Madras. &c. . . . &c.

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Gov. &c. — &c.

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member at the Presidency, and the

Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George

– Madras &c. &c.

Camp near Bangelore

the 6th of July 1791.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows recommends to Lieutenant Barkley's being appointed Adjutant to the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry.

I was favored with yours of the tenth of May only yesterday, recommending that General Musgrave Lieutenant Barkley to succeed Lieutenant Shipyard as Adjutant to the eleventh Battalion. There is a Lieutenant Darly I believe that has a prior right to the Adjutancy of that Battalion as I understand he lost it by some mistake in General Sloper's time – by going to China for his health, – on which account it is not customary. However as Lieutenant Darley has not laid in his claim, out of respect to to General Musgrave's recommendation, and taking for granted it is wished

By

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By the Commanding Officer of the Regiment,
I consent to Lieutenant Berkley's being ap=
pointed. —

and have the honor to &c.
&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Medows
Gov. &c. &c.

Agreed that Lieutenant
Berkeley be appointed Adjutant to the Ele=
venth Battalion Native Infantry — vice
Sheppard. —

Minute thereon

Read the following
Letter from the Adjutant General. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary of the Political and Military
Departments of Fort St. George. —

Sir,

From the Adjutant General communicating Major General Medows's Recommendation of Officers to command the vacant Revenue Battalions — Lieutenant Col.o Clarke recommended to command at Palamcotah — Captain W.m B. Isaacke to be Asst. Director of the Laboratory and Lieutenant Hamilton Hall to be Adjutant of the 16th Battalion of Native Infantry. —

I have the honor to trans=
mit the following recommendations from
General Medows, which he requests you
will lay before the Board, of Officers to
be appointed to the vacant Revenue
Battalions

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Battalions —

2d Battn — Lieutenant James McIlwrath, vice Torrens

7th Dn — Captain William Godfrey, vice Turing

8th Dn — Lieutenant Thomas Parkenson, vice Innes

9th Dn — Lieutenant Patrick Mayprother

10th Dn — Captain Everett of the Nabob's Service

11th Dn — Captain Deighton . . . Dn

12th Dn Lieutenant Samuel Crumpe

13th Dn — Lieutenant Thomas Henderson

14th Dn — Lieutenant Elleston Sober —

As it is regulated that
only Invalid Officers shall stand appointed on
the Strength of the Revenue Corps, I am
directed by the General to express that it
will be necessary to signify in the General
Order detailing the above appointments that
Lieutenants McIlwrath, Parkenson, Mayp
prother, Crumpe, Henderson, and Sober having
been nominated to the Revenue Troops either
on account of the wounds they have received
in the Service or from their being rendered
unfit

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unfit for Field Service by a Series of ill health and impaired constitutions in the execution of their duty, are therefore to be struck off the effective List and to be returned as Invalids – and also, that should any of these Officers prefer remaining on the effective List, they are on the receipt of the Order to report the same to the Adjutant General accompanied by a Surgeon's Certificate of their being fit for Field Service. –

In regard to the appointment of the Nabob's Officers I am directed by the General to express, that he has consented to the nomination of Captains Everett and Pighton only in compliance with the request of the Board, that Captain Powney not being present in India cannot on any account be included; and, that as it would not only be an act of injustice to the Company's Officers but contrary to Law, to give the Nabob's Officers any Rank that would supers-

these

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those of the Company, the General therefore re-
commends that Captains Everett and Dighton
shall be considered only, in regard to Rank and
Command, as Ensigns of Invalids from the date
of the Order, and that the same shall be signi-
fied in the General Order detailing their appoint-
ments. —

I am also commanded by the
General to request you will lay the following
Recommendations before the Board. —

Lieutenant Colonel George
Clark to the Command of Pallamcotah, vice, Bridges

Captain W. B. Isaacke to be Sub
Director of the Laboratory at the Presidency, vice Hall.

Lieutenant Hamilton Hall to be
Adjutant to the 16th Battalion of Native Infantry,
vice, Barclay deceased. —

I am directed by the General to
add that in the course of a few days he will trans-
mit to the Board a State of the Officers at pre-
sent on the Establishment in India with
his sentiments on certain points regarding the

Army

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Army List which require to be attended to at present. —

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

Head Quarters
Camp at Sandeconpan 6th
July 1791. —

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the foregoing Appointments and Recommendations be published in General Orders. —

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

To M. Wm Collins Jackson.
Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors stating the Exertions which have been made by the Contractors to procure Bullocks for the use of the Army, and the Loss of Cattle they have sustained and requesting, as Lord Cornwallis has been pleased to place the Bullocks lately collected under the management of a public Agent, that all Bills drawn for Money advanced by the Contractors on this Account may be paid from the public Treasury. —

I had the honor to address you on the 16th. Ultimo, on the part of the Contractors, stating to Government the well grounded expectation I entertained of being able within two Months to collect at Ambore the Number of Draught and Carriage Bullocks required to enable the Army to prosecute the intended plan,

For

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for the future operations of the War. —

Every measure to insure Success to the exertions of the Contractor was immediately adopted — and I have the Satisfaction to inform you that the whole Number is actually provided in various quarters, and the greater part in motion towards the place of their destination. —

In my Letter of the 16th ultimo I had the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter written by Order of Earl Cornwallis to the Contractors Agent in Camp under date the 26th May giving directions to complete the Number of Bullocks required from the Contractor to Six Thousand Draught and Twenty Thousand Carriage, to be assembled at Amboor on or before the 7th July; — and the Adjutant General added "His Lordship directs me to inform you that "if the Total Number of Bullocks required can "be provided before the 7th of July it may prove "a most essential Advantage to the public service"

In answer to this the Contractors Agent

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Agent informed the Adjutant General that he had Communicated to Mr. Cockburn at Madras his Lordship's Order, and that, he made no doubt every exertion in his power would be used to collect at the Stations directed the Number of Bullocks ordered; but, that he was apprehensive, from the exhausted State of the Countries arround, it would be impracticble to furnish near the Number required, within the time given, however, that he had requested of me to give him the earliest information upon the Subject. — This Letter came to hand the day after I had received the directions of Government to make the Provision of Bullocks before mentioned; and, under these repeated Orders I proceeded without a moments delay, and with the essential Aid of Government to comply with his Lordship's and the Honble Board's Instructions. — I have reported the progress made, and it is with Sincere regret I feel myself impelled to state to the Honble

Board

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Board some Circumstances which have since come to my knowledge; and, which in their effects, if persevered in, must totally annihilate the power of the Contractor to fulfill their Engagements with Government – They are as follows –

That Lord Cornwallis on the 1st of June after the above Orders were given to the Contractors Issued a General Order appointing Mr Kingsgate Agent on the part of the Company for providing Bullocks for the Army and procuring Masters and Drivers for them, and to superintend the execution of such private Contracts as it might be found necessary to enter into for the purpose of supplying those deficiencies in the Cattle of the different Departments, that could not be replaced by the general Bullock Contractors, except in the Grain Department and in that Department the Commissary of Grain in Camp is to provide –

The great and unexpected difficulties we have had to encounter in the execution of our Contract, and the heavy loss sustained

sustained from the necessity of providing for an offensive War, on an Enemy's Country, & during the most unfavorable Season of the Year, — and in a Country too, where forage was in general indiscriminately destroyed — or the little left, barely sufficient to preserve life — may easily be conceived; nor can it be a matter of Surprise to Government that a temporary Scarcity of Cattle prevailed — Admitting therefore the very distressed and reduced Situation of the Department, — I shall not enter into a discussion of the question whether, if the prompt full enterference of the Company's Authority was necessary, the full support of it (from the peculiar Situation of the Army) given to the Contractor department would not have been productive of more certain Advantage, than the Appointment of an Agent on the part of the Company and opening proposals for private Contracts? — Earl Cornwallis adopted the latter,

hoping

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hoping no doubt, to profit by the double exertions
of the Agent and Contractor — and it may be
admitted that as a Temporary expedient such
a measure might be requisite. — Competitions
are some times productive of Salutary effects —
but in this Case we trust that His Lordship and the Honble Board will pardon us
for saying that, the appointment of a perma-
nent Agent during the existence of the Con-
tract must inevitably prove a Counteraction
rather than a Competition. — It is not merely
with a view any longer to hold the Exclusive
Contract for Draught and Carriage Bullocks
that We now take the Liberty of calling your
most Serious Attention to this Subject; but
to declare to you the impossibility of fulfil-
ling it without a Continuance of that Sup-
port from Government which Experience has
proved indispensibly necessary and without of
which no public Contract of the nature and
magnitude of that We hold can ever be

fulfilled

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fulfilled, a Competition or rather as we have before observed a Counteraction, is the only thing we have to dread, — and our Zeal for the public Service, as well as a proper regard for our private Interests, which are so deeply involved makes it necessary for us thus Explicitly to lay our Sentiments before Government. — We again repeat, it is not with a view longer to hold this exclusive Contract that we state them to you; we wish not to hold it a moment longer than it is found eligible and beneficial to the public; — Neither do we ask to be released from the Engagement however greatly the Department has suffered by having lost so many thousand Head of Cattle from hard Work, bad weather, and a want of Forage, but, while the Contract continues in full force, while we are called upon, and it is expected We are to provide for the future movements of the Army, and are apparently held responsible — Government or His Lordship

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Lordships cannot on Candor blame us for pointing out, that at the moment these Orders are given, these expectations entertained, on the part of the public, the measures pursued on Camp are likely to frustrate the best exertions of the Contractors — they have destroyed that Confidence the people had in us, Established a power Superior to that of the Contractors, and, in the Opinion of the Natives, at least virtually annulled the Contract. —

I have already stated that We have a Certainty (if the Country continues undisturbed) of fulfilling the Orders of Government and Earl Cornwallis — in respect to the Number of Bullocks; — If his Lordships is disposed to support the Contract — We trust the Agency as well as the private Contracts adopted as a Temporary expedient will be immediately annulled — But if on the contrary it is his Lordships pleasure that the Bullocks should hereafter be supplied

by

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by Agency, we trust, he will at the same time exempt us from all further responsibility, as well as indemnify us against loss from having adopted the most vigorous and decisive measures to secure so important a supply of Cattle for the use of the Army, — under whatever System or regulation to be employed. —

On the Justice and liberality of his Lordship and the Honble Board, we must greatly rely to be extricated from our present embarrassments, equally prejudicial to the Service, and the Individual. — They have evidently arisen from an extraordinary Concurrence of events which no person could foresee nor any possible Exertions on our part Ward off. — The irreparable loss our department sustained as well as the Service in general, on our inestimable Colleague Colonel Moorhouse, and the absence of Captain Campbell at that unfortunate moment, was productive of peculiar inconvenience

and

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and distress to it, - added to this the subse-
quent dreadful mortality amongst the Cattle
- the distress suffered by every description of
Servants belonging to the department - for
want of the means of existence, - the conse-
quent loss of followers as well by Death as
desertion, and this in the heart of the Ene-
my's desolated Country, made it a task very
difficult to be performed; and only to be con-
ducted with any degree of Success, by the
powerful aid of Government on the Spot -
- That thrown into another Channel, could not
fail to lessen our already weakened ability and
now even with its fullest support restored to us,
we would find it a very arduous undertaking
to inspire those left with any degree of Con-
fidence, or to procure others to engage, from the
reports of famine and distress which have
been circulated. -

Thus Situated, the Noble
Board will perceive how impossible it is for us
to render either justice to the Service or to our
own

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ourselves, - We may regret the want of Succeſs and ability to give Satisfaction, but We can with truth say we have neither been deficient in activity or Zeal. -

The Exertions made in conſequence of the repeated Orders of Government have of course involved the Contractors in an immediate large Advance of Cash - whatever may be the future Intentions of his Lordship or Government, having given the Order, their Sense of Juſtice will never expose the Individuals to ruin, who steadily perſevere in accompliſhing an object of such magnitude and importance to the Succeſs of the Service, as the proviſion of 26,000 Bullocks - We have therefore to request that all Bills drawn for the Money employed in securing that great object, may be paid from the public Treasury, until a final arrangement is made between the public and the Contractors, and, as the greatest part will be in Bills upon the Contractors drawn by their

Agents

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Agents in favor of the Revenue Treasury.

Government will not be subject to any immediate large Advance, from the Treasury at the Presidency. This I hope the Honble Board will deem an equitable request. —

I have the honor to remain,

&c. &c.

Madras
12th July 1791. —

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn
for himself,
Captain James Campbell,
& the Estate of Lieut Colo Hardyman,
Contractors for Draught and
Carriage Cattle —

To M. Wm Collins Jackson
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Agent for the Bullock Contractors requesting that Orders may be given for the Payment of all Bills to be drawn in favor of the Revenue Treasury which he shall declare upon honor to have been advanced on account of the Bullocks lately provided by the Contractors —

I have this day received your Letter of yesterday's date directing that the Bullocks provided to the Southward of the Coleroon may be brought to the Presidency as soon as possible. — I beg leave in answer to inform you that all the Bullocks now providing by Order of Government and Lord

Cornwallis

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Cornwallis are directed to assemble with the
least possible delay at Amboor as I had the
honor to state in my Letter of yesterday, and
the greater part on the Road to their Desti-
nation - from whence they can easily be
ordered to the Presidency. -

You likewise inform me
that Lord Cornwallis has expressed great dis-
satisfaction with regard to the Bullock Con-
tract and has signified his intention of put-
ting the Bullocks lately collected under the
Management of a Public Agent. -

However deeply I may regret
on the part of the Contractors their not having
given Satisfaction to his Lordship, and, however
deeply their private Interests must be affected,
I lose not a moment in declaring that, as
they have uniformly had in view, as their
first object, the good of the Service, they
chearfully acquiesce in his Lordship's determi-
nation - happy at the adoption of any defi-
nitive measure, which holds out a better
prospect

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prospect of Supply in the most important Department of the Army, and, although a Concurrence of unfortunate events may have weakened their ability to carry it on, either equal to his Lordship's expectations, or to keep pace with their own wishes, they will ever feel a conscious Satisfaction in having exerted their utmost ability to promote the grand object in view - and, the same Zeal that animated the Contractors shall be exerted to promote the Success of the Agency. It will not take away from that Satisfaction their having it in their power to say, after the drain occasioned by a fourteen Months offensive War, including a Series of the most active Service and rapid Movements, under the greatest difficulties ever known in India, they will be able in so short a Space as that reported; to deliver to His Lordship the full Number of Bullocks required from the Contractors. -

His

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His Lordship's determination renders the request contained in the last paragraph of my Letter of yesterday, a matter of course; and I hope the Honorable Board will be pleased to give Orders for the payment of all Bills not drawn in favor of the Revenue Treasury (Those will be passed to such Head as Government think Proper) which I shall declare upon honor to be bonâ fide drawn for the purpose of providing the Bullocks directed by Earl Cornwallis and by Government on their Orders under date the 7th May and 15th June 91, to be collected by the Contractors, and &c. which must now be considered collected on account of Government —

I do not deem this a proper moment — the eve of a dispatch — to intrude upon Government the Claims however urgent of the Contractors, or a detail of their exertions and sufferings. — I have the

fullest

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fullest Confidence in the Justice of Govern-
ment and rest satisfied that due attention
will be paid to what they will have to
hereafter occasion to State —

Sam. Lo. Lo.

Madras
13th July 1791 — (Signed) { Tho. Cockburn
for himself
Captain James Campbell
the Estate of Lieut. Colonel
Moorhouse — Contractors for
Draught & Carriage Bullocks

Resolved, in order to afford
the Bullock Contractors as much Relief as
possible in the present Circumstances, that
the Bills drawn upon them by the Collec-
tors in favor of the Revenue Treasury for
Money advanced for the late Purchase of
Cattle be carried to their Debit as so much
Money advanced on Account, and that
Credit be given to the Revenue Treasury
for the Amount until Lord Cornwallis's
further Sentiments are known on the Subject
of the Contract. —

Agreed

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Agent for the Bullock Contractors —

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Agreed that Copies of Mr. Cockburn's Letters be sent to Lord Cornwallis, and that his Lordship be at the same time informed of the above Resolutions, and of the Sense of the Board in regard to the Zeal and activity which Mr. Cockburn has exerted in aid of the present Endeavours to refit the Army in the essential Article of Bullocks. —

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Uzzell of His Majestys Navy. —

To the Honble Governor and Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sirs,

In consequence of your favor to me of the 12th Instant concerning the Victuallers being employed to transport the Hanoverian Regiment to Europe, &c. —

I have the Honor to inform you that the Vessells are not at present in

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From Lieutenant Uzzell respecting Repairs &c wanted to the five transport Vessels — recommends that they be ordered to Coringa — reports the Number of Men that can be accomodated according to the Regulations of Shipping.

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a Condition to receive Troops four of them
having no tween Decks, and it will be requi-
site to have Sed places built for the Officers
and Men and which cannot be done untill
the tween Decks are laid and that it will
also be necessary to clean their bottoms they
being at present exceeding foul which will
make it requisite they should repair to some
place where it can be done and as I have been
informed Coringa will be the handiest place
for getting it done. —

Should the Honble Governor
and Council approve our going there I take the
liberty of requesting their Orders for giving us
all assistance in order to our getting ready for
the reception of the Troops which I should
hope would be by the beginning of September.

As to the Number of Troops
I beg leave to inform you on the other side is
a List of the Vessels and their Tonnage, and
that the Allowance of Sheep for transporting
Troops

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Troops is two tons for a Man —

Agreable to your desire the provisions &c. shall be delivered to Mr. Greenhill as soon as the whole is landed —

Should be glad of being honored with information in what Manner or by whom the Remainder of the provisions Water Casks &c. necessary for the Troops is to be Supplied as at present there is nothing on board but salt provisions. —

I have the Honor to be with all Respect &c. &c.

Madras 14th July 1791.

(Signed) Azak Ogilvie

Agreed that Lieutenant Ogilvie be desired to proceed with all possible Expedition to Coringa for the purpose of refitting the Transport Vessels for a Voyage to Europe, and for the convenient Accommodation of the Hanoverian Officers and Men —

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Letter be written to the Resident at Ingeram to afford Lieutenant

Do

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Lieutenant Uzuld every assistance in his power,
and to give such Orders to the Master Attendant
at Coringa, as will ensure the Supply of all
his wants upon the most reasonable Terms —

The Superintendance and Direction of the
whole to be left entirely to Lieutenant Uzuld.

Agreed to express to Lieute-
nant Uzuld the Expectation of the Board that
he will be able to sail from hence with the
Troops very early in September next —

Ordered that a Letter be
written to Colonel De Wangenheim desiring he
will send in an exact Return of the Troops to
embark, including the Detachment of Invalids
at Arnee, that a sufficient Quantity of Pro-
visions &c may be provided for the Voyage —

Read the following Report
from the Board of Assumed Revenue —

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

Honble Sir,

We shall now detail the most particular

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principal Circumstances as they have occurred since their last Report of the Collections from the assumed Countries from the date of the Assumption to the 31st May last. —

particular Circumstances, which have occurred in this department since the date of our last Report. —

2d . . . . In Compliance with your Orders we directed Mr. Henderley to proceed to Bommauze pollam for the purpose of removing Nersinnauze from his Office of Dewan and of placing Canoot Rauze, the Son of Bommauze in the Management of his Father's Country. —

Dear Consult. 28th April

3d . . . . We have the pleasure of informing you that this point was effected — without Opposition, Nersinn Rauze being deprived and Canoot Rauze being appointed his Father's Dewan. —

Consult. 30th April

4th . . . . By the 9th Article of the Treaty, the same which Stipulates for 213,000 Pagodas on account of Jageers to His Highness the Nabob's Family, We observed that — there was a provision of 21,366 Pagodas on account of Charity yet we found that the Charities existing in the Countries under the denomination

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denomination of Yeomiahs, ( that is, Sums paid daily in Charity to individuals under the authority of Sunnuds from the Nabob or his predecessors ) as appeared from Statements transmitted by the different Collectors, amounted to 53,318 Pagodas 12 Fanams and 71 Cash which is more than double what they amounted to during the late Assignment, and is exclusive of the other Charity establishment which have been allowed as usual. - We found that in part of this Sum 16,581 Pagodas 19 Fanams and 4 Cash had been paid; but as Lands to the full amount of the Nabobs Assigns had been delivered up to his Highness's Servants, we directed that all payments on account of Yeomiah should cease. As this is a Government Charge and no ways connected with the Expences of Collection, we thought it unreasonable that so large an Amount, as that which the Nabob had chosen to fix upon

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upon the Country, Over and above what he had Stipulated for in the Treaty with Government should be a charge on the Collections. —

5th ... We therefore requested your instructions whether the Surplus after discharging the Sum Stipulated by Treaty should be carried to the Debit of his Highness's Sixth, or whether continuing the Restrictions upon the Payment of Yeomiah agreeable to Treaty, we should leave these Pensioners to the Generosity of his Highness. —

6th ... We have issued Orders for completing the Sum Stipulated for by Treaty, but, as we have not yet been honored with your ultimate decision upon this Subject, the payment of the Surplus still remains in Suspence. —

7th ... In consequence of the different applications of our Collectors, We requested to be furnished with your Orders relative to renting the assumed Countries: And in your

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Consultn 18th May

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Letter of 17th May you were pleased to authorize us to conclude Settlements for one year.—

8th ——— We accordingly resolved to inform the Collectors of this permission, but, as we know not how far a public declaration of this nature might affect the safety of their Collections from the present Renters, we left the publication of the Advertizements to their own discretion.—

9th ——— We shall have the honor of reporting upon this Subject as soon as we shall have been furnished with sufficient information.—

10th ——— We beg leave to assure you that we have been attentive to the Welfare of the Country by securing the Repair of Tanks and Water Courses. This charge of Moorumut always originates with Government, because it is requisite to make the Repairs before the end of the year, and could not therefore be included in the Moochulcas of the present Renters. We therefore recommend

Consult 30th April

that

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that the Sums applied for by the different Collectors on this account should be allowed. For though Government should be exposed to the immediate Expence yet the advantages, which the Country must derive from such an improvement, would enhance the Rents of the ensuing year. — This advance was the more necessary, because we had reason to believe that such usefull assistance had been very much withheld under the Nabobs Administration. —

11th — — — — — As you have been pleased to approve this Recommendation, we shall take care to insert a Clause in the Moochulcas of next year, by which the reimbursement of this money will be secured to the Company in the event of the Nabobs Country being detained under their Management. And on the other hand should it be found expedient to annul the Assumpteon that Sum may be charged to his Highness's debit, as an advance to be received from the future Renters

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Reuter. Thus the Company will have the Satisfaction of introducing without Expence to themselves a solid Benefit to the Country, which, though absolutely necessary has been much neglected throughout the Carnatic. —

12th — In addition to these Expences it became absolutely necessary to make liberal advances in Order to restore the Cultivation, which had been so essentially interrupted by the Enemy's invasion — —

13th — When we considered the vast Armies, which were moving through different Provinces of the Carnatic, and reflected upon the little moderation, which these Barbarians are wont to mingle with their Success, we were apprehensive that their march would leave little but the Vestiges of ruin and devastation. But we were well pleased to find from the Reports of our Collectors that the loss, though great, are less than we appre-

hended

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apprehended. —

14th . . . . In the Districts of Trichi-
nopoly the depredations of the Enemy have
created a loss of Pagodas 30,204. 15. 10 —

15th . . . . In the Southern Division
of Arcot the loss amounted to Pagodas
98573. 18. 69 and in the Center Division it
amounted to Pagodas 94,517. 7. 8 we need not
remark to your Honble Board that these
Divisions of the Carnatic suffered the most
rigorous effects of the Enemy's invation, for
their whole Army was quartered in them
from the beginning of December to the
middle of February. The amount of loss-
es sustained in the Northern Division of
Arcot amounts to Pagodas 31,525. 6. 40 —

16th . . . . The Confusion and delay —
which has been introduced into some Accounts
by the above Settlements of Paynally and by
the cession of Jagee districts to his High-
ness the Nabob render it impossible for us —

to

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to lay before you a Complete General &
Statement of the Settlement Receipts
and Balance of the Assumed Re-
venues. —

17th — We were extremely
anxious to accomplish this point but
though we feel Ourselves disappointed
in that Expectation, we yet hope
that the accompanying Account will
be sufficiently explanatory of the
Receipts under Our Management. —

By this Statement it appears
that as far as we have received the
Accounts of Our Collectors they amount
to 1 Pag. 13,38,401. F. 13. 6¼ . —

18th — We have yet received
no Complete Account from Tanjore

owing

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owing to the late period at which that Country was assumed, and to the difficulties which ensued upon the change of Authority and to the Subsequent Invasion of the Country by the Enemy.

By a Statement, however, lately transmitted by the Collector it appears that the Gross Collections of the present years Revenue up to the end of May amount to Pag° 6,65,181. 25. 7 — as will appear from the Accompanying Letter from Our Accountant. —

We have the honor to be,

&c.ª . . . &c.ª

Fort St. George
14th July 1791. —

(Signed) { Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Statement

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## Statement shewing the Gross Collections Charges of every ... med Countries of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, from the date of the ... of the Nett Revenues provided by Treaty for his Highness and the nett produce re-

| | Collections of the Current Revenue for Fasly Leaves of Hasy 1200 including Leys 1199 to 1201 Fasly | Collections of Outstanding Balances for Fasly Leaves of Hasy 1200 including Leys 1199 to 1201 Fasly Remitted to the 31st May 1791. | Collections from Small Boundaries of extra Revenue due thereupon to the 31st May 1791 | Total Gross Collections to 31st May 1791 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| At the Presidency | 54,34,7.18.66 | " " " | 7. 33.10 | 54,35,5.15.76 |
| Palnaud | 31,69,33.14 | 32.3.42 | 812.16.34 | 32,770.17.10 |
| Ongole | 19,203.13.66 | 559.22.6 | 1,16.6.49 | 81,942 6.41 |
| Nellore | 2,53,66.75.27 | 3038.22.5 | 41.35.7 | 2,61,192. 11.73 |
| Northern Division of Arcot | 1,22,5,12.35.11 | 443.6.55 | 348.7.15.20 | 1,32,479. 21.6 |
| Center Division of Arcot | 36,66,3.4.17 | 750.23.10 | 227.26.24 | 37,146. 13. 1 |
| Southern Division of Arcot | 91,30,8.55 | 1,52.11.26 | 820. 2.70 | 95,581. 22.71 |
| Trichinopoly | 1,35,66.34.77 | 449.35.10 | 131. 24.47 | 136398. 22.54 |
| Madura | 10,33,67.76 | " " " | 262. 23.46 | 10,598. 30.72 |
| Tinnivelly | 29,50,77.12 | 63,102 5. 11 | 1373. 35.77.3 | 1,63,935.7.20 |
| | 12,62,62,24.1 | | 7315. 4.48 | |
| | | 63,159.21.5 | | 1338,101.13.54 |

Memorandum of Balances which are supposed remain to be collected after allowing for losses occasioned by the Enemy and for Inghams restored

| | |
|---|---|
| At the Presidency | 25,062..40 |
| Palnaud | 11,27,44.51 |
| Ongole | 30,159.34.3 |
| Nellore | 1,41,20.26.46 |
| Northern division of Arcot | 40,154.30.1 |
| Center division of Arcot | 41,372.12.34 |
| Southern division of Arcot | 18,707.9.24 |
| Trichinopoly | 30,527.19.61 |
| Madura | 67,935.24.79 |
| Tinnivelly | 219536.8.73 |
| Pagodas | 678339.24.17 |

Nett Revenue appearing in the Eight following Payments into the Revenue Treasury

Advances to Payymasters

Payments in Grain

Sums to be debited to the Military Paymaster General on Account of Peons from Calastry Vencatagherry and Borraugo with Colonel Maxwell's Army

Collections made by his Highness the Nabob previous to the assumption of the Sums paid on his Account by the late Farmt Collectors 6320.17.57

Payments in Cash at the Presidency 13,000

Balances in the Collectors hands

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Denomination incidental thereto and Nett Revenue derived from the Assumption to the 31st May 1791 together with the proportion Viz: One fifth remaining at the appropriation of the Government of Fort St. George.

| Charges of every denomination incidental to the Collections such as pay to Servants, Subsidy Sepoys, Salaries & allowances to Members of the Assumption Zemindary &c. Repairs of Tanks &c. &c. &c. | Pensions and Charitable Allowances | Total Charges | Nett Collections deducting the two preceding Heads | His Highness the Nabob's one fifth provided by Treaty | Nett produce remaining at the appropriation of Government |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20,216. 22.41 | 708.31.70 | 20,925.24.31 | 133479. 27.15 | " " " | " " " |
| 3908. 25.63 | 628.216 | 4536.27.79 | 28,233. 25.11 | " " " | " " " |
| 4362. 15.60 | 2841.12.41 | 7193. 28.21 | 77748. 14.20 | " " " | " " " |
| 23,704. 34.43 | 5110.30.20 | 28,815. 23.63 | 232376. 18.40 | " " " | " " " |
| 8653. 5. 3 | 6206.32.4 | 14,860 1. 12 | 117,619. 19.74 | " " " | " " " |
| 6187. 8.24 | " " " | 6187. 8.24 | 30959. 9.57 | " " " | " " " |
| 20,490. 5.22 | 72.11.40 | 20,562. 16.62 | 75,019. 6. 9 | " " " | " " " |
| 7955. 30.45 | 3929. 10.55 | 11,885. 5.20 | 174,513.17.34 | " " " | " " " |
| 20,607. 19. 7. | 407.32.47 | 21,015. 15.54 | 86,583. 16.18 | " " " | " " " |
| 16,504. 17.32 | 1877.29.25 | 18,382. 10.57 | 327,553. 16.43 | " " " | " " " |
| 1,32,581. 10.25 | 21,783.12.78 | 1,54,364.23.23 | 11,84,036.26.31 | 2,36,807.12.38 | 9,47,229.13.73 |

11,84,036. 26.31
3,70,773. 31.70
3,92,703. 32.69
33844. 23.16

11,353. 33. 2

8,03,681. 17.77

1,93,209. 17.52
1321,45.26.62

N. Pay: 11,84,036. 26.31

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14th July 1791
Errors Excepted
(Signed) Lio: Place
Accountant to the Board of
Inland Revenue

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy
To

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To William Petrie Esqr.

President &c. Members of the

Board of Affairs Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose a Statement shewing the Gross Collections, Charges and Nett Revenue of the Assigned Countries of His Highness the Nabob, to the 31st May 1791 (with the exception of Trichinopoly, Palnaud and Ongole, from whence I have received Accounts only to the 30th April) together with His Highness One fifth as set a part by Treaty, and nett Produce remaining at the appropriation of Government.

I could have wished to have added, in order to have made it more compleat and perhaps Satisfactory, a Column shewing the Settlements with the Renters and others and the outstanding Balances of the Revenue of the Current year, but two causes have operated so effectually to prevent

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prevent my doing it at present, that I am under the necessity of laying it before you without them. – The first is, the restoration of Jaghires to Individuals, and to His Highness the Nabob, at various periods since the Settlements were made and the Second, the Remissions to be allowed on Account of the depredations of the Enemy, both which have occasioned so many variations in the Rents of the remaining Farms, as to preclude almost every possibility of drawing out at present an intelligible State of the whole progress of the Revenue of the Year. I have however endeavoured to supply the defect by a Memorandum, at the foot of the Statement of the remaining Collections to be made from the Country, as far as my information will yet enable me – allowing for Losses occasioned by the Enemy and for Jaghires of every description, given up. –

Having as yet received the

Tanjore

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Tanjore Accounts only to the 31st December last, I am unable to furnish any State= ment of the Revenues of that Country- But by an abstract sent to me by the Collector of the Rents, Collections and Balances, I find that the Gross receipts of the Revenue of the Current year were, to 31st May Pagodas 6,65,181. 25. 2, and that an esti= mated Balance remained to be collected of Pagodas 1,41,015. 30. 67- allowing for remis= sions, which the Collector hoped the Board would be induced to allow to the Inhabi= tants for deficiences in the Peshamum Crop, occasioned by the drought of the Season, amounting to S. Pagodas 85,633. 18. 67. 3/4

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

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16th July 1791.

(Signed) Lio: Place
Accountant to the Board of
Revenue

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

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A Copy of the foregoing

Report has been transmitted to the Court of

Directors a Number in the Leopard's Packet.—

Read the following

Letter from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

Major Darley has repre-

sented to us that the 5th Regiment of Native

Cavalry which he lately Commanded, lost

many Saddles, when Tippoo Sultaun attacked

the Detachment, under Lieutenant Colonel

Floyd, at Sattamungalum, and, that, in

order to prevent any Inconvenience to the

Public Service from that Accident, he

caused others to be made at Trichinopoly,

to replace them with all Expedition — They

have only lately, however been completed,

and as they are no longer of Service to him,

We

Minute thereon

From the Military Board recommending that some Saddles offered for sale by Major Darley be purchased on acct. of the Company enclosing a Statement shewing the Difference in the Prices of sundry Articles Between M. Topping's Proposals and the Price charged by the former Storekeeper. —

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We beg leave to recommend an acceptance of his offer of them to the Company as a Store, at their prime Cost of 5 Pagodas each, which we conceive to be moderate, as the Saddlery appears, on Examination to be of a Superior Quality. —

Herewith we have the honor to transmit to you a Statement of the difference between the proposed Prices of Messrs. Topping and Parry for the different Kinds of Tumbrils and Spare Axle-trees and those charged by the late Storekeeper — by which it will appear there is a decrease in the price of the Tumbils — and a Small increase on the Spare Axle-trees — On this occasion We cannot avoid remarking, in explanation of the apparent delay on our part in the execution of your Orders upon this Subject of the 15th Ultimo, that it has been alone occasioned by Messrs. Topping and Parry's

having

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having in disregard of the Application We
made in consequence, submitted to us a
List of Proposals for a great Variety of Arti=
cles not Specified in their original propo=
sals to you and which, on that Account, we
were under the necessity of returning, with
a Second Requisition that they would con=
fine their proposals to the Articles abovemen=
tioned. —

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Tho: Musgrave
J. Capper
Geo: Maule

Fort St. George
8th July 1791. —

(Signed)

Difference in the Price of the following Articles
between Mr. Topsing's Proposal and the Price charged by
former Military Storekeeper. —

| | Mr. Topsings Proposals | Price charged by former Storekeeper | Differences |
|---|---|---|---|
| Axle-trees Spare Teak for Heavy Field Artillery | 6. 10. 40 | 4. 13. 40 | 1. 39. — |
| Do. Light Field Artillery | 4. — — | 3. 27. — | — 15. — |
| Do. Iron for Tumbrils | 9. 30. — | 9. 11. 20 | — 18. 60 |
| Do. do. for Light Field Carriages | 10. 20. 30 | 9. — — | 1. 20. 30 |

Tumbrils

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bengal Pattern Limbs with Copper | 153. — — | 15. 22. 66 | — 15. 15 |
| Madras Old Pattern | 115. — — | 145. — | — 30. — — excess |
| Cavalry | 120. — — | 145. — | — 25. — — excess |

(Signed) Paul Ince
Secy mil. Board

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Minute thereon

The Board have no objection to the Purchase of the Saddles offered to the Company by Major Parlby, at the rate of Five Pagodas each Saddle.—

The Board having attentively reconsidered the Proposals of Messrs. Topping and Parry and finding that no Provision Carts can be provided at a more reasonable Expence to the Company than what their Proposals state, it is resolved that their Contract shall be confined to the following Articles.—

vide Letter from the Military Board the

Gun Carriages and Trucks
Transporting Carriages,
Tumbrills,
Limber Boxes,
Spare Axle Trees—Wood and Iron
Mortar Beds.
Howitzer Carriages.
Mortar Carts.

Articles of Stores to be furnished by Messrs. Topping and Parry.

These Articles to be provided upon the Terms proposed and to be exclusively appropriated to the Provisions of Messrs. Topping and Parry for five

years

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years, from the Date of the Contract. —

The Military Storekeepers will have to provide. —

Articles of Store to be provided by the Military Storekeeper.

Mat Forms of all Denominations
Provision Carts
Chains of all Sorts
Yokes - double and Single
Sick Carts and all other Articles now furnished by him. —

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue. —

To the Honble Major Gen.l Medows
Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Revenue respecting the Villages belonging to the Dendigul Province retained by the Rajah of Travancore's Servants

In the Month of January last We received a Letter from the Collector at Dendigul, representing that the Rajah of Travancore retained profession of certain Villages in the Districts of Cumbum and Gandelur, which properly belonged to the Company, as forming a part of the Dindigul Province - Copy of Mr Macleods Letter of abovementioned, we have the Honor to lay

before

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before you. —

He has since reported to me, under date the 7th Instant, that in consequence of receiving Information from Mr Powney, that the Rajah of Travancore had issued Orders some time ago for the delivery of the Villages in Question to the Honble Company, he had sent proper persons to receive Charge of them, but that those Persons had returned, saying the Rajahs Officers, now in profession, had refused to deliver them over, alledging, that they had received no Orders to comply with the Requisitions of the Collector. —

Having stated the foregoing Circumstances, your Honble Board will take such Measures on the occasion as you may think proper. —

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

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(Signed) { Wm. Petrie
J. Oakes
Jotw

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John Hudleston Esqre.

President &c. Member of the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

There are two small divi-
sions in the Taloob of Cutrampollum, in
Pondigul, named Cumbum and Gondelore
some people belonging to the Rajah of
Travancore retain profession of these, on a
claim of right assented by the Rajah —

Some time since, the Rajahs
Minister being near Palegautcherry, Inform-
ed him that the places in question fell
under the dominion of the Company by
the conquest of Pondigul, that, of course,
no person had a right to take profession of
them without leave previously obtained
from Government. I therefore required that
they might be delivered over to me, 'till the
claim which his Master might prefer
should be decided. —

That

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The two Districts, or the greatest part of them, being still in the Rajah's hands, I have written to the Resident of Travancore desiring him to state the Circumstances of the case to the Rajah, and to request that the Countries, Accounts &c. should be delivered over into my charge, till the adjustment of his Claim take Place: —

The names of the Villages claimed by the Rajah in these Countries are Poodoo Petty Hanamunt Petty Outtoor Pooravoo - Coopee Chetty, Pooravoo and Mahaniun Cottay. —

The following Account of Cumbum and Goodaloo is what I have received from some of the oldest and most intelligent Inhabitants of Pendigul — Cumbum and Goodaloo were two distinct Districts, each governed by a petty Rajah or Poligar, who paid tribute to the Hindoo Prince of the Carnatic. When the Mysore Rajah, about fifty years ago, seized several

Districts

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Districts below the Ghauts, the tribute of Cumbum and Goodeloo was transferred to Irwin, this continued till about thirty five years ago, at which period, Hyder turned out the Poligars and kept the two Countries in Annarce — That they were never subject to the Rajah of Travancore — That Colonel Fullarton made no decision (as is alledged) in favor of the last mentioned Rajah, but gave the whole Pandigul Province, including Cumbum and Goodeloo, to Vencata Swamy Naigue, the Man whom I found as Renter on my arrival at Pandigul — That to the above mentioned Villages the Rajah has no more Right than he has to the whole of the Districts Cumbum and Goodeloo. —

I have the honor to be,
&c.ª — &c.ª

Madura
4th January 1791

(Signed) Alexander Macleod
Collector

Agreed

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Agreed that the Resident at Travancore be desired to call upon the Rajah to restore the Villages belonging to the Pondigul Province retained by his Servants. —

Read the following Letter from the Chief of Pulicat. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley
Governor of Fort St George
&c Madras.

Honble Sir,

The last English Sick Soldier, George Fox, having departed this Life on the 4th Instant, I beg leave, to give your Honor notice thereof, and at the same time to send his Foreleck, Napsack, and Coat, being the whole of what he left, by Hands of a Sepoy, who is charged to deliver them. —

Inclosed is the Account, which our Chief Surgeon has given in of what the Sick, being in all Nine in number

Honble Thomas

From the Chief of Pulicat - Death of George Fox the Effects sent to the Hospital - Surgeons Bill for Shoes disallowed on account of Nine English Soldiers removed into the Hospital at Pulicat. —

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number, have received in the Hospital, ~
amounting to Star Pagodas 35. 13. 12 ~
your Honor, I beg, will order the Pay-
=ment thereof. ~

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

Pulicat
13th July 1791

(Signed) Jacob Eelbracht

Ordered that the Sum
of Pagodas 35.. 13. 12 Being the Amount of
Charges incurred on account of Nine En-
glish Soldiers received into the Hospital
at Pulicat be paid - and that a Letter of
Acknowledgement be written to Mr. Eil-
=bracht for his Attention. ~

Minute thereon

The Acting President ~
reports to the Board the Death of Lieute-
nant Denis Geenan of the 2d Battalion
Native Infantry at Madras on the 11th
Instant; and of Lieutenant W. W. Ryland
of the Corps of Engineers, at Bengal on the
17th Ultimo. ~

Death of Lieutenant Geenan of the Infantry and Lieutenant W.W. Ryland of the Engineers ~

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Directors of the Male Orphan Asylum. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

Herewith We have the honor to transmit to you, our annual Report of the Boys in the Male Asylum, specifying the Occurences since last Report, together with a Copy of the Regulations for that Society, and Our Address to the Public on the 27th January last. —

From the Director of the Male Orphan Asylum with an annual Report of the Boys in the Asylum and other Patter - remarks thereon. —

From the Report it will appear that the School has reached its full Complement of One hundred Boys, to which the Bounty of the Honorable the Court of Direction has been limited; Daily applications are however received, in favor of those who are considered as the proper objects of this Charity. —

It may be likewise necessary to remark that since the successful Inoculation

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Inoculation noticed in our Address to the Public, Five Boys, who were &. certified by their Relations as having had the small Pox, caught the &. Infection from those under that &. Operation, to one of whom, it proved fatal; With this Exception, We &. feel a pleasure in informing you &. that no Instance of mortality has &. occurred since Our Address to you on the 20th July 1789. —

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Richard Leslie

A. Bell

R.

Male Asylum
at Egmore
14th July 1791. —

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(Signed) R. Gomonde
William Duffin
Chas. N. White
W. C. Jackson
"
"
Jos: Du Pre Porcher
Wm. Webbe
Andrew Ross
Jam. Anderson
Tho. Cockburn

Agreed that a Copy of the above Letter, with the Enclosures to which it gave Cover be transmitted to England by the next opportunity. —

Minute thereon.

Read

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Read the following

Letter from the Secretary at Bombay.

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have in Command from this Government to acquaint you for the Information of the Council at Madras that Captain Torin of the Cavalry on that Establishment has been advanced here since the 30th April 1790 as follows Viz.

From the Secretary at Bombay Money advanced to Captain Torin since the 30th April 1790.

On the 16th March last Rs. 20,000-

On the 3d May ..... 25,000-

45,000-

I have the Honor to &c

Bombay Castle 20th June 1791.

(Signed) William Page Secy

Ordered

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Military Paymaster General for his Information and Guidance. —

The Acting President lays before the Board, the Report of the Committee upon Mr. Samuel Johnstons Accounts, which he recommends should be sent in Circulation for the Perusal and Consideration of the Members of the Board. —

The Report of the Committee upon Mr Johnstons Accounts to be sent in Circulation for the Perusal and Consideration of the Members of the Board. —

Ordered Accordingly. —

" Chas Oakeley

" Wm Petrie

" Huddleston

Agitur &c

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## Diary

Substance of two Letters from the Nabob

Received two Letters from the Nabob as entered in the Nos 165. 166, the former requesting that the Commanding Officer at Amboor may be desired to forward to Camp some Rice which His Highness intends sending as a present to Lord Cornwallis — the latter complaining of the Conduct of the Commanding Officer at — Palamcotah in selling the Horses belonging to the Circar at Public Auction without His Highness's Knowledge or Consent —

Letters as entered in Mil. Nos 74. 75. 76.

From the Acting Dep. Adjutant General

Received the undermentioned

From the Acts Dep. Adjutant General applying on the part of Major Genl Musgrave for Permission for Captain Merat to visit the Presidency —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal with Letters for Lord Cornwallis containing Copies of the Despatches received from the Hon"ble Court of Directors by the Minerva and Albion —

From Lieut Downie —

From Lieut Downie —" advising of his Arrival at Vellore on the 12th Instant —

Sent

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17 Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. Nos 167 informing him that Major Gent Medows has declined giving his Assent to the Appointment of Major Johnston to command the vacant Bowmore Battalion in the Tinnevelly District -

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent the following Letters -

## To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General & &c &c

My Lord

Our Acting President has laid before us your Lordships Letters to him of the 8th and 9th Instant -

To Lord Cornwallis regarding the Bankers of Madras will be unanimously to relieve or supporting some Corps on Provisions going to Camp upon of Clears from the Agent for the Vacant Contractors steps taken in consequence

We advised your Lordship in our Letter of the 11th Instant that we should without loss of time send off to Vellore the further sum of six Lacks of Rupees / eight Lacks has been already received there, and we shall now forward Eight Lacks more, making together the sum of twenty two Lacks of Rupees -

We are extremely concerned at the abuse you mention with respect to dearths caused in the Country upon Provisions going to Camp - We have directed an enquiry to be made into the

Complaint

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complaint and given positive orders for preventing any such exaction in future —

Mr Cockburn having — communicated to us the situation in which the Bullock Contractors feel themselves in consequence of the Dissatisfaction which your Lordship has expressed in regard to the Contract we think it necessary for your Information to enclose Copies of his Letters on the Subject, and we should be wanting in Justice to him if we were to omit upon this occasion to observe that the Zeal and Activity which he has manifested in aid of our exertions to procure Bullocks for the Army are deserving of particular Approbation —

Your Lordship having intimated your Intention of putting the Supply of Bullocks now preparing under an Agent we propose at the request of Mr Cockburn not to press the Contractors for Payment of the Bills drawn upon them in favor of the Comme Treasury for Money advanced by the Company's Collectors for the late Purchase of Cattle until we hear more particularly from your Lordship on the Subject of the new arrangement — In the mean time however, we have directed that the Contractors shall be debited the Amount as

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as so much Money advanced on their Account and the Bengal Treasury credited for the same.

We shall inform Mr Cockburn of your Lordship's desire that he should proceed to the Army.

We have the Honor to be with great Respect & Esteem

&c &c &c

Signed Charles Oakeley

Council

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To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Fort William

To Bengal with copies of letter from Lord Cornwallis.

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to enclose for your information Copy of a Letter received this Morning from Lord Cornwallis.

We have the Honor to be

&c &c &c

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Signed Charles Oakeley

Council

Received the following Letters.

The Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President in Council

Hon'ble Sirs

From the Secretary of Chief Justice respecting the Impropriety of his acting upon a Commission under Captain Campbell.

I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter

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Letter received yesterday from the Military Board and request to be favored with your sentiments thereon as I conceive I can not sit on Committee under Captain Campbell consistantly with the Orders of the Court of Directors, contained in the enclosed Extract

Lieut Colo Giles a member of the Committee of Stores at Madras, having — claimed Precedence over Mr Lind the Military Storekeeper, reference was made to Government who were pleased to send to the Committee, a Copy of the enclosed extract for their guidance when Mr Lind in consequence consented to sign the — Proceedings &c before Lieut Colonel Giles —

I have the Honor to be respectfully

&c &c

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(Signed) J W Skardon

To Captain John Campbell President
and Mr John W Skardon Member of the
Committee of Stores at Chingleput

Gentlemen,

As proceedings of Committees of Works or Stores having hitherto been transmitted from Chingleput for the Information of the — Military

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Military Board which they imagine to have
proceeded from the circumstance of no officer of
the Artillery or Engineer Department being stationed
at your Garrison and as many Inconveniences
have arisen from the want of such Committees
at the different out Stations I am directed by the
President & Members to desire that at least
a Monthly Committee may be held by you in
those distinct departments and in the Event
of any difference arising that your respective
opinions be recorded and the proceedings
transmitted to them without delay —

I am,
&c &c
(signed) Danl Sykes Secretary

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Extract of a General Letter from the Court of
Directors dated 21st July 1786 —

Having taken into our Consideration
in consequence of a reference from the Presidency
of Bombay the Rule of Precedency which ought
to be observed whenever there may be occasion
for our Civil and Military Servants to Act
together in a deliberative Capacity for purposes
not at present foreseen by us or not described in
our

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our Letter of the 21st September last We thereby
direct that the Senior Civil Servant whatever his
Rank may be do always preside at such
meetings whether the same be held at the
Presidency or at the Subordenate Settlements
with respect to the rest Members of Council must
take Rank of all Military Officers a Senior
Merchant of a Lieutenant Colonel a Junior
Merchant of a Major - a Factor of a Captain
and a Writer of a Subaltern —

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue - the Collectors in the Ceded Districts Permission to raise a Battalion in consequence of the great Desertion from the Number attached to them —

Honble Sir,

We do ourselves the honor of
inclosing Extract of a Letter from Mr Kindersley and
of recommending it to your favorable Consideration
We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Wm Petrie
" David Halliburton
" Wm Balfour
"

Extract of a Letter from Mr Nathl Kindersley
Dated 7th August 1791.

of the half Battalion raised for

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For my Division at Nellore I informed the Board some time ago that 150 would suffice but Deighton did indeed dispatch to me 100 Privates besides Officers, but one half of these deserted on the Road hither. I have advised him to allow his Subedar with one to recruit at this place, as many as may make up the small Number I require, for if these people are not enlisted on the Spot where they are to serve they will often desert. I request your early orders to him to that effect as the certainty of having the proposed Number will raise in some degree the Offers of Rent for next Year.

A true extract

(signed) J Webbe Secy

For Charles Oakeley Bart

Fr.

From Captain Allen Read with copy of his Instructions to recruit Cavalry Sowars who may be disposed into the Poligars for the purpose of stimulating those Poligars to exert themselves in effecting enlistments for the army.

It has not been in my power yet to march from hence but I hope to move forward tomorrow.

Having met with delays from day to day I have detached an Officer unto the Poligars to expedite my business there and have thought proper to transmit you a copy of my instructions to him.

I am, &c.

(signed) Alex. Read Lieut.

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Lieut Cruickshanks

Sir

I have selected you from among the Officers of my detachment, as the best qualified for a Service required, on Account of your having from Knowledge of the Languages and Customs of the Country, as also for the prevailing opinion of your disposition and Ability, which gives me much to expect from your endeavours in whatever way I may have occasion to employ you — that in which I require them at present is to go into the Polliams and stimulate the Polygars to do all that lies in their power in collecting Supplies for the Army — Altho' they have been constantly assured that every favor or indulgence they can hope for from Government depends on their exertions at this juncture, they are naturally so supine, so inclined to intrigue and indifferent to consequences, that hitherto, they have not fulfilled any of their engagements — Observant that the extent of our operations has made it impossible to spare troops for the purpose of establishing the Company's Authority in opposition to any other interest above the Ghauts I have as yet only

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only threatened them with representations of their neglect to Lord Cornwallis, and with assurances that so far as should be in my power, it should be produced as a reason for expelling them and converting their Lands into better property - At the same time I have held out the next occasion as that of which they ought to avail themselves if they are at all solicitous to remove the ill effects of their late conduct, for my intention is to make every use I can of them for a short period in attaining my Object. Conceiving that Circumstances will not allow of their foreging much longer and that our superiority leaves no doubt of their dependance on the Company I now propose to exact assistance from them to the utmost of their ability - Since nothing but vigorous measures will rouse them from their usual state of Apathy. I now send you Orders there to require in a positive manner, and to see that each acts immediately about providing, until my arrival what I demand of them liberally, which is what I judge they are able to provide.

You will march tomorrow morning with the detachment I have ordered (a Company of Sepoys and a Naigs guard of troopers)

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troopers) and proceed by Chellagut and Goorlagoonta
to Cundakoor or Runga Samoodrum, places near
to each other, and centrically situated in respect
to the polliams — The Nizams people having —
lately Seized on these and other villages claimed
by the Pollegars, Rajah Saiyd Hunt has written
his Highness Sardars, who have offered this —
violence to people under the Company's protection
the inclosed letters, desiring they will evacuate
those villages, and leave the Pollegars unmolested —
You will send those letters to the Sardars, and
require their Obedience to the Rajahs Orders —
If they excuse themselves from Compliance, you
may go so far as to expostulate on the outrage
they have committed against an Ally of their —
Master, the certainty of their incurring his —
displeasure by it and the necessity of their —
quitting the Polliams — Should that be attended
with no effect you may account for your —
Submitting to it by assuring them the matter
will be referred to the Nizam himself, and
you may accordingly communicate what may
pass to Sir John Kennaway, that he may —
represent it to his Highness whatever the event
may be give all the protection you can without

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without quarrelling with the Nizams people to the families of the Cunjarries whose residence is in that neighbourhood and who are said to have suffered great loss by the disturbances I have mentioned - As you approach the Carnatic Polleams you can dispatch the Vakeels and letters I send with you for each Polligar with small guards to give them some consequence and to awe those people into a respect for the orders they receive - The Vakeels are particularly informed of their business you may repeat their instructions to see them obey and transmit you frequently exact reports of the Cattle, Sheep, rice, wheat and Gunny bags the Polligars collect - They must buy up all the ready made gunny bags they can find and commission the Weavers where they are stationed for as many as they will engage for advancing small sums of money for the purpose. You will probably be able to procure a good number - yourself in a short time at Cundakore where there is a considerable gunny Manufactory -

This I have directed you to that place, and Ranga Samoodrum I wish you to stay there no longer than is required to obtain answers from the Nizams Sardars should they be there

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there and that after that you keep constantly moving about from one pollium to another pressing the Polligars by threats and by persuasions as you may find the most effectual to prepare for my arrival among them which they may expect in little more than a fort night—

I send 500 Paydas with you to advance the gunny weavers that will contract with you, and for occasional donations for intelligence — The eight Barkaras I send with you including those I may despatch after you will be sufficient to write me by of your progress, and the Polligars will furnish as many as you will require to serve as guides as I shall be chiefly to the westward of you until I join you it will be in my power to give you timely information of any movement of the enemy towards you, and the country is such that a small body in it while it guards against surprize has nothing to apprehend—

I am,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Alex.r Read

Bangalore
7th July 1791.

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in the Mil.y Book Nos 77. 78. 79. 80. 81
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To Colonel De Mangenheim —

To Colonel De Mangenheim

informing him that Orders have been given for
setting up the Transports in the most convenient
Manner for the Accommodation of the Hanoverian
Officers and Men, and that Passage Money will be
allowed to the Officers — desiring him to hold the
Troops in Readiness to embark early in the Month
of September and to forward an exact Return of
the Troops, including the Detachment of Invalids
stationed at Arnee —

To the Chief at Pulicat —

To the Chief at
Pulicat

informing him that the Bearer of his Letter of the
13th Instant has been paid the Amount of the
Charges incurred on Account of the English
Soldiers received into the Hospital at Pulicat
Rupees 35. 13. 12 expressing the Boards Acknowledge
ments for his attention —

To Captain Mecat permitted
to be absent from his Station for two Months —

To the Military Paymaster
General informing him that the Sum to be
sent off immediately to the Army must be
eight instead of six Lacks of Rupees, and that a
further Sum of Six Lacks of Rupees will be sent
off in a few Days

To the Officer Commanding at Rajamundry

To the Military Paymaster General

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To Do

To do with Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Bombay stating the Advances made to Captain Lieutenant Torin for the purchase of Horses since the 30 April 1790

To the Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore desiring him to apply to the Rajah in the Name of the Board, for immediate Orders to his Servants to surrender the Villages in the Districts of Cumbum and Gandelon which he has retained Possession of and which properly belong to the Company as forming a part of the Dunagul Province—

To the Board of Revenue in forming them of the Instructions given to the Resident at Travancore—

To the Board of Revenue

To the Boards of Revenue inclosing Copy of a Petition to Lord Cornwallis from the private Traders in Camp, and desiring them to inform the Board of the duties that have been levied upon those people, and to take the most effectual Measures to prevent any being exacted in future upon the said people passing for the use of the Army—

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors

To the Agent for the Bullock Contractors communicating the Resolution of the Board

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Board that the Bills drawne upon him by the Collectors in favor of the Revenue Treasury for Money advanced on Account of the Late purchase of Cattle shall stand to his Debit as soon as Money advanced on Account and credit given for the Amount to the Revenue Treasury — enclosing Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis and desiring he will in consequence take the first safe opportunity to forward to the Army —

To the Boards of Revenue

To the Boards of Revenue — informing them of the Arrangement above mentioned —

To Majr Stopking and Parry

To Majr Stopking and Parry with a List of Articles of Military Stores which are to be furnished by them upon the terms they have provided and exclusively appropriated to their Provision for five Years from the date of their Contract

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — the Saddles mentioned in their Letter of the 8th Instant to be purchased on Account of the Company — informing them of the Articles of Military Stores which are to be furnished by the Military Store Keeper and Majr Stopking & Parry upon

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Major Wall to resume his Seat at their Board.

To the Resident at Ingeram directing

To the Resident at Ingeram him to afford Lieutenant Uzald every Assistance in his Power and give such orders to the Master Attendant at Coringa as shall ensure the Supply of all his Wants upon the most reasonable Terms.

To Lieutenant Uzald — "

To Lieut Uzald of His Majestys Navy — directing him to proceed with all possible Expedition with the five Transports under his Charge to Coringa there to fit up the Vessels for the Accommodation of the Honourable Officers and Men enclosing — " under a flying Seal, the abovementioned Letter for the Resident at Ingeram - informing him that the Board entertain Hopes of his being able to sail very early in the Month of September next —

Received the undermentioned —

Letters as entered in Mlls Nos 91 92, 93, 94.

From the Officer commanding in the Gun Boat Circar — in the Gun Boat Circar - with a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Bellumcondah - recommending that the Depoy Barrack in that Garrison be — " repaired - the Expence estimated at 50 Pagodas

From the Paymaster at Bengal — From the Paymaster at Bengal requesting Permission to visit the Presidency —

From the Secretary at Bengal the Signal to be hoisted by Vessels dispatched to the Presidency

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Presidency with Colrs to hve a British Jack at the Fore top gallant Mast Head —

From the Commandant at Dindigul —

From the Commandant at Dindigul requesting that Mr Vaughan may be enjoined to be very punctual in all Payments to the Troops composing the Garrison of Dindigul —

# At a Consultation

Present

Monday 18 July 1791 —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqrs

The Honble Major General Medows

Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read the following Letters from the Board of Accounts Revenue —

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

From the Board of Accounts Revenue — Instructions required — respecting the Rate of Calculating the Exchange of Rupees Pagodas & Fanams and the proportion thereof to be remitted to the Northern Circars on account of the Current Year may advance to the Collectors and Commissioners — relating the allowance claimed by the Sheristadar at Tanjore —

Fort St George

Honble Sir

We take the Liberty of requesting your instructions upon two Letters which we have received from the Collectors at Tanjore that of the 6th Instant & the latter

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relates to a matter of great importance, and we beg leave to recommend that they be authorized to give the Money lenders every security for the recovery of such Money as may be lost from unavoidable accident If the state of the Companys Cash had admitted of so large a disbursement it would have been necessary to make the advance from our own Treasury, but as from want of sufficient funds we have been obliged to adopt the expedient recommended by Messrs Ram and Falkfield, the money which the Soucars advance to the Inhabitants becomes in fact a loan to the Company, and we think it reasonable they should afford every assistance for the security of those sums from which (advanced as it were, on their own account) they are to derive advantage—

We have received a Petition from Lemardin Row applying for payment of the allowances to the Mahratta Vakeel at Tanjore. In compliance with your directions at the commencement of the Assumption, we directed the Collectors to pay this Money upon his producing satisfactory credentials, but as we have heard nothing further from them upon the subject we conclude that the Matter is not yet adjusted. we therefore take the liberty of recommending that Mr Swartz should be requested

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requested to investigate and ascertain his pretensions—

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Wm Petrie
" David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

William Petrie Esqre
President and the Members of the Board
of Accounts Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

We beg leave to acquaint you that the state of our Cash not admitting of our making the necessary advances to the Puttakadars for the Cultivation of the ensuing Year in order that no impediment might occasion any delay in a Matter of such importance to the prosperity of the Country after making particular Enquiry into the sums proper to be advanced for each Soubah we found them as follows Vizt

| | Pagodas of Chuckrums |
|---|---|
| Trivady | 43000 |
| Combecorum | 30,000 |
| Manargody | 85,000 |
| Mayaveram | 6,000 |
| Sheally | 22000 |
| Chuckrums | 29,000 or Pags 130833.12 |

Wm Thompson

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Whereupon we apprized the Soucars and Merchants that we would be responsible to them for the payment of the Interest thereon on the part of the Honble Company in the course of the following Phagelly year, and further that we would use our utmost Endeavours to oblige the Putkadars to make good the Principle out of the Car and Pishanum crops. Copy of an advertisement which we published on this occasion waits on you Enclosed as well as the Form of an Agreement we proposed to enter into with the Money Lenders for the respective sums that might be advanced by each of them many of the principal Merchants being desirous of having some additional Security for the payment of the Sums they may advance (as appears by Copy of a Letter they have addressed us which we have the honor to lay before you) We beg to be favored with your Directions whether we may enter into a more particular engagement with them by an assurance that any loss that may unavoidably happen will be reimbursed by the Honble Company

We have the honor to be with great respect

&c &c &c

Signed { G Dean
C W Fadlofsdt

Tanjore
6th July 1791

A true Copy
Signed W Webbe Secry

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William Petrie Esqr.

President and the Member of the Board

of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

His Excellency the Rajah having
in his Letter to Government under date the 19th
April transmitted to us by your Board the 4th May
communicated his Proportion of Revenue - By first -
Subtracting a Lack of Pagodas from the neat
Revenue and then taking one fifth of the -
Remainder - We beg to know whether this is the
proper mode to be followed in Calculating his
Dusta, that we may be Established as soon as -
possible to satisfy His Excellency with regard
to the sum which remains still due to him

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

Signed { G. Barne
E. W. Tallosfield

Sanfore
8 July 1791

A true Copy
Signed J. Webbe Secy

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

Hon'ble Sir

We do ourselves the honor of submitting to

enabled

Inquiry

from the Board of Assumed Revenue with Copy of a letter from Mr Johnston to the Collector of Tinnevelly respecting Property in that Country said to have belonged to him at the time of the Assumption

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to your decision a request made by Mr Johnson
to the Collector at Tinnevelly We have troubled you
upon this point because as it relates to transactions
prohibited by the Company's orders We do not
think ourselves authorized to grant it.

We enclose a Mr Haliburtons
request copy of his minute in circulation.

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Fort St George
15th July 1791

Benjamin Torin Esqre
Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

You cannot be unacquainted with
the property I had at Tinnevelly when Government
Assumed the Country belonging to his Highness the
Nabob the particulars must necessarily have
fallen under your Observation, I shall therefore
hope on the Spirit of Justice which is due to every
individual who suffered by the Assumption, that
you will be pleased to inform me, in what
situation my property there, now stands: you will
find, I believe, that an Amount of Chuck° 130000 —
was

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was made over to me in Annuldars Bonds, and I
Paddy I shall be obliged to you if you will ac-
acquaint me what sums appear to have been
received in extinction of this demand, supposing
all the Kutcheery Accounts are in your possession
may I request of you to have them examined. all
I have been able to learn is this. that Mr. Buckanan
Buckanan collected out of these Securities a sum
of Chuckrums 20138. 6. -
that he sold 5000 Pagodas of Paddy for 10238. 7. 8
and also collected a sum of 18462. 7. -
Chuckrs 48838/40 - 4 5/16

This being deducted from 120,000 leaves a Balance
of Chuck. 131125. 5. 11/16 - and that the Account of Jaggannaut
Tucker jointly with the Renter Collected an Amount
of Chr. 7565/. 5 - you will be able to inform me
what sum you as Collector have received out of these
Securities since the Country was assumed. and as I
have understood that the Nabobs order is obeyed
by those who have partaken of my Securities for
their Authority I must request you will have the
Goodness to acquaint me who those are who have
obtained this Authority and what they have partaken
of in Consequence, your Official Situation leads
me to trouble you with this address, and I am fully
persuaded your impartial Regard to Justice
will

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will induce you to give me all the Information
you are Proposed of on these Subjects.

I have the Honor to be

Tranquebar
21st June 1791.

Sir &c

(signed) Samuel Johnston

A true Copy
(signed) B. Torin
Colr

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbe Secy

Instead of the draught on the other side I think we cannot be too pointed in what we say to Government on this Subject and I therefore propose the following letter to be written instead of it

"

We do ourselves the honor to lay before you a request made by Mr Johnston to the Collector at Tanjore. Considered simply as a request to be furnished with information regarding what he calls his property. We might be justified in granting it without a reference to your Honble Board but when it is known that all — transactions of the nature avowed by Mr — Johnston are expressly forbid by the Honble Company we are unwilling to do any thing of our own authority which might be — construed by him as a sanction to such — concerns, and for this reason, we find ourselves

under

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under the necessity of submitting to you the
propriety of furnishing him with the
information he requires."

(signed) D. Haliburton

A true Copy

(signed) J. Webbe Secy

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Board of Inland Revenue

Agreed to inform the Board of Inland Revenue that the Collectors at Tanjore may be authorized to give the Money dealers every security for the recovery of such Money as may be lost by unavoidable Accident - That it is expected, however, that the Collectors will take particular care that the whole Sum for which the Company are to pay Interest be advanced to the Pattakadars for the Cultivation of the ensuing year, and that there be no Collusion between the Farmers and the Inhabitants -

Resolved that the mode for calculating the Rajah of Tanjore's Quota of the Revenue be as follows - viz^t by subtracting a Lack of Pagodas from the nett Revenue, and then taking one fifth of the Remainder -

Agreed that the Resident at Tanjore be desired to investigate and ascertain the Pretensions of the Maratta Vackeel to the Allowance which he

quota

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he claims in that Character at Tanjore—

Agreed that the Resident at Poona be desired to obtain Information regarding the Nawâb Vackeels at the Presidency and Tanjore & to state whether the Poona Government have delegated to those Persons that Authority which they declare to have been invested with—

With respect to the request made by Mr Samuel Johnston to the Collector at Tinnevelly, the Board think it wholly inadmissible The Transactions he has avowed in his Letter to Mr Torin are expressly prohibited by repeated Orders from the Company, and such Prohibitions must have been known to Mr Johnston whose Duty it was as a Servant of the Company to have paid implicit obedience to the Authority under which he acted—

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in Bk. No 132—

Translation

From the Nabob Wauluujaw to Sir C. Oakeley Bart

Dated 10th Jeland 1205 Hijery
or 12th July 1791.
Recd 12th July 1791

From the Nabob— advises of his having completed the Investigation of his Hist account with the Company—

The Investigation of my Hist. Accounts with my Friends the Company from the date of

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Mr Dawsons treaty has at length been completed by Mr Thomas Pearse their Deputy Accountant — The Account is on Mr Pearse's profession and I have to request you will be pleased to call upon him for the production of it so that there may not be any delay, as I am extremely anxious that you should see the real state of my first Accounts with my Friends the Company —

I wish also to investigate the accounts of former years between me and the Company and have heretofore repeatedly made application for those Accounts — you will be pleased to furnish me with them —

Whatever I say more?

A true translation

(signed) Joseph Pearse

Dft

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from the Accountant General

To The Honble Major General William Medows Governor and Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir

On the 10th August last I laid before your Board an Account Current with His Highness the Nabob of transactions previous to the Surrender of

From the Accountant General stating that the Nabob has not for several years been furnished with a copy of his Account Current Remarks respecting the Rent Farms granted to His Highness entering an Account drawn by Pearse claimed by the Nabob as Balance due to the Company Vide Cypher V continued with the Remarks of the Accountant General from Page —

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of the Assignment adjusted agreeable to the orders
of the Honble the Court of Directors in this —
Account the Balance that stood against the Nabob
at the close of the General Books ended 30th April
1785 was the first Article at his Debit, But
no Copy of this Account having I understand been
sent to His Highness nor of any prior Account for
several years, which I have represented to Government
several years ago particularly in my Letters of
10th December 1785 and 13th January 1789

And being now called upon
to make a report on the examination of the Nabobs
Account I think it proper first to lay before
your Honble Board the Completed Accounts for
seven years previous to the close of the before —
mentioned General books, in order to exhibit a
full state and detail of the Accounts between
His Highness and the Company, on which
that balance appears due from him, the —
Commencement of those Accounts (which are
contained in the Accompanying 14 Volumes) is
in May 1780 which together with an Account
Current for each year taken from the Super=
-intendents books and from thence transferred
into the General Books which with all other
Receipts and Disbursements made in other

Depart.

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Departments on Account of His Highness to the close of the General Books ended 30 April 1785 the inclosed General Account Current contains the abstract – should your Honor think it necessary to go further back, the books and Accounts kept by my Predecessors in the Superintendants Office – will I presume furnish the like information –

Before I proceed to the Subject of the Nabobs Kistbundy Account Current I beg your Attention to the first mentioned Account which was Adjusted in consequence of orders from the Honble Court as they consider it however liable to future discussion notwithstanding the directions they gave in the interim for its Adjustment I beg leave to refer to the 2d 6th 7th 8th and 9th Par of my before mentioned report as Superintendant dated January 1790 in which is explained the nature of such Articles charged against the Nabob as seems to require further Consideration and on which Government has not yet given an opinion.

In conformity to your orders of the 26th Ultimo to report the progress that has been made in the investigation of the Nabobs Accounts with the Company agreeable to your Commands under date the 26th November His Highness's Servants attended twice at my Office but as they

did

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did not bring with them the receipts, no progress could be made in adjusting such Articles as did not agree with our Accounts this occasioned a delay of some Months, and nothing was done till of late at the Nabobs request the Sub Accountant was permitted to go to meet his people at the Durbar, where Mr Pearce has accordingly attended Several times and examined the Accounts receipts &c from which it appears that the Nabobs claim for Grain exceeds what is acknowledged on the part of the Company as stated in the Accompanying Abstract — a comparison with the Accounts of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — upon the whole of this Matter your Honor will be enabled to decide and give the Necessary directions to Mr Cockburn to bring the same to Account so soon as the Report of the Committee on the Trichinopoly Paymasters Accounts comes before you —

The Nabob claims Credit in his Last Sundy Account Current upon those receipts of Mr Irwin Collector of Tinnevelly &c Southern Countries Amounting to Pagodas 17,070 — 25 — 70 all of which are dated after the Surrender of the Assignment although — brought

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brought to Account on the books of Ajengoe
Revenue the balance from those books having
been transferred to the Nabobs Old Account it
makes no real difference I conceive to Comply
with the Nabobs request on which I beg
to Know your pleasure that the necessary
Adjustment may be made if you Approve

There are some other Articles
on which on a Comparison our Accounts
differ from the Nabobs owing chiefly to
our General books not having been compleated
at the time the Kistbundy Account was made
from which came some receipts at Tinnivelly
& were omitted in that Account But
this has since been rectified and the only
remaining Article which requires the
interference of your Honor to enable me
to Compleate the Accounts is a receipt of
Mr Thomas Palk dated 30th January
1757 for Pagodas 431. 35. 20 being
the Amount of Paddy delivered by the
Rajahs

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Rajah of Rummaud to the 8th Battalion of Sepoys at Tondy for which the Nabob requires to be credited, on examination no mention of these Articles is to be found in the Trichinopoly or any other Accounts—

Mr Pearce reports that the Nabob speaks of various claims for — kunjoons &c to a large Amount which he means to prefer to your Honor but as this does not I conceive come within my province it will rest with Government to take up the subject as may seem fit when it — shall come before them—

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed) George Moubray
Act. Gen.

Fort St George
the 9th
9 July 1791

Statement

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## Statement of Grain as delivered to the Storekeeper of out Garrisons taken from the Accounts of His Majesty's Ships Nabob

| | Candies | Maunds | Candies | Mr. | Gross Pagodas | Pagodas | Fs. | Pagodas | Fs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madura | | | | | 7240 | 11 | 760 | | |
| without Rough | | | 1263 | 6 | | 634 | | 7874 | 4 |
| Trichinopoly | | 22224 | 9 | | | | | 5571 | 660 |
| without Rough | | 11118 | 10 | | | | | | |
| | | | 33403 | 7 | | 2779 | 255 | 8350 | 325 |
| Tanjore | | 1367 | 4 | | | | | 3419 | 2065 |
| without Rough | | 1321 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | | | 15002 | | | 330 | 15 15 | 3750 | |
| Permacoil | | | 1600 | | | | | 3612 | 3075 |
| Pearl Nellore | | | 1300 | | | | | 325 | |
| Nellore without Rough | | 8205 | 9 | | | | | 4551 | 9 |
| | | 6629 | 9 | | | | | 2779 | 1557 |
| | | | 24834 | 11 | | | | 7330 | 1032 |
| Combacor | | | 2625 | | | | | 685 | 3240 |
| Trichinopoly | | | 39279 | 6 | | | | 41225 | 27 |
| | | | | | | | | 5322 | 527 |
| Polamcottah without Rough | | | 1957 | 6 | | | | 6000 | |
| Cundore Do. | | | 5000 | | | | | 1500 | |
| Permacottah Do. | | | 2600 | | | | | 1430 | |

Pagodas 9004 2515

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E. E.

Signed S.

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Account of Grain Issued at the same Places as it stands on the Books of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

| | | Page 76 | Page 76 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Garce Mds Seers | Garce Mds Seers | | |
| | 7 125 | @ 97 35/96 Garce 7 — 715 | |
| | 222 287 3 | 7831 1 36 | 8546 1 36 |
| | 307 314 | Colim 225 @ 8 Garce 7 | 7694 26 24 |
| | 139 141 4 | | 3563 34 40 |
| | 16 | @ 18¾ mds Pagodas | 341 14 — |
| | 13 | @ 25 Pagodas | 325 — — |
| | 128 52 10 | | 3870 24 — |
| | 26 100 | | 685 32 40 |
| | 2 267 6 | | 69 32 40 |
| | 23 300 — | | 620 3929 |
| | 52 267 6 | | 1376 32 29 |
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| | 188 128 3 | @ 26 Garce | 4896 14 9 |
| | 10 311 | @ 47 Pd | 506 22 62 |
| | 184 7 | @ Do | 851 21 75 |
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| | Difference | | 4749 13 6 |
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Dubois

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Minutes on the foregoing letters from the Nabob and Accountant General

Ordered that the above letters do lie on the Table, until the Accountt. General has sent up the remarks made by the Nabob or his Moodeliers on the Accounts lately under investigation.

Read the following letter from the Reverend Mr Swartz

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President in Council &c

From the Reverend Mr Swartz stating that the Rajah wishes to go to Tanjore indisposed to pay attention to his Representations

Honble Sir & Sirs

The two last letters with which the Honble Board has honored me, I have received I have waited on his Excellency two days ago. Having laid before him several points in respect of the late Rajahs family — and the Gentlemens Collectors, all former unpleasantness or resentment seemed to have subsided. His Excellency answered every point with kindness where I intreated him to permit the brother of one of the late Rajahs Widows to visit his sister once in a Month he consented to it, on condition of his giving notice of the intended visit I assured his Excellency that I would take care that all those relations should never be deficient in paying His Excellency the proper respect At last I was asked what Answer His Excellency should write to the last letter sent Him by the Honble

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Honble Board My reply was in the following terms. That in some of your former letters — you have employed the Pen of an European is certain — I have said the same and still say it (at which they smiled) Now write that you will always write your own Sentiments — By doing so all will be well — They answered in good humor that they would do so —

I have acquainted the Mother of the late Rajah with the kind resolution of the Honble Board to Order the Gentlemen — Collectors to permit them with 10,000 Colleries of Paddy as an addition to their Yearly Allowance they no doubt are sensible of the kindness of the Honble Board towards them —

I am respectfully

&c &c

(Signed) C Swartz

Tanjore
8th July 1791

The Board are well pleased to observe from the foregoing Letter that his Excellency seems now well disposed to attend to the opinion and advice of Mr Swartz

Memorie Thereon

Read the following Letter from Major Alexander Wynaad

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Major Macaulay Requesting that he may be reimbursed the Amount of Money expended in erecting a Battery at Innaillendah.

In March 1790 when in the Command of Innaillendah I took occasion to represent the inadequacy of the Garrison for its defence, which from its vicinity to Tipoos Frontiers (not above 30 Miles) rendered it liable to a sudden attack and by its — distance from any Companys Garrison was — prevented from receiving any immediate relief

My force at that time did not exceed 350 Men tho' Sir Archibald Campbell in a Letter to the Commanding Officer of the district had observed that Innaillendah was to be considered as a "Post of the utmost consequence, and must ever have a Battalion of Sepoys ought to occupy it."

Before I received any Orders for my guidance I had certain intelligence of a Considerable Body of Tipoo's Troops (Troops) being encamped within 35 Miles of the Garrison, and as I had reason to apprehend a sudden Attack I thought it my duty to put the Garrison in the best possible State of defence — The accompanying Copy of Major Banks report states the Work done by my Orders, and when I inform Government that to repair the Breaches in

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in the Upper Fort I was obliged to have the Stones
conveyed to an height of more than 300 Feet it will be
easily believed that the charge exceeded 700 Madras
Pagodas instead of 500 as estimated by Major —
Banks — however as I acted from my own discretion
in the first instance without intending to make
any charge to Government and as I have not therefore
kept those regular Accounts and Vouchers which —
should attend works done by order of Government
I shall be satisfied to receive only the sum stated
in the Engineers Report and which is recommended to
your favorable Consideration by the Report of the
Military Board of the 24th of August 1790 of which
I have annexed a Copy

Previous thereto the Forts of
Innacondah were not tenable their faces being formed
of loose Stones placed one upon the other without
any Cement, but by the repairs I made and finishing
a Sea Gun Battery, on which I mounted 2 Brass
12 Pounders and six Iron Nine Pounders, I secured
the principal face which Commanded the Country
to the South East and the Guns being mounted in
Barbett I was thereby enabled in case of an
Attack to use the small Force in the Garrison
to the best Advantage —

I am aware of the Objection
to

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to passing any Account for Repairs not properly authorized by the Orders of Government but the Report of the Military Board, while it states the Objection, obviates it at the same time on the very ground which I take the Liberty to state in my favor, namely its being a Frontier Garrison and consequently subject to a sudden Attack especially just at the Commencement of the War and when by any certain knowledge every adequate force for its surprise was measured within a forced March of it —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) A Wynch
Major

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Extract of a Letter from Major Banks to the Military Board dated 2d August 1790

I have the honor to acquaint you that I had particularly noticed the Works finished by the Order of Major Wynch before I came away, and I can with great pleasure declare justly deserving very encomium from the Construction of a Ten Gun Battery in the round Fort which must have been executed with a great Labour and Expence from carrying the Blue Stone from the Pettah and Fort below as well

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well as the other Materials. Chunam &c with which it is built. Fix in Barbet, commanding the whole Country and Town with Two Square Flanks that Scowrs each side of the Fort and Rock below — This Work with the setting up of a small Expence Magazine in the Rear, formerly an old Pagoda, together with the Repairs of Two extensive breaches from Sixty to Sixty feet each in Length and Twenty to Thirty in height finished by great Labour must I conceive, have cost Five hundred Pagodas no Estimates of this kind can well be ascertained, when a Work is finished, but from experience on the Spot —

Extract from Military Board's Report 24th August 1790

A Committee of Inspection at Innacondah having transmitted to us a Report on the State of the Works and Buildings at that Garrison, in which mention was made of a Battery erected by the Orders of Lt Major Wynch — and having directed Major Banks to Report upon it. We herewith transmit an Extract from his Letter in consequence — On this subject we deem it our duty to Remark that Major Wynch committed an irregularity in the first instance in undertaking any Work without previously obtaining

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Observing your Approbation especially at a time when it was under consideration to withdraw the Stores from that Garrison nevertheless in consequence of the Report made to us by Major Banks and of Innaconda being a Frontier Garrison We submit to your favorable consideration the propriety of the Bills for the Work being discharged—

Answer of Government

With respect of Payment for the Battery erected by Major Hynek at Innaconda as it was undertaken without the Authority of Government it will remain to be considered hereafter—

Resolved in consequence of the Recommendation of the Military Board contained in their Report of the 24 of August last that Major Hynek be allowed the Sum of five hundred Madras Pagodas on Account of the Battery erected by him at Innaconda, and that the Paymaster at Cuddalore do discharge his Bill for the Amount—

Extract Thereon

Do

Agreed that the Military Board be informed that except in very particular cases

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cases the Board wish to discountenance all claims that come before them for Reimbursement on Account of Repairs that have not obtained their previous Sanction for Execution —

Read the following letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

To W.m Collins Jackson

Secretary to the Military Department

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provision — recommending that a trial be made of Europe Canvas for Rice Bags —

Sir

I have sent Directions to Amboor agreeably to the orders of the Board to take the first opportunity of sending Forty small Tarpaulins to the Army —

As the best Gunny I have been able to procure as well as that made for the purpose in Bengal has failed in proving a sufficient Security for the Carriage of Grain in the Field — and as the preservation of it is a point of the first Consequence to the operations of the Army, I beg leave to — propose that Rice Bags made of — Europe Canvas may be made trial of — the first Cost will of course be more than

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than double the Price of Gunney but the increase of Price would be amply made up by the duration of the Material and Security afforded to so valuable a Commodity — an opportunity of purchasing one Hundred Bolts of Canvas — offered the other day at Pagodas 7 ⅌ Piece ℔ Bolt — each Piece upon an average will make 15 ℔ Bullock Bags of the Master I have prepared and the Actual Cost of the Bags made will be about 1 ℔ Bags ⅌ Pagoda — should it upon Trial prove the Means of saving in that Department a sufficient Stock of Canvas might be sent from England to answer the purpose at a much Cheaper rate —

If Government approve of this I shall with a little delay as possible make up One thousand Bags to be sent by the first Opportunity to the Army —

Madras
14th July 1791.

I am,
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
(signed) Thos. Cockburn
Cy. G. G: P.

The

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The Board approve Mr Cockburn's recommendation of making Trial of Europe Canvas for Rice Bags — Agreed therefore he be desired to purchase the Canvas now in the Market and as soon as the Bags are made up to affix to each the Company's Mark, and obtain — Receipts from the Person to whom they are given in charge, that he may be held responsible for their safe return into Store —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Palamcotah

To William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Military and Secret Department

Sir

From the Paymaster at Palamcottah — transmits a Specimen of the Cinnamon grown in the Plantation under his Management — remarks respecting the cultivation of Cinnamon and the Mulberry Plants requests permission to employ some more Servants to —

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the several Orders of Government to this you — under dates 16th April, 28th May, and 18th June

I have the pleasure to acquaint Government, that the Ground allotted as a — Cinnamon plantation is already inclosed, and the fields are now preparing for the reception of the plants, which I shall not attempt to move — until the land winds are over and the cool season commenced — of the end which I have seen since

my

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my last Address upon this Subject of the first sort
(for I have reason to think of the Superior Species
of Cinnamon found on Ceylon) to the number of
about 4000. several have made their appearance
those of the 2d sort which I have just note the Ground
are innumerable, and I do not think myself too
Sanguine in the Expectation of stocking the plantation
this Year—

I have attempted in Compliance with Govt
directions to take off and prepare the Cinnamon Mosses
of which I now send List in Justice to Mr Light, who first
brought this Valuable Spice into our Possessions I
must remark, that these Mosses are subjected to
inspection under very possible disadvantage for the
first place I am not thoroughly convinced that the
modes which I have adopted for separating or paring
the Barks are proper, tho' correct with every information
I have been able to obtain. The former is performed
after exposing the shoots about half an hour in
the Sun, that their Juice may be less liable to
escape, by cutting two opposite longitudenal slits
thro' the bark and striking them with a round smooth
Stick which immediately separates the Cinnamon
from the Wood — the latter merely by exposition
to the Sun

Secondly I understand the Dutch cut
down their Trees when three Years old, and that
their

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their best Cinnamon is taken from the Shoots striking from the remaining Stumps, at the time when they are most luxuriant in Sap. This experiment, I intend trying in October upon some Trees of the second sort, which are of the proper Age; I have none of a superior Quality above twelve months Growth; but Government must be considered of the disadvantage to which these Specimens appear when they are informed that they are taken from the old parent Trees in their original state, at this / the driest / Season of the Year, and when their Juices are expended in their fruit.

Doctor Anderson I understand wishes me to superintend the Mulberry Cultivation in these Districts, an Experiment that I will readily undertake And as it will be necessary to have some Shelter for the Young Cinnamon plants, I purpose intersecting each row of Cinnamon with an Hedge of Mulberry, which will answer equally well, as any other shade, and will be trying too Experiments under one Expence. The Mulberry is not very uncommon to this Country—

I must request the Sanction of Government to employ Monthly, in addition to the 20 Coolies I have already entertained, which will for the present be sufficient both for the Mulberry Cultivation and the Cinnamon) 1 Superintendant at 3 Star Pags and 2 Gardiners at 2 Star Pags each — This appears to me the least Expensive Establishment I can recommend, for the

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the two plantations the Sizes of which is about 15
Cawnies of Ground at present in rough unsorg paddy
undarg fields —

Palamcotah
11 July 1791

I have
&c &c
(signed) Geo. Lewis Maclean
Pay.r

P.S. Hearing that a Ship is under dispatch I send off
a Specimen only of the first sort of Cinnamon as that
taken from the 2d sort is not yet sufficiently dry —
which I believe is the second Species of Cayloo and
by no means bad Cinnamon ——

Minuted thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing
Letter with the Specimen of Cinnamon be transmitted
to the Honble Court of Directors by the next opportunity

Agreed that Mr Maclean be
D.o authorized to employ Monthly, in addition to the
twenty Coolies already entertained one Superintendant
at three Star Pags per Month, and two Gardners
at two Star Pagodas each p.r Month, for the care
and Preservation of the Cinnamon and Mulberry
Plantations. ——

Cx. F. Savage

" Chs. Oakeley.

" Wm. Petrie

" Wm. Huddleston

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# Diary

Recieved the undermentioned Letters as intered in M.B. Nos 95 96.

From the Secretary at Bengal

From the Secretary at Bengal advising of the Intention of the Supreme Government to send a considerable Quantity of Camp Equipage to the Coast for the use of the army - and recommending that the Number of Mallets and Tent Pins necessary for it be made up at this Presidency -

From Masulipatam

From Masulipatam - enclosing a Litt of effective Men belonging to the 2nd Battalion of European Infantry who have embarked for the Presidency on the Swallow Packet

19th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as intered in M.B. Nos 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions -

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - desiring him to make trial of Europe Canvas for Rice Bags, as recommended in his Letter of the 14th Instant one hundred Bolts of Canvas to be purchased the Bags to be marked with the Companys Chop and Receipts to be obtained from the Person to whom they are given in charge that he may be held responsible for their Return into Store

To

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To the Paymaster 1st. at Angole

To the Paymaster at Angole - with Permission to proceed to the Presidency -

To Do -

To Do informing him that the Sum of Fifty Pagodas is to be expended on repathatching the Sepoy Barracks at Pellamcondah and desiring him to pay Major Wynch the Sum of Two hundred Madras Pagodas on account of a Battery erected by him at Sriccondah -

To Major Wynch

To Major Wynch - informing him that Mr Young has been instructed to discharge his Bill for 800 Madras Pagodas -

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - informing them that in consequence of the Accommodation contained in their Letter of the 24 August last the Board have resolved to grant Major Wynch the amount of the Engineers Estimate for erecting the Battery at Sriccondah - and that they cannot discountenance all Claims that are preferred for reimbursement on account of Repairs that have not obtained their previous Sanction. -

To the Paymaster at Chinglepat

To the Paymaster at Chinglepat, desiring him to refer the Matter contained in his Letter of the 15th Instant to the Military Board. -

To the Paymaster at Madura &c

To the Paymaster at Madura &c informing him that the Inconveniences arising from

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19th. from there not Giving a Person at Dindygul to
issue Pay to the Troops render it absolutely necessary
either that he should appoint an Agent to
make the Payments, or that he should reside
there himself. —

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah &c
informing him that a Copy of his Letter of the 11th Instant
with a Specimen of the Cinnamon will be
transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors
by the first opportunity, and authorizing him to
employ, in addition to the People already entertained
one Superintendant at 3 Pagodas and two Gardeners
at 2 Pagodas each Monsem

To the Paymaster at Palamcotah

To the Accountant General — desiring
him to lay before the Board the Remarks made
by the Malabar on his Methoddies on the accounts
lately under Investigation —

To the Accountant General

To the Commandant at Nellore &c
desiring him to issue the necessary orders for
enlisting on the Spot where they are to serve)
the Number of Revenue Troops that may be
required by Mr. Kindersley to complete the
Complement attached to his Office. —

To the Commandant at Nellore

To the Board of Sayer and Revenue
informing them of the orders given to the Officer
Commanding

To the Board of Sayer and Revenue

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Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acquaint you that the Board have had under their consideration your Letter of the 19th ultimo, and the Papers which accompanied it, containing the Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to investigate the Claims of the Public Creditors on the Revenues of Tanjore, and to inform you in reply, that they approve of the Measures which you have adopted for carrying into Execution the Orders of Government on this Subject.

To Do

To Do desiring them to instruct the Collectors at Tanjore to give the Money Lenders any Security for the Recovery of such Money as may be lost by unavoidable accident - approving the mode suggested in their Letter of the 11th Instant for calculating the Rayats of Tanjore's Quota of the Revenues and informing them that the necessary Steps will be taken for ascertaining the Pretensions of the Maratta Vakeel to the Allowances which he claims in that Character at Tanjore. -

To the Rendt Swartz

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz desiring him to ascertain whether Jannanden Row is invested with authority from the Poona Government to act in the Capacity of Maratta Vakeel at Tanjore. -

To the Resident at Poonah

To the Resident at Poonah - desiring him to ascertain, and report to the Board, whether the Poona Government have delegated to any Person the authority of acting in the Capacity of Vakeels. Stating the Names - Places of

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19th. of Resident - and allowances of the Persons who have stiled themselves Maratta Vackeels. -

To Lieutenant Edward Bulman

To Lieutenant Edward Bulman &c desiring him to take Charge of the Treasure which will be delivered to him by the Military Paymaster General and proceed with all Expedition to Vellore - to deliver over the Tumbrilles to Mr. Torriano on his arrival at that Place and return with his Detachment to the Presidency.

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore informing him of the amount of the Treasure placed under Charge of Lieutenant Bulman and of the &c Instructions given to that Officer. -

To Lieutenant Dawnie

To Lieutenant Dawnie directing him to advise Lord Cornwallis of his arrival at Vellore and await his Lordships orders for his future Guidance -

To the Commandant at Amboor

To the Commandant at Amboor desiring him to receive charge of and forward to Camp by a safe opportunity the Quantity of Rice which may be delivered to him by the Nabob's Servants for the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis. -

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob -

Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C.C. N°769) enclosing the abovementioned

Letter

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19th Letter to the Commanding Officer at Amboyna and explaining the Cause of the unreasonable Horses received from His Highness's Manager at Tinnevelly having been sold by public Outcry

Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis.

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis
The Transports & Vessels sent to Coringa to convey the Troops expected to be ready for the Coast early in September

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 4th Instant.

Lieutenant Agnew having represented that some of his Vessels wanted refitting we have desired him to proceed with all Expedition to Coringa for this purpose and we shall take particular Care that the Hanoverian Troops be accommodated in the most convenient manner - the usual Passage money will be allowed to the Officers agreeably to your Lordship's Desire.

Lieutenant Agnew has informed us, that he expects the Vessels will be ready for the

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19th the Reception of the Troops very early in the months of September, of which we have given due notice to Colonel De Wangenheim.

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect and Esteem
&c &c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

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21st Received the undermentioned &c Letters as entered in Mis. Nos 115. 116. 117.

From the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions

From the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions requesting that Orders may be sent to the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly to give up such part of the Barracks as may be unoccupied, to serve for a temporary Granary.

From Lieutenant Duff

From Lieutenant Duff advising of his Arrival at Vellore and requesting that a further advance of Cash may be made him for the Payment of the Sepoys and Followers &c and for providing Fodder &c for the Cattle &c composing his Detachment.

From the Subsecretary at Bengal

From the Subsecretary at Bengal &c advising that Engagements have been entered &c into for providing one thousand Lascars &c

Rum

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21 Rum and arrack for the Supply of this Presidency - stating the Periods at which the Spirits are to be delivered at Calcutta and desiring that the Government will not discontinue any Endeavours that may be using to procure a Supply of Spirits for the use of the army -

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

William Petrie and John Hudleston Esqrs

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service

Friday
22 July 1791

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. -

Mr Petrie begs leave to enter the following Paper

July 22. 1791

Mr Petrie's Minute respecting the improperiety of Conduct on the part of the Nabob in allowing his People to retail Toddy in the Neighbourhood of Madras. -

In Consequence of many Messages from the Nabob Sow Condit ul Omrah, and at the desire of Sir Charles Oakeley, I have repeatedly endeavoured to accommodate the dispute between

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Between the Nabob and the Company's Toddy Far =
=mer — The Cowle to the Farmer gives him
the exclusive Privilege of retailing Arack and Toddy
within the limits of three Miles around Fort St George
and in the same Cowle it is permitted to his
Highness the Nabob to sell the Toddy which is the
produce of his own Gardens, but it is likewise added
that such Toddy must be sold within the said
Gardens. The Nabob objects to the operation of this
Clause, and says that although the Company's
Cowles have always been drawn out in the same
terms, yet none of the former Farmers were permitted
Persons authorised by his Highness from selling the
Toddy of his Gardens, at some distance from them,
that it is inconsistent with his Dignity to permit
Toddy to be sold within his Gardens, and that
until the present Farmer a Compensation was
always accepted from the Durbar, for waiving the
Exercise of the Letter of the Cowle — That he had offered
the same Compensation to this Farmer as
his Father had received, which he continued
to refuse. — I made a similar proposal to
the Farmer which he still rejected, representing
that he could not estimate the injury he would
receive

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receive from admitting the privilege claimed by the Nabob, for that many others would by means of that Privilege retail Toddy to the Subversion of his Cowle, and render it impracticable for him to perform his Engagements with the Company, and that as to the Compensation to the former Farmer, it had been promised, but was never paid.

The Matter remained thus, when upon a Complaint from the Farmer to the Board of Revenue that some Persons were contrary to their express order, retailing Toddy in the Neighbourhood of Madras, the Board sent out some Peons and Seized upon two Men, detected in the fact and accused Breach of their orders. They confessed the fact, but said they were by personal punishment, obliged to retail Toddy by the Nabobs Toddy Renter. The Board of Revenue ordered this Man to be apprehended by their Peons, and brought before them. He was yesterday examined by the Board and acknowledg- that the exclusive privilege of the Company's Cowle was known to him, and the proclamation of the Board of Revenue prohibiting the Sale

of

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of Toddy in the Vicinity of the settlement by Beat of Tom Tom but that he acted in obedience to the orders of the Nabob, who said, that in case of any complaint he would settle the matter with the Government — when asked what the Nabobs orders to him were, he said he was directed to sell Toddy all round his Garden Wall on the outside, but not to sell it between the Nabobs Garden and the Fort. This man having openly Violated the orders published by the Board of Revenue, would have been punished, but I requested the Sentence might be postponed, until I could take the opinion of Government upon the Subject, as the offender is a Renter of the Nabob, and seems to have acted merely in obedience to his orders. —

The Board of Revenue strongly recommended to the Company's Toddy Farmer to come to an Accommodation with the Nabob and he has promised to give his answer by next Monday The Nabobs renter and his two Toddy men are still confined. —

Resolution of the Board thereon

agreed that the Subject be mentioned to the Nabob, and that his Highness be desired to issue strict orders to his Servants to confine the Sale of Toddy within the Walls of his Gardens

as

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as the Board cannot suffer it to be disposed of elsewhere without a Breach of the Engagements entered into with the Company's Renter.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Fort St George

Sir

From the Resident at Hyderabad representing the Improper Conduct of the Zemindar of Vencatagherry towards Roy Chuttersing Vakeel to the late Rajah of Vencatagherry

Roy Chutter Sing who was Vakeel to Bongar yatchum Nair late Zemindar of Vencatagherry having been dismissed from his Employ by the present Zemindar and being under apprehensions for the safety of his person and property from the Zemindars Manager Khan Mahomed Lawl, who has since upon a false accusation already thrown him into confinement, and of deprived him of the power over his effects, his Highness the Nizam, at the solicitation of some of the Relations of the said Roy Chutter sing at this Durbar, has requested I would make application to the Governor in his behalf to the end that Justice may be done him, and that he may be relieved from

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from the persecution of the said Manager

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Paangal

23d June 1791

(Signd) John Hunnaway

Read the following Petition from

Lalla Chattra sing.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Govr &c— in Council of

Fort St George

The humble Petition of

Lalah Chatteraieny

Petition of Lalla Chuttra singh representing the Barbarous treatment which he himself and family have experienced from the Rajah of Vencatagerry's Dewan

It is usual from the time of antiquity

to Pay of 100,000 Pagodas to the Nabob of Carnatic as

a Nazar for the appointment of a Dewan to the Rajah

of Vencatagerry and recieve a summud to that effect

Department but the present Dewan Cawn mahomed

Gowry persuaded the present Rajah of Vencatageny

and made himself Dewan since then 5 years &

without the sanction of his Highness dismissed

all the relations of the Rajah. Employed his own

People

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People and committed many irregularities, and
in order to prevent himself from any unforseen
escape, seized several of the Rajahs Relations, sent
some of them Prisoners over the Hills, followed others
after committing extortions, and induced many
others to Elope from thence; in order to save their
Honor and Lives he have stationed a Guard of his own
People at the Rajahs House to deprive all People
from making any Complaint of his Conduct, also
with orders not to let any Body in without
his direction, and Forbid the Horcars or any Messengers
from Communicating this Injurys to His Highness
the Nabob desiring Thereby his Relations of
the Rajahs wound and Complained to the Ranny
the Widow of the late Rajah their Grievances &
who immediately sent for your Petitioner and
earnestly desired him to exert to his utmost for the
removal of the approaching disaster, as he being the
man to whom the late Rajah promised to his
death Recommended to his families, and state, and
Consequently through him several innovations
of the place has been Removed and in short she
expressed her Surprize for suing the troubles &
Committing by the said Cawn Mahomed Gaury on the

Rajahs

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Rajahs Families — In order to Remedy the fatal ill
accidents that might happen if Poysd unnoticed she
desired your Petitioner to endeavour to obtain a Summons
from his Highness the Nabob in the name of her ill
Brother Sujuley Vingama Naid for the Office of Duan-
ship to the Vencatagerry, agreable to her request upon
Petitioner addressed a Petition with the seal of the said
Vingamah Naid to his Highness the Nabob, no sooner
this News Reached to the said Cawn Mahomed, he ill
ordered to the said Vingamah Naid and the former
Buxshie into a Strict Confinement, The Ranny being
deprived of this her hope, She immediately sent
to a Slave of hers named Chinnah Subarow to the
Durbar to put her design in to execution, who ill
agreably arrived at the Durbar and by his deligence after
having Obtained a Summons from his Highness, arrived
at Calcestry, but as in interim the Countrys became
under the managment of the Honble Companys
that Summons became Invalide and the said ill
Cawn mahomed Gowry, embracing the opportunity
confined your Petitioner and all his Women
and Children and poisoned and Killed his ill
Daughter whom she was pregnant and also
his Wife, he Contrived every means to put the
Rest of his Family to Death for fear of one or other
of

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of them will watch an opportunity of pointing out his
Treacherous Conduct to the Rajah he has put upon the
Petitioner to Fortune and extorted 5,000 Pagodas from him
also Deprived him of his Pay and Land property he has
likewise abrogated the Privilege of all the Commanys
he assumed the honor of using the Elephant and A
ornament without the sanction of the Nabob or offering
the usual Nazar to his Highness on the occasion It so
happens that the Revenues of the Carnatic have
been assigned over to the Honble Company, he Collected
Nazar from the Country under pretence of his paying
the same to the Government on the occasion of his using
the Elephant and taken them for his own Benefit
he says that he left a Vakeel here who will take
proper steps to seize and send all those who may come
here to make any Complaint against him to the
Government and the Vackeel here also says that
he will seize your Petitioners son in Law who
is the bearer of this and send him up to Vencatagoory
Should the Board intertain any Doubts to the Truth
of your Petitioners above Sentions he is ready
to give every satisfactory Proofs, Provided the A
Board will be pleased to grant a Cowle to A
several Principle people who escaped from

the

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the Cruel hand of the present Dewan and
wait at the Neighborhood, this Vencatogerry
Country became desolate by his Conduct

With hopes of Justice in the
Premises your Petitioner has Taken the
Liberty of Presenting the above Circumstances
to the Board, most earnestly entreating that your
Petitioner may be called expidiously so as he may be
exempted from further Danger that may be ventured
on him by the said Dewan. —

For which Indulgence your Petitioner
as in Duty Bound

Fort S George
20th July 1791

Shall Ever Pray

Agreed that Copies of the above Letter
and Petition be sent to the Board of Revenue,
and that they be desired to cause the matter to be
investigated. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letters from his
Highness the Nabob / entered also in C.C. 1st 170. 171

From the Nabob Waulajah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 16th Zuaydah 1205 or 17th July 1791
Rec'd 20th July 1791.

From the Nabob stating that the Collectors at Tinnevelly and Madura have not attended to the orders of Government for advancing one may to his Sircars to answer part of his mo 15th — and requesting that 30000 Pagodas may be paid monthly at Tinnevelly on that account. —

I was duly favored with your Letter of the 4th
15th Shaban or 20th April last, inclosing two orders, the
one

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one addressed to the Collector at Trichinopoly, directing him to pay me here, the sum of two thousand Pagodas monthly for four months, commencing the 1st May, on account of my one fifth share – the other, to the Collector of Tinnevelly ordering him to pay me twenty thousand Pagodas monthly for which I am much obliged to you. –

My Friend notwithstanding so long a period has elapsed, Mr Andrews has not paid any thing as yet on account of the order on Trichinopoly – & Mr Powon at Tinnevelly has only paid a part of the amount of the Peishcash on him – this delay in the payment of my share destresses me much – I therefore request that you will be so kind, as give me an order for the payment of the sum of thirty thousand Pagodas monthly on account of my one fifth, at Tinnevelly, and that independent thereof what is paid to me here on account of my fifth share, you will be so good as continue the payment of that I may not experience any distress in my affairs. –

What can I write more?

Adieu translation

[Signed] Joseph Garrow

P Fr

Translation

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# Translation

## From the Nabob Waulajaw
## To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Dated 19th Zeleand 1205 Fuggy
or
21st July 1791

Recvd 21 July 1791 —

From the Nabob requesting that the Bonds he has granted to Messrs Binny and Dighton may be liquidated from the arrears due to His Highness from the Tondawelly Country. —

When the Carnatic was again placed
under my own Management after the late War,
I granted an order to my English Secretary Mr. Binny
for the payment of his Salary out of the Revenues of
the Province of Tinnivelly, But from the great
Burthen of my Public engagements, I find the
Sum paid him, has been very inconsiderable, and
that the Balance due on the 1st July last year
amounted to Star Pagodas 23,146 1/2 10, I have
to request that my Friend wide order the Sum
above stated to be discharged out of the large
outstanding Balances in the said Province for the
years 1785 to 1790

My Circar was indebted to Mr. Binny
in Balance of an account Current for his
Salary on the 30th November 1785 Pag.s 15,573 1/2
6, 40 - which it was my full intention to have
discharged after my Countries were restored —

But

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Nabob

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But for the Causes I have already mentioned, it has not been in my power — I have therefore not Granted a Bond for the Same which I hope my Friend will grant on the most ready Terms of Payment — I have also given a Bond to Mrs Dighton for 30,000 Pagodas which is just — and have to request it may be included in the same arrangement. —

What can I say more?

(Above Translation)

(Signed) Joseph Garrow
Pr Fr

Resolved that the Board of Accounts & Revenue be desired to ascertain from the Collector at Tinnevelly and Trichinopoly what Sums have been paid on his Highness's account, in consequence of the Board's Instructions to them of the 20th April last, and to communicate at the same time their Opinion in regard to the Nabob's Request for the Payment of thirty thousand Pagodas P. Mensem on account of his one fifth. —

With Respect to the Nabob's Letter in behalf of Mr Benny, it is agreed to desire the Board of Accounts & Revenue to report whether there be any outstanding Balances for the Period specified

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specified therein and of what nature. —

Read the following Letter from

Major General Medows

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member at the Presidency,

and the Gentlemen in Council

at Fort St George — Madras &c &c

Hon'ble Sir and Gentlemen

From Major General Medows expressing his Satisfaction at the Communication made to him of the State of the Treasury &c &c.

I had the honor of your's of the Fourth this morning, and have only to say in answer what satisfaction I have in the state of your Treasury — in the State of your collections in the state of your exchange, — and I think in the well judged and handsome acknowledgement of the distinguished activity and merit of Captain Read. —

Camp near Bangalore the 12th of July 1791

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Wm Medows

Governor &c &c

Minute thereon

The Board are happy to find that the several Instances mentioned in the above Letter from General Medows have met his approbation. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Dep.t
agent for the Bullock Contractors. —

To Mr. Wm Collins Jackson
Secretary to the
Military Department

Sir

From the agent for the Bullock Contractors - with an account of money advanced by the Contractors and of Bills drawn upon them on account of the late Purchase of Cattle - stating the Reasons which induce him to wish to remain at this Presidency

I have this day received your &.p
Letter of the 16.th Instant — In answering one that in
order to afford the Bullock Contractors as much
relief as possible in the present Circumstances
the Board have resolved that the Bills drawn upon
them by the Collectors in favor of the Revenue &
Treasury — for money advanced for the late
purchase of Cattle, shall stand to the Contractors
Debit, as so much money Advanced on account,
and Credit the Revenue Treasury for the &.p
Amount, until Lord Cornwallis's further
Sentiments are known on the Subject of the
Contract. —

I beg leave to observe that an
oversight has been committed in having omitted
to frame an order for payment of the Amount of
Bills drawn in favor of private persons upon
the

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the Contractors, and Money advanced by them as well as the Bills in favor of the Revenue Treasury, for the purpose of providing the Bullocks ordered by Earl Cornwallis and the Government on the 7th and 26th May and 15th June — which Government have informed the Contractors are, by order of Earl Cornwallis, to be put in charge of an Agent on behalf of the Company, and in consequence of which, the Contractors have willingly consented that the provision shall be considered made on account of Government

| | |
|---|---|
| The amount of Money advanced by the Contractors, and Private Bills drawn on them, bona fide for the purpose of providing the above Bullocks is Pag | 41,965 " 39 " 54 |
| The amount of Bills drawn in favor of the Revenue Treasury for that purpose paid by the Contractors, to be repaid to them . . . | 6707 " 15 " — |
| Amount of Bills in favor of Private Persons accepted but not yet paid | 9447 " 32 " 20 " |
| Amount of Bills in favor of the Revenue Treasury accepted but not yet Paid . . . . . | 16,650 " — " — |
| Total . . Pagodas . . . | 81771 " 2 " 74 |

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His Lordships Sentiments having
been explicitly declared as to the Bullocks Collecting
and, it being a fact ascertained upon record, as well as
from my information, that one Agent is in Charge of the
Bullocks, and more active Agents for the Company as the
Hon^ble Board will no doubt see the justice of making the
Payment requested - more Especially as an Account of the
Expenditure for the public must be rendered by the
Contractors, in this Instance, acting as agents for the
Company - The Bills that may hereafter be drawn
for the same purpose shall be regularly reported to
the Board, and presented for Payment as they become
due

You also enclose for my information
Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Hon^ble
Board, and desire that I will in Consequence take the
first safe Opportunity to proceed to the army -

It is my wish to obey his Lordships
Commands in this, as in every other Instance, but, as
securing the Supplies of Bullocks promised in my
several Letters to the Hon^ble Board demands and
greatly depends upon the most immediate and
Constant attention of my part, particularly
at this moment of reported Change of System I

apprehend

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apprehend much difficulty and delay by being removed from this Center wheel of action, and Consequently cut off, from affording that immidiate assistance which might be highly necessary to their Security. — If however, his Lordship, after being informed of these reasons, still deems my presence in Camp more necessary to the Service, than giving my attention to that object, I shall upon receiving his answer proceed immediately thither, and, in the mean time, take measures for making the Journey with as much dispatch as possible. —

I cannot but feel highly flattered by the approbation of the Honble Board to my present endeavors in behalf of the public Service, and, hope, by a steady perseverance in the faithful discharge of my duty to merit a continuation of it. —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Ch.s Cockburn
for the Contractors.

Madras
18th July 1791

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved, That the relief requested by Mr. Cockburn be extended to the whole amount of the late Purchase of Bullocks, of which he must give in an accurate Statement to the Board.

Dr.

Resolved that a Copy of Mr. Cockburn's Letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis, & that his Lordship be informed that the Board are sensible that Mr. Cockburn's attention is very much occupied in the Duties of his Department which takes in a very considerable part of the present establishment of the army — but that he will be directed to proceed to Camp at the shortest notice, if his Lordship thinks his Presence there may for a short time be dispensed with.

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster to the army.

William C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

from the Paymaster to the army stating the Cause of the Delay in the Transmission of his Accounts and Vouchers

I had the honor this day to receive your Letter of the 6th Instant. The army accounts for September, October, and November are quite ready,

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ready, as also will will December on three or four days, which with the Vouchers shall be sent by the first safe opportunity, — owing to our constant marching, & the bad state our Cattle were in, my Tumbrils were never sent to me but on halting days, therefore I had not an opportunity of getting at a single Paper, but on those days, which beg you will inform the Honble Board of, the remaining time the army is paid up to, being for January, February and March, I shall use the utmost exertions in bringing up and will if possible comply with their orders.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Camp Bangalore 12th July 1791

Yr. &c

Signed/ Geo. Hoan

Paymaster to the army

Ordered that a Copy of the above minute thereon Letter be sent to the Military Paymaster General.—

Read the following Letters from Colonel Bridges.—

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Wm C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly advising of the Invasion of the Country in the Carnatic by Tippoo

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honble Board an Extract of a Letter to Captain Parr Commanding at Carroor from Lieutenant Chalmers Commanding at Coimbatore under date the 13th Instant.—

"I have just received the following account that "there is now in Camp, on this side of the River at "Bavany, 1000 Horse, 2 Elephants 6 Guns, and 2 Cojons "of Infantry, 2 Camels loaded with Rockets. The "Guns are two 8 Pounders and four 4 Pounders.

"They intend to take Coimbatore first, if they can, and "then come to Carroor on this side. Forty of "Tippoo's Horse appeared yesterday and are gone towards "Carroor."

Captain Parr writes me that he believes the Name of the Commander of the Party is Balwant Row formerly a Renter of the Carroor District.—

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I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Thos Bridges