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12th Received the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 2d. August 1791.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department Reference to be made to General Medows on the Subject of suspending Captain Parr from his present Command.

Agreed, that the Papers which have been laid before us by the Board of Revenue, relative to the conduct of Captain Parr commanding at Carvor, be transmitted to General Medows with our Request, that he will take the necessary measures for Suspending Captain Parr from his Command and institute an Enquiry into the complaints against him, so soon it can be done without inconvenience to the public Service.

A true Extract

(Signed) Robert Clerk

Dept. Secy

Sent the following Letter to Major General Medows.

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir

The Board of Revenue having laid

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To Major General Abercrombie recommending that Captain Parr be immediately removed from his Command and brought to a Public Trial for his Conduct

We laid before us some papers transmitted to them by a Mr. George Wynch the Collector at Caroor, from which it appears that there are the strongest suspicions of a very improper conduct on the part of Captain Parr — first, in having caused to be collected under his own authority and withheld for his own Emolument the Revenues collected in the district of Pormelly — and secondly, in rescuing the Persons who had been apprehended by the Collector for the purpose of giving information on the subject, we think it our duty to submit to You the expediency of removing Captain Parr from his Command as soon as the Service will permit and of bringing him to a Public Trial for his Conduct

It is incontrovertibly proved by the concurring testimony of many persons, that the fort of Pormelly was taken possession of in the Company's Name by a party of Sepoys sent by Captain Parr from Caroor in April last; and that sums of Money have been collected from that Country, which were never brought to the Company's Credit, but were on the contrary retained by Captain Parr, or what we consider the same thing, by his Dubash, who had a

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12th principal share in the transaction. — To these charges, which were communicated to Captain Parr by the Collector, he has given the most positive contradiction of their truth — but he does not deny that he rescued the Prisoners, and for his justification of so improper an act, he has stated that they were the Relations or the Servants of his Dubash notwithstanding that the Dubash himself had been implicated in the accusations against his Master. Under these considerations, we are persuaded you will agree with us that no time should be lost in removing Captain Parr from his Command; for it would be in vain to attempt a minute investigation of the Subject on the Spot, while it is so much the Interest of the accused Person to prevent it, and while his personal influence and authority in the District are allowed to remain.

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

(Signed) Wm Petrie
John Huddleston

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Substance of Letters to the Tabob and Rajah of Calastry

Sent Letters to the Tabob and Rajah of Calastry (as entered in C. C. Nos 193-194) to the former informing him that one Serishtadar (and

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12th and one Gomastah will be allowed to remain at the Residence of each of the Collectors; and requesting to furnish a list of the Names of the Servants and the Places of their Residence — To the latter requesting his Acceptance of a Khelaat on the occasion of his having completed his Pishcush for Fusly 1200 — and informing him that two hundred Muskets will be delivered to his Order.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in the M.B. f.os 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97.

To the Board of Sayer Revenue.

To the Board of Sayer Revenue — enclosing the abovementioned Letter for the Rajah of Calastry / to be forwarded by them with a Khelaat, and a Copy for their Information. —

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Swallow.

To the Commander of the Company's Ship Swallow — enclosing a List of Troops to be conveyed on board his Ship to Negapatam — and desiring him, on his Arrival at that Place to advise Mr. Mitchell thereof, and await his Orders for his future Guidance. —

To the Resident at Tanjore & the Commandant at Trichinopoly.

To the Resident at Tanjore and the Commandant at Trichinopoly with a Return of Troops embarked on the Swallow, informing them of their Destination, and of the Orders given to the Commandant at Tanjore respecting Troops to be sent

12th sent to the Presidency on the same Vessel.

To the Commandant at Tanjore with a Return of the Troops embarked on the Swallow for Negapatam, from thence to join their Regiments at Trichinopoly and Tanjore - desiring him to send to Negapatam such of the Men of the two Companies of his Majesty's 72d Regiment now at Tanjore as are fit for Field Service, that they may be embarked on the Swallow for the Presidency.

To the Commandant at Tanjore.

To the Military Storekeeper informing him that in consequence of the Representation contained in his Letter of the 9th Instant it has been resolved to make him a further advance of three Hundred Pagodas on Account of the Provision of Tents - stating the Circumstances which induce the Board to hope that the order for stopping the further Provision of Tents, will not subject the Company to any Loss.

To the Military Storekeeper.

To the Military Board - desiring that two hundred old Muskets may be furnished from the Company's Stores upon the Application of the Rajah of Calastry.

To the Military Board.

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copies of the Invoice and Bill of Lading of Military Stores received by the Honble Company's Ship Defiance.

To the Secretary at Bengal.

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To the Hospital Board & 12th the acting Deputy Adjutant General —

To the Hospital Board — and the acting Deputy Adjutant General — enclosing Extracts of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors received by the Deptford.

To the Military Paymaster General —

To the Military Paymaster General — enclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors respecting Serjeant Morony — desiring he will state whether it be usual for persons of his Description to draw their Pay during their Leave of Absence; and to report whether any, and what Balance appears due to Morony on his Books.

13th Received the following Letters —

To

The Hon.ble the Governor in Council — Madras

Sir,

From Commodore Cornwallis acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 30th Ultimo —

I have received the Honor of Your Letter dated the thirtieth of last Month, with those enclosed, for which Favour you many Thanks

Crown & Trincomalé Harbour 10th August 1791.

I have the Honor to be with much Respect &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Cornwallis

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Collector at Tanjore - with Enclosures relating to the Matter in Dispute between the Tanjore and Arrialore Collectors - stating his Sentiments as to the Manner in which they should be settled

You will be pleased to lay before the Honble Board the enclosed Letter from Tondiman, delivered to me by his Vacquil, who is returned, on the Subject of his late Depredation on the Lands: and my Reply. - They will be pleased to observe that Tondiman justifies his Attack as being Paudu - Kavilgar of the Arrialore, and other Districts on which the the Tanjore Collectors + plundered - and that He, in his Letter, refers to a considerable Period back. - The Fact, as I understand it, is, that these Tanjour Collectors have a Grudge against the Arrialore People, as having been formerly the Paudu Kavilgar of those Districts but appearing not equal to the Task, the Paudu Kavil was assigned to Tondiman and the Tanjour Collectors take their Revenge, as is customary all over the Country, by plundering the Kavil of which they have been deprived - The Arrialore Collectors retaliate: About the time of the + Assumption of the Tanjour Country, the Tanjour

(Poligars

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13th Polygars having a considerable Balance of Plunder; Complaint was made by the Arrialoa People and by Mr. Andrews; and the Tanjore Collories thereupon Summoned to repair to Tanjore, to answer these Charges: They would not however come till Cowle was granted for their safe return, and Mr. Fallofield and I, having no better Expedient were obliged to grant them Cowle. — On their Arrival they pleaded their Right to plunder of which the Circar was entitled to a Chauth or fourth part. — They were assured that the Company would not hear of any such Revenue, and it was given under our Seal or Signature, that no such Revenue should be demanded of them. — They then affirmed that the Quantity of Cattle taken from the Arrialore People was greatly exaggerated but promised on a fair Statement to return what they had taken, and not to be guilty of the like in future. — The latter part of this agreement the Collories have tolerably observed, and as to the former about one fourth of the Cattle which they were accused of stealing, or about one half of what the acknowledged, was returned. Several Letters from Mr. Andrews produced repeated Orders from us to restore the rest; but with little

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13th or no Effect. At length the Orders arriving from the Honble Board to obtain from the Country as many Bullocks as possible for the Company's use, that time appeared unfavorable for a Restitution of Cattle, to which purport Mr. Tallofield and I wrote to Mr. Andrews; - Copy of which Letter is enclosed - Since the Demand for Cattle for the Company's Service has been over, I have procured the Restoration of small Numbers of Cattle before the News of Tondiman's Attack arrived. - Having thus detailed at Length, what has given cause to this Incursion I think it will appear, that tho' Tondiman was to blame in making his attack is without obtaining Leave from the Company, - Yet no small degree of Censure should fall on the Colleries, whose refractory Conduct gave rise to it - on which Account, tho all danger from Tondiman appears to be at an End, I have requested of Captain Glendoning that he will permit - a Lieutenant Brown to make A Circuit with his - Detachment through the Villages within 6 Miles of Singrapath, as well to shew the Colleries that they will be defended if they act with Propriety, as what they have to apprehend if they should return to their former Conduct. - With regard to

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13. settling the present Difference, no better mode occurs to me than what I have proposed to Tondiman, of having the Cattle sent hither, and the Title of the several Claimants determined after a full and fair Investigation

I have the Honor to be

Sr. Sr. Sr.

Tanjore
10th August 1791

Papers Enclosed
No. 1 Letter from Tondiman
2 Letter to Tondiman
3 Letter to Mr. Andrews
4 Letter to Captain Glendoning
5 Letter to Captain Glendoning
6 Cattle taken by Tanjore Colleries
7 Names of Tondiman Patta Kavil Villages

(signed) C. Ram

Translation

Vizia Ragonad Roya Tondiman
presents his Salams to Mr. Ram

I became acquainted with the Contents of the Letter you sent by the Hircara - You mention in the Letter that "my People have driven away the Cattle and Sheep from Patticaud which is highly improper, and to prevent the like in future, and also to send a proper Person to assign

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13th "my Reasons for this" — which is very proper the Puttiem People have driven away the Cattle and Sheep of the Inhabitants of the Villages of my Pandy Havil to the Northward, of which I complained to you, to which you said, if I gave proof of it, you would restore the Cattle to me — accordingly my People have shewn the Place where the Cattle were kept upon which you said you will order the Cattle to be restored to me, but still they were not restored — It is a Year since my Vacquil waiting on you addressed a Petition to you on that Subject, which you well know was delayed — upon this the Inhabitants of my Pandy Havil Villages went to Mr. Andrews and complained to him; — who wrote a Letter to you as well as to me to restore the Cattle to the Inhabitants for the Cultivation of the Country which was delayed on that account? —

Having sent 2 or 300 People to the Village of the Person who drove away the Cattle and Sheep from my Pandy Havil Villages and brought away a few Cattle and Sheep but not Plundered any other things. 1 or 2000 Men I did not send — only they say as they please. —

If you order them to deliver the

Cattle

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13th Cattle and Sheep which they drove away and the things they plundered from the Villages of my Pandy Kavil - I will deliver their Cattle to them - of other News you will be informed by my Vacqueel Guapatiah - I have a great reliance on your friendship in every business, and wish you may improve the Friendship and be kind to me.

What can I write more!

Translation approved by Mr Swartz

(signed) C. Ram

Mr. Ram presents his best Compliments to Tondiman. - I have received your Letter I am glad that you have ordered your People to desist from further Depredations. Your Vakeel is at present with me - It is my Desire that your People may sell none of the Bullocks or Sheep or other things which they have taken - I think it would be proper to send the Bullocks and Sheep and other things to Tanjore. They shall not be given over immediately to our Colleries but shall be kept in the large Pagoda of the little Fort - Then the Arrialore People and our own Colleries may come hither; the matter shall be

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13th enquired into; and when the Loss of each is ascer-
-tained. I will order that Restitution shall be
made to each in Proportion to their Loss. —

I hope your Vakeel will write all this
to you; but, that no mistake may be committed
I have thought it proper to write all this to
you myself. —

I wish that Friendship may always
subsist between us both. — Salam. —

L. S.

Tanjore
9th August 1791

A true Copy
(signed) G. L. Ram —

Robert Andrews Esqr.
Collector in the Districts belonging to
Tschinopoly

Sir,

We have received your favor of the 1st
Instant, accompanying two Petitions, the one from
the Ayrealore People, concerning the Bullocks stolen
from them by the Tanjore Colleries and not yet returned
The other relating to a Demand of the Corkovey of
Ayrealore on Moutia Moupen. — With regard to the
former, we are concerned that our repeated Orders to

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13th. the Collectors have had so little Effect: but as we are at present collecting Bullocks from all Quarters for the Service of the Honble Company, we think any fresh Orders at present might tend to counteract our Endeavours that way; but when we shall have gotten together as many as possible, if the Tyrealore People can prove their Property among those we shall have Collected, we will either restore them or account to the Tyrealore People for them as may appear most expedient for the Service of the Company.

With regard to the other Complaint we have ordered Moutia Mooperr to attend here and shall Examine into it the very Moment he arrives at Tanjour.

We have the Honor to be

Tanjour
5th June 1791

Sir
Your most
Obedt Servts

(Signed) Ramo & Tallofield

a true Copy
(Signed) G. Ramo.

To Captain Glendoning
Commanding at
Tanjour.

Dear Sir,

Having attentively considered Lieut. Brown's Letter to you and me, I think it might (the

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13. be of considerable Service for him to move Leisurely through the Villages in the Neighbourhood of Singrapat that they may all see that their Protection was not neglected — The application of the Puttuckee immediately to Mr. Brown appears to me improper and I shall write to him accordingly — I likewise think it would be improper to Divide the regular Sepoys But Mr. Brown will be so kind as to suffer as many of the Sibendies as the Puttuckees may have occasion for, for the Purpose of the Collection to attend him

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) G. A. Ram

A true Copy
(Signed) G. Ram

Tanjore
9th August 1791

To Captain Clendoning
Commanding at
Tanjour

Dear Sir,

In answer to your Letter of Yesterday I send you a Diagram shewing the Bearing and Distance of the principal Villages for 6 miles round Singrapatt — The outermost Circuit contains a Distance of about 25 Miles a middle Circuit would be about 12 or 13 — Mr. Brown's Presence would

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13th. be of most Service on the Southside: but I think the particular Villages he marches through should be left to his Discretion and Local Information.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Tanjour
10th. August 1791.

A true Copy (signed) G. Ram

(signed) J. A Ram

The Inhabitants of the other side of Colleroon declare - That Vesinganaud Colleries have - Plundered from their Villages the following viz. Articles Viz.t.

	Numbers
Cattle	1394
Sheep	710
Horse	1
Bell Dishes	2
Brass Tumblers	3
Women Clothes	2
White Do.	9
Chumblys	4

What the Collaries are to pay according to Chokanada Kanagah Kavalgar of Pesumbalore -

Cattle	669
Sheep	490
Horse	1. -

Delivered to the Inhabitants

Cattle	347
Sheep	359
Horse	1

Remain

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13 Remain to be delivered

	Numbers
Cattle	332
Sheep	131

Tanjour
23d. March 1791

Names of Paudu Kavil Districts of Tondiman given by his Vacquil

Tinkinopoly Districts

Some Villages in the District of Tinkinopoly
Do. Do. Trichinopoly
Do. Do. Viralore
Do. Do. Tiruvagoor
Do. Do. Terruvady
Do. Do. Clangad

Tanjour Country

Nine Nauds
Amumpatti
Vellum
Some Villages in the Soubah of Managody
Do. Do. District of Puddocatah
Do. Do. Do. Ardangum
Do. Do. Do. Keilaundelly
Do. Do. Do. Vellampatti
Adirampatam Mootopatta and some Villages on the Sea Coast

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council

Sir,

(Works)

The Commandant at Poonamallee having represented to us the absolute necessity of repairs to the Hospital and Cookroom in order to

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From the Military Board - with an Estimate of Repairs requires to the Hospital and Cookroom at Poonamallee

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13th The immediate Reception of the Sick in that Garrison
We beg leave to submit to you an Estimate of
their Expence, amounting to Pagodas 864.25.57
and to request your Permission for their being
undertaken as soon as possible
We have the Honor to be

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12th August 1791

Yr. Yr. Yr.

(signed) "Tho.s Musgrave
"J. Capper
"Geo.e Maule
"George Hall

To the Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council

Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir,

From the Contractor for Gun Carriages with an account of Timber in Possession of the Nabob fit for making up Gun Carriages.

Having obtained the following account
of Timber in possession of his Highness the Nabob,
I take the liberty of laying it before the Board

110 Large Beams
31 Large Masts
11 Cross Beams (Yards)
100 Junditer Wood

This is the only Timber at present in
(Madras

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13v. Madras that will do for the construction of Gun Carriages: When his Highness is informed that 32 of the 110 Beams above-mentioned will compleat the Battering Train there is scarcely any reason to doubt of his ordering that quantity to be spared during the present exigency.

W. Petrie and myself will be answerable for returning an equal quantity of equal Quality on the arrival of the Pegu Ships; and we are assured that the Timber in question is not immediately wanted at the Durbar - his Highness's Buildings, which are under the Direction of Colonel Ross, being discontinued, during the absence of that Gentleman in Camp.

I am with great Respect.

Yr. Hble. Servt.

(Signed) Mich.l Topping.

Madras
12th August 1791

14 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102 103. 104.

To Wm. Thomas Cockburn - directing him to take Charge of, and deliver to W. Cherry, sundry Packages containing four Gold Watches and two Telescopes. - - - - - - - - -

To Wm Thomas Cockburn.

To

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To the Persian Translator to the Governor General | N.

To the Persian Translator to the Governor General informing him of the Number of Articles given in Charge to Mr. Cockburn, to be delivered to him, upon his Arrival in Camp. —

To Major General Musgrave.

To Major General Musgrave informing him that the Swallow is ready to receive on board the Recruits for his Majesty's 72d. Regiment — and that the necessary orders have been given for her bringing back the Men of the 72d. Regiment who are to join the Army — informing him, also, — that it is intended to embark one hundred of the Bengal Cavalry on the Northumberland. —

To Do.

To Do. enclosing Extracts of two Letters from the Adjutant General respecting the Draughts to be made from the 2ns. and 3rs. Battalions of European Infantry to complete the 4th. — —

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Northumberland

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Northumberland informing him that a Detachment consisting of one hundred Native Troops will be in readiness to embark on his — Ship for Bengal on the 15th. Instant. —

To the Commandant at Palamcotah

To the Commandant at Palamcotah, informing him that as the General Order of the 16th. July did not refer to the Extra Battalion of Revenue Troops, which was raised by express Instructions from

Government

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1st. Government, it is to be understood as being still on the Establishment.~

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.~

To the Board of Assumed Revenue communicating the Circumstance mentioned in the Letter to the Commandant at Palamcotah and enclosing Copy of the original order of the 21st. November 1790 for raising the extra Revenue Corps.~

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

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Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C.C. N.º 195) informing him that as Lord Cornwallis has stated that he is not in immediate Want of the Gun Carriages, for the making of which the Loan of Timber was requested, the Board cannot think of putting His Highness to the Inconvenience of parting with it.

Sent the following Letters

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir

To Major General Medows the Board wish to postpone the Publication of the arrangement recommended by him until the Arrival of the Complete Lists of Cadets appointed by the Court of Directors – stating that the Board are ignorant of any appointments having been made to the Cavalry Artillery or Engineers.~ – –

It is with much Pleasure we inform you that by a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors received a short time ago, we are advised, that all the Appointments made in India during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell have been confirmed, which brings the date, after which all Appointments are to be annulled, to the 7th February 1789

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15th. 1789 — This will make a material Change in the State of the Officers on the Coast belonging to the Effective List, which we have received by your Order from Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm in a Letter dated the 5th. Instant, and with the Circumstance of our not having received any Lists of the Cadets appointed by the Court for the last three Years, must, we apprehend, oblige us to postpone, for the present, the Publication of the Order recommended by you. — In the Arrangements to be made upon the Arrival of the Lists from England, we shall most carefully attend to your Observations on the Subject, and shall not fail to communicate in our next Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors, the Opinion you entertain in regard to the Situation of the young Men whose appointments have been — annulled.

Upon the Part of Colonel Malcolm's Letter, which states your Wish, that no Officer or Cadet should be ordered to serve with the — Cavalry, Artillery, or Engineers, without your — previous Concurrence, we must observe, that we have not, in any Instance since our Arrival, — appointed to any Corps but to the Infantry, except in the case of Mr. Pittman, who was appointed

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15.o to the Engineer Corps by the Court of Directors ~
If appointments have been made, of the Nature
mentioned by Colonel Malcolm, they have neither
been reported hous, nor our Sanction obtained
for them. ~

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

{ W.m Petrie
{ John Hudleston

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

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

My Lord,

Major General Musgrave having
informed us that it was your Lordship's desire that
the Recruits for the 72d Regiment & for the first
Battalion of European Infantry should be sent
by sea to the Southward and that such of the
Men of the two Companies of the 72d Regiment
as were fit for field Service should be ordered
to join the Army, we have in consequence
employed the Swallow on this Service, She
sailed this Morning with the Recruits
for Negapatam, and we have directed

{ Captn

To Lord Cornwallis -
Recruits for the 72d Regiment
sent to Negapatam on the
Swallow - 2 Men of the
same Regiment now at Tanjore
that are fit for Field Service
ordered to embark for the
Presidency. ~

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15th. Captain Curtis to bring back the Drafts from the two Companies of the 72d. Regiment

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

(signed) Wm. Petrie
John Hudleston

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. —

From the Commandant of Chandernagherry

From Captain Massey - expressing his Surprize that the Nave Soobah had not yet arrived at Chandernagherry - and desiring to be informed if any further Supply of Bullocks is required for the use of the Army. —

From the Commandant at Pondicherry

From the Commandant at Dindigul enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Mr. Vaughan on the subject of delivering up the Buildings adjoining to the Palace in the lower Fort.

From the Commissary General of Grain Provisions

From the Commissary General of Grain &c Provisions - stating that the Garrison Store Keeper had refused to deliver Grain to him, according to the established rule of the Service (viz.) that the Servants of each Department

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15 Department should measure half.

From the Agent for Captain Rattray

From the Attorney of Captain Rattray of the Bengal Detachment.

requesting that three of the followers belonging to his Constituent, who have returned disabled from the Army, may be accommodated with a Passage to Bengal on one of the Indiamen of the Season.

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board - enclosing an Indent for Medicines received from Mr. Laird Surgeon of the Bengal Detachment

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General - requesting to be informed of the Board's Intention respecting the Recruits Lately arrived for His Majesty's 75th. Regiment.

From the Commandant at Dendigul

From the Commandant at Dindigul

expressing his Concern at the Board's Imputation of a Neglect of Orders - stating that during a twelve Months Residence at Dendigul he has never had the most trifling Dispute either with Mr. M.Leod or Mr. Vranghan, and that he hopes the Board will therefore impute to Mr Vaughans Conduct the want of Accommodation between them.

From the Paymaster at Madura &c

From the Paymaster at Madura &c

expressing his Concern that the Style of his Letter of the 27th. Ultimo should have appeared in the smallest Degree disrespectful.

From

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Fort St George. August 1791.—

From the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Swallow. 15.

From the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Swallow— stating that forty seven Men have been sent on board his Ship above the Number specified in the Embarkation Return.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123.—

To the acting Deputy Adjutant General.

To the acting Deputy Adjutant General directing him to explain why so many Men have been sent on board the Swallow above the Number specified in the Embarkation Return.—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board approving the Estimates enclosed in their Letters of the 6th and 12th Instant and desiring them to give Instructions to the Contractors for Repairs to furnish a Dressing Table for the Medicine Dispensary at Poonamallee.—

To Lieutenant Den Taaffe.

To Lieutenant Den Taaffe informing him that Lord Cornwallis has desired he should return to St Helena by the first opportunity, in Compliance with the Request of the Government of that Island.—

To the Paymaster at Madura &c.

To the Paymaster at Madura enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Bowser, and informing him, that unless he can satisfactorily explain his Reason for refusing Payment of the Bill countersigned by that Officer, he will most assuredly be

removed

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15th removed from his Station.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — informing him that all the Grain lodged in the Barracks at Poonamalee must be removed, in order that the Quarters may be in readiness for the Reception of the Recruits shortly expected to arrive from England.

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave — informing him that orders have been given for removing the Grain from the Barracks at Poonamalee, and that General Meadows has recommended Lieutenant Walker to be Quarter Master to the 2d Battalion of European Infantry

To the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships Lord Camden & Manship

To the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships Lord Camden and Manship informing them that it is intended to send one hundred Native Troops to Bengal on the Ships under their command

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave informing him of the Board's Intention to embark One hundred of the Bengal Cavalry on each of the Honble Company's Ships Lord Camden and Manship.—

To the Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore — desiring him to furnish the Acting Paymaster at Paliganicherry with such Money as he may occasionally require for the Troops paid by him; and to urge to the Rajah the Necessity of making punctual

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From the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Swallow.

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From the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Swallow — stating that forty seven Men have been sent on board his Ship above the Number specified in the Embarkation Return. —

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.B. N^os 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. —

To the Acting Deputy Adjutant General.

To the Acting Deputy Adjutant General directing him to explain why so many Men have been sent on board the Swallow above the Number specified in the Embarkation Return. —

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — approving the Estimates enclosed in their Letters of the 6th and 12th Instant — and desiring them to give Instructions to the Contractors for Repairs to furnish a Dressing Table for the Medicine Dispensary at Poonamallee. —

To Lieutenant Den Taaffe.

To Lieutenant Den Taaffe — informing him that Lord Cornwallis has desired he should return to St Helena by the first opportunity, in Compliance with the Request of the Government of that Island. — —

To the Paymaster at Madura &c. —

To the Paymaster at Madura — enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Bowser, and informing him, that unless he can satisfactorily explain his Reason for refusing Payment of the Bill counter-signed by that Officer, he will most assuredly be

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15th removed from his Station.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - informing him that all the Grain lodged in the Barracks at Poonamalee must be removed, in order that the Quarters may be in readiness for the Reception of the Recruits shortly expected to arrive from England.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Major General Musgrave - informing him that orders have been given for removing the Grain from the Barracks at Poonamalee, and that General Meadows has recommended Lieutenant Walker to be Quarter Master to the 2d Battalion of European Infantry

To Major General Musgrave

To the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships Lord Camden and Manship informing them that it is intended to send one hundred Native Troops to Bengal on the Ships under their Command

To the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships Lord Camden & Manship

To Major General Musgrave informing him of the Board's Intention to embark one hundred of the Bengal Cavalry on each of the Honble Company's Ships Lord Camden and Manship.

To Major General Musgrave

To the Resident at Travancore - desiring him to furnish the Acting Paymaster at Paliguatcherry with such Money as he may occasionally require for the Troops paid by him; and to urge to the Rajah the Necessity of making punctual

To the Resident at Travancore

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15th punctual Payments to his Troops in the present Situation of affairs.

To the Acting Paymaster at Paliguatcherry informing him of the Instructions given to Mr Powney and desiring him to apply to the Collector at Tinnevelly in case Mr Powney should not be able to comply with his Indents for Cash.

To the Acting Paymaster at Paliguatcherry.

Received Letter from the Acting Deputy Adjutant General as entered in Mil B. No. 124 enclosing a corrected Return of the Troops embarked on the Swallow; and explaining the Reason why so many Men were sent on Board above the Number mentioned in the former Return.

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil B. No. 125-126.

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Swallow enclosing a corrected Return of the Troops to embark on his Ship for Negapatam.

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Swallow.

To the Resident at Nagore and the Commandants at Tanjore and Trichinopoly enclosing corrected Returns of the Troops embarked on the Swallow.

To the Resident at Nagore & the Commandants at Tanjore & Trichinopoly

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At a Consultation

Present

William Petrie Esqr.

&

John Hudleston Esqrs.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. absent indisposed

Tuesday 16th August 1791

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

The Commissary General of Grain and Provisions having stated that the best Route for the ten thousand Carriage Bullocks intended for Major General Abercrombys Army, (see Lord Cornwallis's Letter in Consultation the 26th Ultimo) is through the Travancore Country, where the Season and Forage are favorable, and the Road safe, it is resolved that they proceed accordingly, and that it be left to the Discretion of Colonel Bridges to determine whether the Troops from Trichinopoly shall escort the Bullocks through the Travancore Country, or proceed direct by Paligautcherry to the Lines.—

Arrangements agreed upon respecting the Route for the Bullocks intended for General Abercrombys Army

Agreed

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The Detail to be left to the Collector at Tinnevelly

Agreed that the Detail of the Business be left to the Collector at Tinnevelly, who will take the necessary Measures for ensuring the Arrival of the Bullocks at the Travancore Lines by the End of September.

Application to be made to the Rajah of Travancore on the Subject of facilitating the Passage of the Cattle through his Country

Agreed that the Rajah of Travancore be desired to allow a free passage to the Cattle through his Country — to give the most positive Orders to his Servants to provide Fodder, and to pay attention to such Requisitions as may be made by the Collector at Tinnevelly.

Communication to be made to Major General Abercromby on the above mentioned Subject

Agreed that Major General Abercromby be informed that the Board hope the Bullocks will reach Paligautcherry by the End of September that they will proceed from that place under an Escort of one, or if it be deemed necessary, two Battalions of Sepoys, by such Route as he may think advisable — and that it will be expedient, in consequence of the great Scarcity of Bullock Drivers in the Carnatic, to take Measures at Tellicherry for entertaining as many as can be procured.

Read the following Letters from Lord Cornwallis

From Lord Cornwallis respecting Vessels sailing in Europe with Military Stores for Bengal Platform Carts to be sent to Bombay with such of the Cloathing & Camp Equipage as is ready. Draughts to be taken from the 2d & 3d European Battalions to complete the 1st

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

Sir,

General Abercromby has sent me a Copy

of

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of a Letter which he has received from Lord Grenville, communicating information he had received that the American Ship Enterprize was taking Military Stores on board at Ostend for the use of Tippoo and that several Vessels were fitting out in different Ports in Europe that were said to be destined to carry similar Supplies to him.

I have enclosed a Copy of Lord Grenvilles Letter to the Commodore, and as I am very anxious that he should receive it as early as possible I must beg that you will be so Kind as to request in my Name of the Senior Officer of his Majestys Ships in the Roads to forward it to him with the greatest dispatch.

I shall be obliged to you if you will order all the Platform Carts that are Ready, to be forwarded immediately to Amboor so that we may get them up to the Army with the next Convoy from that place, and that you will direct the Cloathing and Camp Equipage that may be ready, to compose part of their Lading.

The 4th. European Regiment is already so weak as not to be able to do the common Camp duties and a considerable Proportion of its present Strength consists of Men who have served their time, and as they do not seem disposed to re-enlist will probably leave us in a few days. Many Men of that Regimt. were left sick at Trichinopoly, who should in my Opinion be transferred to the 1st. Regiment and

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as it can answer no good purpose to send Recruits just arrived from Europe into the Field, the 4th Regiment may be completed by drafts from the 2d and 3d and these Drafts replaced by the Recruits of this Season—

I shall be obliged to you if you will speak to General Musgrave on this Subject, and to request his attention particularly to the necessity of sending Serviceable Men to complete the 4th Regiment

I am with great Regard and Esteem

Camp
7 Miles South of Oussore
4th August 1791

&c. &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis that Lord Grenville's Communication to Major General Abercromby was conveyed to the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis immediately upon the Receipt of it by the Board

Agreed that Major General Musgrave be desired to pay particular attention to the Mode of completing the 4th Battalion of European Infantry, stated in the foregoing Letter.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bt

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis—
Appoge Ram Y Pelcil
Pice Khan Vackeels from
Seppoo arrive at Singapore
acknowledges Receipt of
the Board's Letter respecting
Mehdey Ale Khan

I consented a short time ago, at the earnest recommendation, or rather warm instances of Nuncy Punt, as well as to avoid any imputation of being averse to an accommodation, a Sentiment so contrary to my own disposition and the good of my Country,

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to receive a Vakeel from Tippoo, who should make propositions to us on the part of his Master for terminating the present War, and we were yesterday informed that Appagee Ram who had been mentioned in Tippoo's Letter, and a Mussulman named Deliel Diel Khan, of the Family of the late Soubah of Sera, had arrived at Sengepore, and waited for our directions for their further procedure. —

Hurry Punt has acquiesced in my opinion that they should for the present reside at Oussore, to which Place we shall send Confidential Persons to hear their Proposals —

Tippoo is certainly very desirous of Peace but yet I can hardly hope that he will offer such Terms as we can with Safety and Honor accept. It will give me great pleasure to inform you that I have been mistaken. —

This day received a Letter from the Board dated the 31st Ult.o respecting Mehdey ali Khan the answer to which I have anticipated. I shall immediately send Instructions to Captain Read on the Subject

I am with great Regard and Esteem

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

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp
7 Miles from Oussore
7th August 1791 —

The Board are much obliged by his Lordship's

Minute thereon

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Lordship's Communication of the arrival of Appajee Ram at Sorgepore.

Mr. Petrie requests the Opinion of the Board upon the following Letter which he has received from Paupiah Braminy.

To William Petrie Esqr.

One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Town of Madraspatnam

The Humble Petition of Suvadanem Paupia Braminy of Madras Merchant

Most Humbly Sheweth

From Paupiah to Mr Petrie in his Capacity of Justice of the Peace requesting that he may be allowed to wait upon him to give Information on the subject of his present illegal Confinement.

That Your Petitioner being, as he conceives, illegally Confined is desirous of giving in his Information before You as the Monthly Magistrate upon oath; therefore humbly prays that he may be allowed to attend Your Worship to give in such his Information, and that You will be pleased to give the necessary orders for that purpose.

And Your Petr as in Duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

16th August 1791

Signed Paupia Braminy

Ordered to lie on the Table until Sir Charles Oakeley is able to attend the Board.

Lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to inform you that

From the Board of Assumed Revenue — instructions required as to the value to be fixed for the Poligar Peishcush in Puddicotah and the Mode of accounting for the Balance due from the Poligars of that Place — recommending that the Charity ate Tedaimmpd be maintained from the Company's Collections, & that the Cittar Gardens in the Tanjore Country be given up to the Rajah requesting that a communication may be made to them of all orders issued to Collectors respecting Cash — and that the Tanjore Collectors may not have any Intercourse with the Rajah — opinion on the Rajah's offer to rent the Suncums —

there is a small difference of Chuckrums 1,654.2 — 35. between the Collector's valuation of the Poligar Peishcush in Puddecotah, and that of the Rajah's. As the Collection of this Peishcush was restored as a mark of attention to his Excellency; and as the Nabob has acceded to our Statements of the — Districts, which have been delivered up to his — Highness, We beg to recommend that, if his — Excellency consent to receive the Peishcush upon Mr. Fallofield's Valuation, it be given up to him; but that, if he persist in his own Valuation it be retained under the Company's Management.

— We have also the honor of acquainting you that there is an outstanding Balance due from these Poligars for Fusly 1199, amounting to Chuckrums 7,299 — 8 — 10. We therefore — recommend either that the above Sum be — deducted from the Rajah's Proportion in the event of the Poligars being placed under his authority or, should his Excellency not consent to such

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Lordship's Communication of the arrival of Appajee Ram at Sergepore.

Mr. Petrie requests the Opinion of the Board upon the following Letter which he has received from Paupiah Braminy.

To William Petrie Esqr.

One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Town of Madraspatnam

The Humble Petition of Sewadanum Paupia Braminy of Madras Merchant

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And Your Petr as in Duty bound

Shall ever Pray

Madras 16th August 1791

(signed) Paupia Braminy

Ordered to lie on the Table until Sir Charles Oakeley is able to attend the Board.

Lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to inform you that

From the Board of Revenue — on assumed Revenue — & instructions required as to the value to be fixed for the Poligar Peishcush in Puddicotah and the mode of accounting for the Balance due from the Poligars of that Place — recommending that the Charity the Pedarampd be maintained from the Company's Collections, & that the Cittur Gardens in the Tanjore Country be given up to the Rajah requesting that a communication may be made to them of all orders issued to Collectors respecting Lands and that the Tanjore Collectors may not have any Intercourse with the Rajah — opinion on the Rajah's offer to rent the Suncums —

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We have also the honor of acquainting you that there is an outstanding Balance due from these Poligars for Fusly 1199, amounting to Chuckrums ₹ 299.8.10. We therefore recommend either that the above Sum be deducted from the Rajah's Proportion in the event of the Poligars being placed under his authority or, should his Excellency not consent to such

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a deduction, that he be required to afford Mr. Fallofield the most effectual assistance in recovering the balance.—

We enclose for the Information of the Honble Board, Copy of a Letter from Mr. Fallofield, upon the subject of a Charity at Nedamungel which was included in the Sircar Lands during last Years owing to a Mistake of the Collectors in not sufficiently explaining the Nature of it.—As we have cautiously refrained from interrupting any religious Foundations, and as this appears to be entirely a Charitable Institution, we beg to recommend that it may be maintained as usual without any Deduction from the Rajah's Proportion.—

We have been informed by the Collator that the Gardens applied for by the Rajah do not exceed 5000 Chuckrums in Produce. As this is so small a Consideration, and as all Grounds of this Description have been restored without Deduction to the Nabob, and, as we presume that the Rajah's Situation with regard to the Company is considered on the same footing, we take the Liberty of recommending that his Excellency's Gardens and Grounds be given up upon the same terms.

Mr. Fallofield having informed us

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That he has received an order from Mr. Secretary White to send 8000 Pagodas monthly to the Resident at Cuddalore, We beg leave to recommend that, whenever your Honble Board may find it expedient to issue orders to any of the Collectors for the payment of Money, information be transmitted to us, in order to avoid all Confusion in the Accounts.

As the Collectors in the Tanjore Country are no longer vested with the powers of Resident, it appears to us irregular that they should have any Communication or Discussion with the Rajah. We have before us frequent instances of this occurrence which has never taken place in the Nabobs Department; and, as all matters of this kind must ultimately be referred to the Presidency for Decision, we beg leave to suggest that Mr. Swartz be requested to correspond immediately with Government.

We have the Honor to inform you that the Tanjore Customs, for which the Rajah has also made application, have been rented out for Chuckrums 62,000; and if your Honble Board have no objection to indulge his Excellency in this Request, we apprehend no Inconvenience from the Sunnams being placed in his Excellency's hands, provided that amount be deducted from his Proportion of the ensuing Year.

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

Fort St. George
12th August 1791

(Signed) David Haliburton
Wm Balfour.

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Mr Fallofield having informed us

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4119 Fort St. George 16th August 1791

That he has received an order from Mr. Secretary White to send 6000 Pagodas monthly to the Resident at Cuddalore, We beg leave to recommend that, whenever your Honble Board may find it expedient to issue orders to any of the Collectors for the payment of Money, information be transmitted to us, in order to avoid all Confusion in the Accounts.

As the Collectors in the Tanjore Country are no longer vested with the powers of Resident, it appears to us irregular that they should have any Communication or Discussion with the Rajah. We have before us frequent instances of this occurrence which has never taken place in the Nabob's Department; and, as all matters of this kind must ultimately be referred to the Presidency for Decision, we beg leave to suggest that Mr. Swartz be requested to correspond immediately with Government.

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

Fort St. George
12th August 1791

(Signed) David Haliburton
Wm Balfour.

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William Petrie Esqr.

President and the Members of the Board
of Assumed Revenue

Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

In consequence of your Commands addressed to Mr Ram and myself under date the 31st Ultimo relative to the Surwamanium at Nedamungel, the Lands thereof being situated in the Soubah of Mannargoody, which is included in the Eastern Division; I shall beg your Indulgence to say a few words on this Subject.

From the best Information I have been able to obtain, these Lands were granted to Yamana Baie Saib, the Wife of the Rajah Pentaell Sing, originally as a Surwamanium for the use of the Pagoda at Nedamungel and a Chotrium or Charity-house, and the Revenues thereof were consequently appropriated by her to that Pagoda, and to the Maintenance of a Number of poor Bramins; which kind of Public Grants or Charities, I understand, the Circar never resumes. Yamana Baie Saib, however, retained the Management of the Lands, appointed Persons to collect the produce, and others to superintend the Charity &c. after her Death. Rajacomeramba Baie Saib, the second

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Wife of the late Rajah, took upon herself to receive the Rents, and appointed People to Superintend the Charity &c.a she likewise dying, it was a point in dispute between his Excellency the Rajah and Mohanal Bare Saib, one of the Wives of the late Rajah, which of them should have the Superintendence of this Swvamanium, which remained undetermined til the assumption of the Country. As you have been pleased to declare that all Charitable Institutions are to be preserved and supported in like manner as when the Country was entirely under the Rajah's Management, I think it my duty to observe that if you should be pleased to continue the same allowance as formerly for this Charity / provided it shall not Exceed the neat Revenue from the Lands of Needamungel, which I have estimated for the present Phazely Year at 7066 Chuckr. / it would afford particular Satisfaction to his Excellency and be very agreable to the People in general. From a Letter addressed by the Rajah to Mr. Swartz, which Mr. Ram and myself had the honor to forward to you with our Letter of the 15th Ultimo, as also from a Letter sent by his Excellency to Mr. Swartz / Extract from which I have the honor to enclose / it should seem that his Excellency is desirous that the Superintendence of the Charity (if not the exclusive Management of the Lands of Needamungal / should be vested in him. On these Points I shall not

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presume to offer any Opinion, but would humbly recommend that as all other Survamanium Pensions and Charities have been confirmed, this of Neddamungal may be continued likewise. I beg leave to add that it gives me great concern that your Board should have been misled with respect to the Nature of this Charity, for want of a clear explanation being given at the proper Time.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Yr. Yr.

(signed) E. W. Fallofield

(A true Copy (signed) J. Webbe Secy.)

Tanjore
16th August 1791

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.—

Agreed that the Reverend Mr. Swartz be desired to obtain the Rajah's Sentiments regarding the Collectors Valuation of the Poligar Peishcush in Pudukotta and the outstanding Balance due from the Poligars in that Part of the Tanjore Country for Fasly 1199.—

Agreed, at the Recommendation of the Board of Assumed Revenue, that the Charity at Neddamungal be given up to the Rajah's Superintendence, and that it be maintained as usual, without any Deduction from his Excellency's Proportion.—

The Board have already given their Opinion respecting the Circar Gardens and Tanjore Customs,—that the former should be given up, but the latter retained.—

As it appears from the foregoing Letter that the Collectors in the Tanjore Country have

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upon several occasions had irregular Communications with the Rajah, the Board deem it highly — expedient to prevent it in future, but as the Representation of the Board of Assumed Revenue does not enable them to form a proper Judgment of the nature of the Interference, and, as it has been imputed indiscriminately to both Collectors it is Agreed to direct that Board to specify the Instances to which they allude. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Political & Military Departments
of Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Adjutant General Lieut.t Colonel Dupont to be invalided and to command the Troops at Cuddalore —

I am commanded by General Medows to transmit to you, in order to be laid before the Board the enclosed attested Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Lieut.t Colonel John Dupont of Infantry

I am also directed by the General to signify his Recommendation to the Board to place Lieut.t Colonel Dupont on the Invalid List at his own request after a Service of upwards of one and twenty Years, & afterwards to appoint him to the Command of the Troops at Cuddalore vice Hughes deceased, as he conceives Lieutenant Colonel Dupont's Length of Service gives him a Claim to that + Mention

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Attention from Government

Head Quarters
two Miles E of Belagoontapilly
6th August 1791.—

I have the Honor to be &c. &c. &c.
(signd) Henry Malcolm.—
Adjt. Genl. of the Army—

(Copy)

To His Excellency Major General Medows
Governor and Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir;

It gives me concern to represent to your Excellency that after a series of Services amounting to a Period of upwards of twenty-one Years, I now find myself unequal to the Execution of the active Duties attendant on Field Service.—

And have in consequence to request your Excellency to have me removed with my Rank to the Invalid List, when I trust I may yet possess the means of proving myself useful, tho' in a less active manner, to my honorable Employers.—

And while I prefer this Request to your Excellency, I have likewise to intreat the aid of your Influence to have me placed in a Command of a Station suitable to my Rank and the Length & Merits of my Services.—

I have the Honor to be
Yr. &c. &c. &c.
(signd) John Dupont Lieut. Colo.

Camp.—
6th August 1791

(a true Copy)
(signd) Henry Malcolm.—
Adjt. Genl. of the Army—

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel John Dupont be invalided, at his own Request, and appointed to the Command of the Troops at Cuddalore, vice Hughes deceased.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Political and Military Departments of Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Adjutant General Lieutenant Taafe to return to St Helena the Detachment from that Island to be incorporated with the Coast Army — Lieutenant Andrew Meadows to be Quarter Master of the 1st Brigade and Lieutenant Walker of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry.

Lord Cornwallis desires me to request of you to acknowledge his having received the Board's Letter of the 4th Instant covering the Copy of one from Lieutenant Taafe of the St. Helena Establishment, and to beg you will make known to the Board that his Lordship thinks it will be proper to direct Lieutenant Taafe to return to St. Helena by the first opportunity in compliance with the request of the Government of the Island, and also to order the St. Helena Detachment to be incorporated with the Coast Army, after which they will be draughted into the Artillery and Infantry Corps.—

I am also desired by General Meadows to request you will inform the Board, that he has given Instructions to Major General Musgrave to draught the St. Helena Detachment into the Artillery and Infantry Battalions as soon the Men forming it are ordered to be part of the Coast Establishment, after which the Infantry part will be placed on the Strength of the 2d and 3d Battalions, and the Artillery

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part be included in the Divisions of the two Battalions of Artillery which will be ordered to join their Corps in Camp from the Mount.

General Medows likewise requests that you will lay before the Board his Recommendation of Lieutenant Andrew Macdowal to be Quarter Master of the 1st. Brigade, vice Cuppage promoted, and to serve with the Army in the Field, — and — Lieutenant Joseph Walker to be Quarter Master to the 2d. Battalion of European Infantry, vice, Macleod deceased.

Head Quarters Camp
9 Miles S.W. from Oussore
9th. August 1791

I have the honor to be
Vr. a Vr. a &a.
(signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Minute thereon —

Agreed that the appointments specified in the foregoing Letter be published in General Orders

Read the following Letter from Mr. Samuel Johnston. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Senior Member in Council &c. &c.

Honorable Sirs.

Fort St. George

From Mr. Samuel Johnston renewing his request for Permission to proceed to Europe. —

I had the honor of addressing you the 29th. Ult. the Committee the 30th. and the Comptroller General the 31st. to the Contents of which I beg leave to refer Your Honorable Board

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I take the Liberty of observing to you, that the Nature of my Claims upon the Company, and those stated by You against me, differ so materially, that I cannot devise any Mode in which they can be Accommodated here; Your Honorable Board will have no difficulty in believing that I am extremely anxious to have these Concerns brought to a termination, and you will also suppose, that it is natural for me to look with some Anxiety to the Circumstance of being Restored to the Service; on these Considerations, I hope you will think me warranted in the Renewal of my Request, for Your Permission to proceed to Europe: I have the honor to be, with great Respect

Honorable Sirs,

Your most obed.t and very hble Serv.t

(Signed) Sam.l Johnston

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8th August 1791

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Mr. Johnston that he cannot have permission to proceed to Europe, until he has complied with the Regulations of the Service founded on the Orders of the Company, which direct "that applications "from the Civil Servants of the Company for Leave to proceed "to Europe shall be accompanied by a Certificate, signed "by the Accountant General, Comptroller General, and Civil "Auditor, that the Company have no pecuniary Claims "on any account upon such Servants, or that full and "Satisfactory Security has been given for discharging what- "ever amount may be declared by Government to be due "from those Gentlemen to the Company". —

Agreed

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Fort St. George 16th August 1791

Agreed also to inform Mr. Johnston that as soon as he has discharged the Balance due by him to the Honorable Company, and delivered in the Certificates abovementioned, or given undeniable security for the payment of the Balance in two Months, he will have the Board's Permission to return to Europe — but that, until then, he is not to consider himself as having the Leave or Sanction of Government for quitting the Country

Read the following Letter from the Aid de Camp to the Governor General —

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Madras Government
Military Department

Sir,

From the Aid de Camp to the Governor General respecting the Indents for Medicines of the Surgeon of the Bengal Detachment —

Mr. Laird Head Surgeon to the Bengal Troops has transmitted an Indent for Medicines to his Attornies, which on being presented, Lord Cornwallis requests the Madras Government will be pleased to order the Medical StoreKeeper to comply with Mr. Laird's Attornies paying for the same at the Prime Cost of the Articles, with an advance of 10 ₱ Cent. thereon conformable to the Regulations in force in Bengal

Camp 6th August 1791

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Ge. Robinson
A. de C.

Ordered

4829 Fort St. George 16th August 1791

Ordered that Medicines be issued by the Superintendent to the Surgeons of the Bengal Detachment upon Payment being made for the same at the Prime Cost of the Articles with an advance of ten pr. Cent thereon.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Collector at Trichinopoly.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of your Letter of the 23d. ult.o which Ultimo, which was duly received, I have been making the necessary Enquiries to ascertain whether the Proprietors of Bullocks would enter into Agreements for the transporting of Grain or Stores from one given Place to another. The many People whom I have questioned on the Subject are averse to such Mode, and do not wish to Employ their Bullocks otherwise than at a Monthly hire and pay for their Drivers

From the Collector at Trichinopoly the owners object to lend their Bullocks otherwise than at a Monthly hire

I am &c. &c.

Trichinopoly
9th August 1791.

(Signed) R. Andrews.
Collector

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table until the Letters from Palygautcherry and Coimbatore on the same Subject are received.

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Fort St. George 16th August 1791

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob (entered also in C. C. N.o 196.)

From the Nabob Wauluyan to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

13th Zehudge 1205 or 14th August 1791

Received 15th August 1791

From the Nabob proposing to Rent the Company's Jaghire and the Guntoor Circar for a fixed term of a Number of Years.

My Father and myself have been the Ally of the King, and the faithful friends of the Company and the English Nation, and by the favor of the Almighty my firm attachment to them has remained unaltered and undiminished for a period of fifty one Years. At this present time my situation is just this, that if I represent Circumstances as they really happen, it is a Complaint against my Friends, when it is by no means my Intention to complain. Such of the English as are my juniors in point of Years, those I look upon as my Children, and such as are of the same age with myself I consider as my Brethern. As Necessity required I should represent certain occurrences by no means with an idea of complaint, I have therefore written to you. It is well known, that I paid the Sum of four Lacks of Pagodas Yearly, for the districts in the Company's Jageer, the Collections from which are now reduced to sixty thousand Pagodas. The State of the

Jummabundy

Ft St George 16th August 1791

Junnabundy in the Guntoor Country, also is perfectly similar, but I have excused myself and cannot at present write on the Subject, lest it appear a Complaint against my Friends — which is the cause of great Detriment to me — I therefore request that you will be so kind as rent the Districts of the Jageer and the Guntoor Country to me for a fixed term of a Number of years at a Rent something more than they at present yield — The amount will be paid agreeable to Engagement and the Countries likewise will flourish: — I have made this Request entirely out of my sincere regard and attachment.

What can I write more?

A true translation

(Signed) Joseph Garrow

Sn Sr

"

Ordered to lie on the Table

Clk "

to lie on the Table

4132. Fort S.t George 16.th August 1791

Mr. Petrie informs the Board that twelve Lacks of Rupees will be ready to leave the Presidency for Camp on the 18.th Instant — Agreed, in consequence that Major General Musgrave be desired to furnish a Party of Sepoys to escort it to Vellore. —

Major General Musgrave to be desired to hold a Party of Sepoys in readiness to escort twelve Lacks of Rupees to Vellore. —

" W.m Petrie

" Wm Huddleston

Wm Gilson Esqr.

4133 Fort St. George 2d August 1791

Diary.

16th Sent the following Letters—

Secret Department

To Colonel Bridges

Commanding at

Trichinopoly

Sir.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly Instructions on the subject of furnishing an Escort for the protection of the Bullocks collecting in the Southern Countries for the Service of General Abercromby's Army

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to inform you that ten thousand Carriage Bullocks have been ordered to be collected in the Southern Provinces for the Service of the Army under General Abercromby; and that Lord Cornwallis has desired they may be sent by Paliganteherry to join the General under the Escort of a Battalion or two of Sepoys from Trichinopoly, "which Place" (his Lordship observes) "must "be in perfect Security at the Period of his commencing "his operations against the Enemy's Capital."

The Board have been informed that the best Route for the Cattle is through the Travancore Country, where the Season and Forage are favorable and the Road safe— It is therefore intended that the Force to be sent from Trichinopoly (viz. one or two Battalions as you may think advisable) shall move from that Place so as to reach the Lines by a safe and

(expeditious

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Fort St. George August 1791.

16th expeditious Route about the same Time with the Cattle of which you will receive Information from Mr. Torin with whom you will be pleased to correspond on the Subject.

You will give the necessary Instructions to the Officer commanding the Escort to be upon his Guard during his March to Paliganchenny, keeping the object of his Expedition perfectly secret, and attending to such Orders as he may receive from Major General Abercromby — The Board leave it to your Discretion, after consulting with Mr. Torin, to determine, whether the Troops shall proceed with the Cattle through the Travancore Country or march direct by Paliganchenny to the Lines —

It will be necessary for you to advise Major Cuppage of the Purport of this Letter

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

To Major General Musgrave

&c — &c &c

Sir,

Fort St. George
16th August 1791 —

To Major General Musgrave communicating the wishes of General Medows respecting appointment to the Cavalry Artillery or Engineers —

Major General Medows having expressed his wish that no Officer or Cadet should be ordered to serve with the Cavalry, Artillery or Engineers without

(this

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Fort St. George 16th August 1791

16th his previous Concurrence, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to enclose You extract from his Letter on that Subject

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Fort St. George
16th August 1791

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

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to enclose for your Information Copy of a Letter received this day from Lord Cornwallis,

To Bengal with Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Wm Petrie
John Hudleston.

Fort St. George
16th August 1791

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 12 f. 128. 129. 130.

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Lord Camden informing him that orders have been

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Lord Camden

given

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Fort St. George August 1794

16th. given for one hundred Native Troops to be in readiness to embark on his Ship for Bengal on the 17th. Instant.—

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave — directing him to hold the abovementioned Troops in readiness to embark for Bengal

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton — informing him that it is intended to send one hundred Native Troops on his Ship to Bengal —

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave — advising of the Board's Intention to embark a part of the Bengal Regiment of Cavalry on the Dutton. —

17th

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. — 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. —

From the Resident at Ganjam

From the Resident at Ganjam — will use his utmost Exertions to procure Bullock Drivers and Dooley Bearers from the Districts under his Management — enclosing an Account Sales of condemned Stores and the Garrison Returns &c. for the Month of July —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal acknowledging Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 6th. 18th. & 26th. May —

From Do.

From Ditto acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Letter to the Supreme Council, of the 8th. and of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 15th. 19th. and 21st. June. —

From Do.

From Ditto acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Letters to the Governor General in Council of the 19th. 20th. 22d. and 24th. April — 7th. 30th. and 31st. May and 10th. 17th. and 19th. June. —

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From Lieutenant Uzzell of his Majesty's Navy

From Lieutenant Uzzell advising of his arrival at Porragapatam with four of the Transports under his Charge, after a strong gale of Wind, the fifth Ship missing intends proceeding to Coringa as soon as Wind and Weather permit.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in the Lr. Bk. Nos. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145.

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz desiring him to inform the Rajah that if he consent to receive the Poligar Peishcush in Puddicotah at Mr. Fallofield's Valuation, it will be given up to him, otherwise that it will be retained under the Company's Management, that if the Poligars are placed under his Authority the outstanding Balance due by them for Fasly 1199 must be deducted from his Proportion.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue communicating the Board's Resolutions respecting the Peishcush of Puddicotah - the Charity at Nedamungul to be maintained from the Company's Collections - the Cirkar Gardens in the Tanjore Country to be delivered up to the Rajah - desiring them to report the particular Instances to which they allude in their Representation on the Subject of Conferences having been held with the Rajah by the Collectors.

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave enclosing Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis on the Subject of completing the 1st Battalion of European Infantry.

To

Fort St. George 2 August 1794

To the Garrison Store-Keeper. 17th To the Garrison Store-Keeper - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and desiring that the Bengal Grain may be in future delivered to him by Measurement, in the manner therein suggested.

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Lord Camden - enclosing a Return of the Native Troops ordered to embark on his Ship for Bengal - Instructions respecting their Accommodation and Treatment during the Passage

To the Secretary at Bengal - with a Return of the Native Troops embarked on the Lord Camden - informing him that the Commander has been furnished with the same Instructions as were given to the Commander of the Kent on a similar Occasion -

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Northumberland - informing him that a Detachment consisting of about one hundred and forty Native Troops will be in readiness to Embark on his Ship for Bengal on the 18th Instant -

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Manship - informing him that it has been resolved to send about one hundred and forty Native Troops on his Ships to Bengal -

To Major General Musgrave informing him of the Board's Resolution to send on the Hon'ble Company's Ships Northumberland and Manship in equal

Proportions

Fort St. George August 1791.

17th proportions the whole of the Bengal Troops that remain to be embarked.—

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton informing him that it is not found necessary to send any Native Troops on his Ship to Bengal.—

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton.—

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Travancore (as entered in C.C. No. 1971) requesting that he will allow a free Passage to the Cattle that it may be found necessary to send through his Country and that he will give particular Instructions to his Servants to provide Fodder for them.—

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore

Sent the following Letters.

Secret Department

To Mr. Benjamin Torin

Collector

at

Tinnevelly

Sir,

To the Collector at Tinnevelly respecting the Bullocks collecting to the Southward for the Service of General Abercrombie's Army—enclosing Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

You have been already informed by the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions that ten thousand Carriage Bullocks were to be collected from the Southern Provinces for the Service of the Army under Major General Abercrombie—I am now to acquaint you, by order of the Honorable the President in Council, that the Cattle, with Pack saddles and as many Owners and Drivers as can be procured, and Cooley Drivers for the Remainder, must proceed as soon as possible to Paliganchery

Thy

Fort St George 8th August 1794

To the Garrison Store-Keeper.

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Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore

Sent

4440 — Fort St George 17th August 1791.

17th by the Route of the Travancore Country — You will be pleased therefore to take such Measures as may appear to you necessary and proper for expediting this Service, giving advice to Colonel Bridges as to the Time when it will be necessary to dispatch the Troops from Trichinopoly, so that they may arrive at the Lines of Travancore about the same time (the end of September) with the Cattle, from whence they are to proceed by Paligautcherry to join General Abercromby —

The force intended to be sent from Trichinopoly to meet the Bullocks at the Lines, is left to the Discretion of Colonel Bridges, who will be desired to communicate with you in regard to the Route by which the Troops should proceed, or whether to go direct to Paligautcherry, or to Escort the Bullocks through the Travancore Country —

I enclose a Letter for the Rajah of Travancore, to be forwarded by you, respecting the Bullocks, and a Copy for your Information — a Duplicate is also transmitted to be sent to Mr Powney, with whom you will correspond on the Subject —

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant —

Fort St George
17th August 1791

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy

4545 Fort St. George 2 August 1791.

To the 17th
To the Honorable Major General Abercromby
or in his absence to the Senior Officer of the Troops
on the Coast of Malabar
at Tellicherry.

Honorable Sir

To the Senior Officer of the troops on the Coast of Malabar informing him of the orders that have been given respecting the Bullocks collecting for the Service of that Army recommending him to entertain Drivers at Tellicherry

In consequence of information from Lord Cornwallis of the impracticability of your procuring a sufficiency of Carriage Bullocks to remove your Stores and Provisions after the Rains from Iliacour to the Head of the Pass, or to carry them on afterwards with the Army we have at his Lordships Desire, used our utmost endeavours to collect about ten thousand from our Southern Provinces in which we flatter ourselves with considerable if not complete success, and hope that the Bullocks will reach Paligautcherry about the End of September. The Cattle will proceed from Paligautcherry under an Escort of one, or if it be deemed necessary, two Battalions of Sepoys, detached for the Purpose, from the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and we request you will be pleased to advise the Officer commanding the Escort of the Route by which you would have him proceed to join you

As there is a great Scarcity of Bullock Drivers in the Carnatic, we are apprehensive that we

(shall

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17th shall not be able to complete the requisite Number for the Cattle proceeding to the Malabar Coast, we therefore beg Leave to recommend that measures may be taken at Tellicherry for entertaining as many as can be procured

Fort St. George
17th August 1791.

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

I signed William Petrie
John Hudleston

To Mr. Samuel Johnston
at Tranquebar

Sir

To Mr. Samuel Johnston informing him that he cannot have permission to proceed to Europe until he has conformed to the Regulations of the Service

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 8th Instant, and to inform you, that you cannot have his Permission to proceed to Europe, until you have Complied with the Regulations of the Service founded on the orders of the Company, which direct, "that applications from the "Civil Servants of the Company for leave to proceed to Europe "shall be accompanied by a Certificate signed by the "Accountant General, Comptroller General, and Civil auditor "that the Company have no pecuniary Claims on any "account upon such Servants, or that full and satisfactory "Security has been given for discharging whatever

Amount

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17th Paramount may be declared by Government to be due from those Gentlemen to the Company.—

I am further directed to inform you that so soon as you have discharged the Balance due by you to the Honorable Company and have delivered in the Certificates abovementioned, or given undeniable Security for the Payment of the Balance within two months, you will have the Board's Permission to return to Europe but until then, you are not to consider yourself as having their leave or sanction for quitting the Country.—

I am, Sir, Your most obedient Servant

Fort St George 17th August 1791.

(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secry

18th Received the following Letters.—

W.C. Jackson Esqr Secretary &c. Fort St. George

Sir,

I am honored with Yours of the 11th Instant with Sundry inclosures; —I have to Request you will be pleased to forward to me the following Vouchers, which appear to have been rejected. viz.

From Mr Samuel Johnson applying for some original Vouchers which appear to have been rejected.—

No 5 Repairs in the Main Guard		9.28.18
7 Do at the Paymasters House		1029.-9.18
16 Do of Cespool &c		11-1.16
21 for Erecting an Artillery Butt		8.12.-

(For)

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12th	No. 23 For Secret Service Money paid Horne Nix and D	90. 19. —
26th	For Stnd. furnished the Quarter Master General	12. 1. 10
	34 For Doolies made	1050. — —
	Col. Stuart's Vouchers No. 182 Shevagunga detach	177. 21. — / 984. —
	An Act. Serj. Major in August 1789	3. 21. —
	For Camp Colour-men Do	4. 10. —
	For carrying Stationary in September	6. — —
	For an acting Quarter Master Serjt. 72d. Regt.	1. — —
	For 9 Private 1 Batt. E. I.	2. 15. —
	For Batta to Puckallies of different Corps Detr.	4. 9. 64
	For 2 Mr. Serjt. 72d. Regt.	1. — —
	Batta to Puckallies in Jany 1790	40. 6. 60
	Adjutant's Cooly-hire for Books Do	40. 23. 16
	Surgeon of 13 Battalion	7. 21. —
	14 Coolies for 16 Battalion	1. — —
	Coolies employed in carrying Arms	2. 8. 32
	Do Do in Laboratory	1. 14. —
	A Voucher for Pay to a Sub Conductor Feby 1790.	3. 19. 32
	Batta to 3 Sub Conductors Do Do	9. 24. 64
	Batta to Puckallies attached to Diffr. Corps Do	140. 10. 20
	Batta paid the Quarter Master General Do	15. 21. —
	Ditto paid the Commissary of Stores Do	16. — —
	Do. to Puckallies 1 Batt. E. I.	4. 18. —
	Capt. Wright's Indent for Dooley Boys Do	96. — —
	Adjutant's for Cooley-hire for Batt. Books Do	57. 25. 16
	Surgeon of 16th Battalion Do	7. 21. —
	Ditto for 3d Regt. of Cavalry Do	18. 29. 32
	Particulars of Arrears of Lascars Batta	123. 3. 40
	Pay & Batta to 16 Batt. Puckallies	4. 5. 60

(Candles

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18th Candles to Commissary of Stores	9.—.—
Acting Sergeant Major for March	4.—.—
Medicine Coolies	11.21.—
Wax & Gunnies for Commt. of Grain & Prov.s &c	153.28.40
Batta to Revenue Batt.n Vacquels	4.—.40
Medicine Coolies to 16.th Batt.n	7.21.—
Bamboo Coolies 2 Reg.t Cavalry	3.21.—
Conicoplies Batta for May 1790	4.1.40
Bamboos 2d Reg.t Cavalry	9.22.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your very obed.t humble Servant
(Signed) Sam.l Johnston.

Tranquebar
15th August 1791.

W. Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Accounts for &.a &.a of the Paymaster of the Ellore Detachment for the Month of May, with Copy of a Letter I have received from that Gentleman under date the 22d Ultimo, with respect to which I only think it necessary to observe — that my opinion entirely coincides with that he has given on the Subject of the Commanding Officer's Extra

From the Resident at Hydrabad with the Mr. Paymaster Brown's Accounts &c.a for May & Copy of a Letter from Mr. Brown respecting Bills for Secret Service

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18 Extra Bills on which that Letter encloses

Paangul
1st August 1791.

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

(Signed) John Kennaway

(Copy)

Sir John Kennaway Bart

Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam

Sir

I have herewith the honor to forward my Accounts &c for the Month of May last, by which the balance in the Pumbrit on the 1st of June will appear to be Current Pagodas /3980 " 33 " 9./ three Thousand nine hundred and eighty thirty three fanams nine cash. Copy of said Account Current you will also be pleased to receive with the account of Extra Charges, as forwarded with my last Accounts: Two Items in which I beg leave to draw your attention to, that correspond with the Copies (N° 1 & N° 2) of Bills which I now forward separately for your Inspection; N° 3 is another of the same Nature since presented for Payment, and which will be inserted in my accounts for July. I beg leave to inform you that I have written to Government respecting these Bills, as being drawn out wanting the necessary Form which a late Regulation of the Board's has prescribed in Charges (of

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3. 18 of such a Nature. As this Form, however, is not in Camps, no better mode of drawing out a Bill for the Charge could perhaps have been adopted: this I have stated to the Board & requested that the necessary Form might be forwarded for my Guidance, and for the Information of the Commanding Officer in future.—

I have the honor to be with Respect

Sir,

Your very obed.t Servant

(sign.d) Wm. Brown Cap.t

Camp
Conjeevaram
22.d July 1791.

True Copy (sign.d) Graeme Mercer
Act.g Aj.t

(Copy)

To William Brown Esq.r
Military Paymaster

Sir,

Please to order the Payment of 20 Rupees to the Bearer Kyam Chaun Sepoy in the 3.d Company of the 29.th Battalion of Native Infantry, sent from Ropar by Captain Read commanding the Detachment to Conjeevaram, Mookah, Cubgull, Bayanpilly, Gootie &c.a

(sign.d) Jnd.w Read
Capt.n Commanding

Camp
20.th May 1791.

A true Copy Wm. Brown Cap.t

True Copy (sign.d) Graeme Mercer
Act.g Aj.t

Copy

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(Copy)

To William Brown Esqr. —

Military Paymaster

Sir,

Please to order the Payment of 25 Rupees to the Bearer Shaick Emon Sepoy in the 1st Company of the 29d Battalion of Native Infantry sent from Kopul by Captain Read commanding the Detachment to Gooty Balary, Cubgull, Mookah, Paumry &c.

Camp —
20th May 1791 —

(signed) And.w Read —
Captain Commanding —

A true Copy
(signed) William Brown, Payr.

True Copy (signed) Grame Mercer A.t.J.Apst.

(Copy)

To William Brown Esqr.

Military Paymaster

Sir,

Please to order the Payment of 20 Rupees each to Shaick Muller and Shaick Hussain Sepoys in the 8th Company of the 29th Battalion of Native Infantry ordered from Kurnool (by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment) to Bangalore. —

Rupees 40

Camp near Gunjycotah
17th July 1791 —

(signd) J. Dalrymple
Capt.n Comm.g 29th Batt.n

(signd) And.w Read
Capt.n Commanding —

A true Copy (signd) Wm. Brown Pay.r

True Copy
(signd) Graeme Mercer Act.g Apst.

The

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18th

The Honorable Major Genl Medows

President and Governor &c in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

I have the Honor to lay before You my Account of Military Stores provided in the Month of June last, and am with great Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Jos du Pre Porcher

M.S. Storekr

From the Military Storekeeper enclosing an account of Military Stores provided in the month of June—

Fort St George

18th August 1791—

Military Stores Furnished by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of June 1791—

		Prime Cost			Remarks
		Pags Fas Ca		Pags Fas Ca	
Gunpowder Madras bbl Barrels	62.8a	25.33 17	Pfbx.	1,606. 2. 10.	
520 pfz Candles					
Dungree Sand Bags large	1423a	— 9. — 30.	Pc	128. 8. 20	
	500a	— 3. 21. — —	Dc	17. 21. —	
Gunny Bags			Dc	97. 22. 30	
Gunny Carriage bags for Ammunition	392a	24. 37. — —		31. 24. 60.	
Dc Dc for Powder	100	" " "	Dc	16. — —	
Drum Cords	200a	8. — —		23. 35. 45	
Fifes	101a	23. 25. 50.		22. 21. —	
Brass fife Cases	20a	— 1. 3. 20	Ea	624. 13. 25.	
Copper hoops 2,200 pfz	Ca 2. 3. 12½a	pfb. 15. 40	Pfbx.	9. 30. 60.	
Copper Tubes Empty 12 Pdr.	1200a	— 34. 5.	Pc	130. 18. 60.	
6 Dc	18,000a	— 30. 35.	Dc	29. 21. —	
3 Dc	1,600a	— 27. —	Dc	20. 12. 20.	
¾ Inch	2,800a	— 30. 35.	Dc	2. 20. 10	
Copper Funnels	11a	— " — 9. 40	Ea	4. 3. 10.	Brought
Tin Tube Box 6 Pdr	20a	20. 15. 60	Pc	" 10	Brought
		Carried Over			

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Prime

			Pag.s	Fa.	Ca.
	Brought Over				
Hammers	Ca.	3,209 @	1	"	"
Iron chain Traces for Brass Gun 18 Pdr		1	"	"	"
Leather Haversacks		200 @	25	"	"
Field Officer Tent		1	"	"	"
Country Hides		200 @	25	"	"
Officer's Tents		20 @	43	"	"
Powder Barrels Empty Tin foiled		500 @	115	"	"
Ammunition D° with Rattans		200 @	66	21	"
Handspikes Purchasing		215 @	21	"	"
Ulsty Broad fine	Bolts	30 @	10	10	40
D° Narrow D°	D°	69 @	8	26	20
Long cloth brown	Pieces	400 @	49	10	40
Tin Plates Double		125 @	10	"	"
Teak Scammon Planks		16 @	10	7	"
Teak Timber		5	"	"	"
Teak Arky		1	"	"	"
Sheething Boards		36 @	50	"	"
Loose Coir	Ca	5 " @	11	"	"
Coir Cordage 1½ Inch Coils 133 fm	D°	6 . 15 . 12½ @	14	31	40
Wax Candles	Ca	1 . 18 . 12½ @	1	5	20
Europe Junk	Cwt	29 . 1 . 7 @	2	31	40
Grease	Dupr	3 @	3	"	"
Salt Petre	Ca.	1 @	11	31	40
Sewing Needles		3,700 @	"	10	40
Sail Needles		500 @	1	2	"
Gunny Needles		500 @	"	20	"
Glue	lt	80 @	2	31	60
Tutenag	lt	203 @	24	26	60
Camphine	lt	10 @	"	"	"
Spirits of Wine	Gall	36 @	6	"	"

Carried

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Cost. Remarks.

	Cas.	Fa.	Cas.	
Pc.	33	—	65	
—	25	13	50	
Pcs.	50	—	—	
—	82	21	—	
Pc.	50	—	—	
Ea.	8	60	—	
Pcs.	575	—	—	} Furnished by Mr. C. Brieshaupt Company's Cooper.
Pc.	133	—	—	
Pc.	45	6	25	
Pieces	307	21	—	
Pc.	595	5	20	
Pieces	985	—	—	
Pcs.	72	21	—	
Ea.	162	28	—	
—	102	23	20	
—	10	16	20	
Pcs.	18	—	—	
Pcs.	53	—	—	
Pcs.	99	39	10	
Pcs.	158	31	10	
Pcs.	80	25	50	
Ea.	9	—	—	
Pcs.	47	—	—	
Pcs.	9	10	10	
Pcs.	5	10	—	
Pc.	2	16	—	
Pcs.	9	2	—	
Pcs.	9	11	10	
—	4	41	—	
Pcs.	72	—	—	

Brought forward

(Brought

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Prime

				Pag.s	Fa.	Ca.
			Brought over			
Flower		Mea.s 50	a		2.	10.
Linseed oil		Gall.s 192	a		36.	00
Wood Oil		Mea 5	a		1.	
Charcoal		Loops 22	a		1.	
Matts		100				
Potts & Pans		56				
Mallays		20				
Cotton Tape for Ammunition Pouches		Yards 23	a		1.	
Bratties		1,800	a		1.	30.
Fire wood		Billets 5,000	a		2.	
Coconut Brushes		10				
Paddy husk		Loops 5				
Brooms		Bundles 14				
Chests		37				
Boxes		3				
Platform Carts		100	a		22.	20. 20.
Arrack Carts		100	a		22.	13. 10
Single Yokes		200	a		1.	10. 4½

Boughts of Import Ware house keepers.

Iron Square Bar 20 pz	Cwt.s 1	18	a		2.	12. 15
Hoop Iron	Do. 1					

Received from Civil Stores under the Military Store Keeper

White Lead	Cwt 1					
Pump Nails	lb 50					

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Co.A		Remarks.
	Pag.s Fan.s Cas	
₱ Mea:	2. 22. 20	
₱ Mallo	1₱. – 2. 50.	
₱ 8 Mea.s	26. 20.	
₱ 5 Hoofs	13. 15. 15.	
	1. 10. 10.	
	35. –	
	2. 10.	
₱ 3692	26. 65.	
₱ °	2. 23. 20.	
₱ Mill.	10. – –	
	5. – –	
	1. – –	
	5. 10	
	27. 27. –	
	1. 18. –	
Cache	2248. 9. –	
D.°	2231. 10. 10	
D.°	250. – 50	
Pagodas	12,222,8/6,20.	

I Josias DuPre' Porcher Commander Bermuda (exclusive of the above Articles, except Cash) do make Oath & Swear that all the above Articles have been separately provided/are charged at the Sales, and that I have exacted more than the Invoice Prices, and shall keep account of & provide them on the Cheapest Terms for the Company.

So help me God!

Jos. du Pre' Porcher
Mr. Stores &c.

Sworn before me this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1791.

I Hudleston
Judge

(Signed) Jos. du Pre' Porcher
Mr. Stores &c.

₱ Cash	16. 29. 40.	
	3. 7. –	
Pagodas	20. – – 10	This Sum is to be Transferred
	1. 5. 15	
	6. 24. –	
Pagodas	8. 3. 15	

Sent

4854 Fort St. George 18th August 1791

18th Sent the following Letters.

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal - advice of the Retreat of the Enemy from Coimbatore -

We have the Pleasure to enclose Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage advising of the Retreat of the Enemy from Coimbatore

We have the Honor to be
Yr. a Yr. a Yr. a

Fort St. George
18th. August 1791.

(Signed) Wm. Petrie
John Huddleston

To

The Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General Yr. a Yr. a Yr. a

To Lord Cornwallis - in reply to his Instructions respecting Platform Cash Cloathing, and the Mode of completing the 4 Battalion of European Infantry - acknowleggments for his communication of the arrival of Appa Jeu Ram at Tongore Instructions required respecting Troops arrived from England for the 73d & 75 Regts - Treasure sent to Bellore - reporting the prospect of collecting the Number of Bullocks required for General Abercrombie's Army - Retreat of the Enemy from -

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship's Letters dated the 4th & 5th Instant

We have great pleasure in informing your Lordship that we had anticipated your wishes respecting Lord Grenville's Communication

/ to

4855 Fort St. George 8th August 1794

W^e to Major General Abercromby, having advised the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis thereof, immediately upon our Receipt of the Generals Letters.

The Platform Carts, with such of the Cloathing and Camp Equipage as were ready have been forwarded to Amboor — and we have desired Major General Musgrave to pay particular attention to the Mode pointed out by your Lordships for completting the 4th Battalion of European Infantry.

We are much obliged by your Lordships Communication of the arrival of Appajee Rao at Sergepow, and we beg leave to join our Wishes to your Lordships that the consequence of his Mission may be an honorable and speedy termination of the present War.

We take the Liberty of enclosing for your Lordships Information a Return of Troops arrived from England this Season for the 73d and 75th Regiments — and as General Musgrave has acquainted us that he has made no preparation for the Reception of more Recruits than those of the Corps of this Establishment, we shall be glad to know your Lordships Pleasure respecting the Destination of the above mentioned Troops, whether it be your intention that they should remain here or be sent round to the Malabar Coast? —

We

4854 Fort St. George August 1791

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Fort St. George
18th August 1791.

(Signed) Wm. Petrie
John Huddleston

To

The Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

To Lord Cornwallis - in reply to his Instructions respecting Platform Cash Cloathing, and the Mode of completing the 2 Battalions of European Infantry - acknowledgments for his communication of the arrival of Capt. Ram at Bengal - Instructions required respecting Troops arrived from England for the 73d & 75th Regts - Treasure sent to Bellore - reporting the prospect of collecting the Number of Bullocks required for General Abercromby's Army - Retreat of the Enemy from Coimbatore. - -

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Fort St. George 8th August 1791

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We

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18th

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that we sent off this Day to Vellore twelve Lacks of Rupees for the use of the Army.

In consequence of your Lordship's Desire expressed in your Letter of the 20th Ultimo, we have used our utmost endeavours to collect the ten thousand Carriage Bullocks required by General Abercromby, in which we flatter ourselves with considerable, if not complete success, and hope that the Bullocks will reach Paliguatcherry about the End of September, of which we have given the General information.

We have the Pleasure to enclose Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage, advising of the Retreat of the Enemy from Coimbatore

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
18th August 1791

Sir &c.
&c.
&c.

(Signed) W.m Petrie
John Hudleston

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 146. 147. 148 149. 150.

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave directing him to order a Party of Sepoys under the Command of a discreet Officer to be in immediate Readiness to escort twelve Lacks of Rupees to Vellore for the use of the Army.

To

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To Lieutenant Mc. Intosh 18th

To Lieutenant Mc. Intosh directing him to take under his charge the Treasure that will be delivered to him by the Military Paymaster General, and proceed with all expedition to Vellore; to deliver the Treasure to Mr. Torriano on his arrival there, and return immediately with his Detachment to this Presidency

To the Paymaster at Vellore informing him of the Quantity of Treasure placed under Charge of Lieutenant Mc. Intosh directing him to forward it to Ambour if he thinks it can arrive there before the Detachment leaves that Place; otherwise to detain it at Vellore, till he is furnished with further orders from Lord Cornwallis, or the Board, respecting the Disposal of it.

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Northumberland enclosing a Return of the Native Troops ordered to embark on his Ship for Bengal and desiring him to pay particular Attention to the Accomodation and Treatment of the Troops during the Voyage.

To the Secretary at Bengal with a Return of the Native Troops embarked on the Northumberland informing him that the necessary Orders have been given to Captain Rees respecting the Accomodation and Treatment of the Troops during the voyage.

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18th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr. B. Nos. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.

From the Agent for the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From the Agent for the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions enclosing an Estimate of the Expence of erecting a Bankshall for the Reception of the Grain now lodged in the Barracks of Poonamalee.—

From the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton.—

From the Comonander of the Honorable Company's Ship Dutton requesting to be reimbursed the Expence of victualling the Detachment of his Majesty's 75 Regiment, for two Days, the Period which they remained in the Roads.—

From the Resident at Ganjam.—

From the Resident at Ganjam enclosing a muster Roll of the Bullock Drivers and Dooley Bearers engaged for the service of the Army with an Abstract of the Cash advanced to them and of the Pay for which they had agreed to serve.—

From the Commandant at Angole.—

From the Commandant at Angole.—advising of his having sent a Subedar, with one Jamadar two Havildars, and thirty four Sepoys to escort Mehdy Ali Khan, Tippoo's Vackeel,— from Vellore to the Mysore Country.—

From the Resident at Ingeram.—

From the Resident at Ingeram—advising of his having given orders to the Master Attendant at Coringa to afford every Assistance to Lieutenant

Wood

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18th Would in regard to refitting the Transport Vessels under his Charge.

From the Officer Commanding the Cavalry

From the officer Commanding the Cavalry Stationed at Arcot.

Stationed at Arcot requesting that the amount of the Arrears due to the Troops under his Command may be sent to Arcot, where the Paymaster Mr. Wynch will be ready to meet it.

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General

From the acting Deputy Adjutant General

enclosing a Surgeon's Certificate of the Necessity of Lieutenant Robenet's proceeding to Sea for the Recovery of his Health. Instructions required respecting the Arrests of Captain Lieutenant Brudenell and Mr. Surgeon Rollo at Cuddalore reporting the Arrival of Cornet Montgomery at the Presidency, and requesting to be furnished with orders in regard to the Disposal of the Horses that may be brought to the Presidency by the Dealers, in consequence of the Encouragement held out to them by order of Government.

19th Received the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

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

Honorable Sir.

We have been honored with your Commands

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From the Board of Assumed Revenue explaining the Cause of their Misapprehension of the Board's Orders of the 16th July respecting the Revenue Battalions in the Tinnevelly Country.

19th Commands of 14th Instant, and are sorry that our application respecting the Tinnevelly Sibbendies was not sufficiently clear; but we take the liberty of observing, that as we had received no communication of your General Orders, We might have been argued of inattention, had we omitted to State a Matter of so much importance, as Mr. Torin's Letter appeared to contain. — After the Nabob's Country had been Assumed, your Honble Board desired to be furnished with a Statement of such Sibbendies, as we deemed absolutely necessary for the Collection of the Revenues: in consideration of the numerous Poligars, who are dependent on Tinnevelly, we were decidedly of opinion that three Battalions of 500 each were indispensably requisite: this our Recommendation was confirmed by your Honble Board; and the Battalions were placed under the Command of Captains Dighton, Everett, and Powney. — When, however, the Commander in Chief found it expedient to issue orders for Regulating the general system of Sibbendy Sepoys throughout the Carnatic, he allotted only two Battalions (the 9th and 10th) to the Province of Tinnevelly; but as that force was Judged inadequate to the Station, Captain Leighton (under whom the new System would have placed all the Sibbendy Battalions) was ordered by Mr. Secretary Chamier's Letter of 24th November 1790

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19th 1790 to "before carrying into Execution the General
"Order of that Date"; and the three Battalions remained
upon the former footing under the Command of Captains
Dighton, Everett, and Powney. — This circumstance, we
are humbly of opinion, was not adverted to in
publishing the General Order of 16th Ultimo: For
having, in consequence of your Letter made application
for those Orders — We observe that Lieutenant —
Maysother is appointed to the 9th, and Captain Everett
to the 10. Battalions, which in fact never were known
by these Descriptions, because the original Order, as
far as it respected Tinnevelly, was suspended by
the Letter already cited from Mr. Secretary Chamier.
— This fact, together with the Removal of Captain
Dighton from his present Command of one of the
Tinnevelly Battalions must we suppose have
led Mr. Torin into a mistaken Idea of your intention
to reduce the force of his District; for it was natural
to conclude from the appointment of Lieutenant
Maysother and Captain Everett that the original
Order of 21st November 1790, was revived. —

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
18th August 1791. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signd) "David Haliburton
"Wm Balfour

(Received

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Fort St. George 19th August 1791.

Received the following Letter from the Commandant at Dendegul

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir.

From the Commandant at Dindegul — with an account of the Strength of the Detachments of the Enemy now at Sattemmungulum and its intended Destination.

The Party encamped near Sattimungulum consists of one Battalion of Sepoys, about one thousand strong, two large Guns, three hundred Horse. the Tents and Baggage belonging to the Party at Coimbitore, the River Bhavani continues still very high, on which obliged the Enemy to make use of towards two hundred basket Boats, and busily employed in making more. The Kircarrahs who returned this morning from Sattimungulum were two Days there, and say, that it is currently spoke of, that Siad Siab means to endeavour to retake our newly acquired Countries, and that a large Force of Horse and Infantry, are now encamped, near Ardenellore, and expected soon to descend the Ghauts, by the way of Guzellatty.

I have the Honor to be
Your very Obedient Servant
(Sigd) J. Bonser
Captn Commanding

Dindigul
11th August 1791

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At a Consultation

Present

William Petrie Esqr.

and

John Hudleston Esqr.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Friday 19th August 1791.

absent indisposed

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letters from Bengal.

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

Hond Sir.

We have received your Letters of the 3d and 4th Instant, with their several enclosures

The Ordnance and Tumbrils required by

From Bengal - Ordnance and Tumbrils embarked on the Henry - Cloathing for the Bengal Troops to be sent round immediately ordered for obtaining at Madras the Madeira Wine consigned to them - noting the Amount of Bills drawn upon them by the Government directing that all Draughts may be immediately suspended the small Cask not to be obtained for their Dispatches beyond the 10th September

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by Lord Cornwallis have been embarked on the Henry some days, and the Cloathing for the Bengal Troops will be shipped immediately. We are enabled to comply with his Lordship's Requisitions thus early in consequence of our having Ordered these Articles of Supply to be prepared so long ago as the 16th Ultimo

Should any Madeira Wine be consigned to us by the Ships of the present Season, We request that you will take the whole or such Part of it, as you shall judge to be necessary for the Supply of the Army, transmitting to us the requisite information for the adjustment of our Accounts of the Imports of the Year.

We have great Satisfaction in learning from your Letter of the 1st Instant to Lord Cornwallis, that your Garrison and Civil Establishments were then paid up, and that you had near fifty Lacks of Rupees in your Treasury, with a Permission from the Court of Directors to draw Bills on them for the Amount of the Investment ordered to be provided on the Coast.

We give you entire Credit for the desire you profess of avoiding to Strain the Resources of Bengal: but although this has been your

Object

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object, the Drafts of your Government upon our Treasury have nevertheless amounted, since the 1st of January last, to the heavy Sum of Rs. 44,18,515. 4. 10 of which Bills for Rs. 11,02,799. 4. 11 were drawn in the course of last Month.

This with other Claims upon our Treasury arising principally from the unavoidable exigencies of the War, has had the effect of reducing our Investment to the half of its usual Amount. Our Civil and Military Establishments are, owing to the operation of the same Causes, no less than four Months in Arrears; and our Receipts from the Revenue will be far from considerable during the three ensuing Months.

We, under these Circumstances you will perceive how limited our Ability is, at present, to answer the Demands of your Presidency; and that we are already suffering very serious Evils in the Decrease of our Investment, and the Increase of our Debt (not to insist upon the obvious Importance of a well paid Military) We assure ourselves that you will see the propriety of Suspending altogether your Drafts upon this Government unless any pressing Emergency should render them indispensible.

With respect to our Dispatches

by

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by the Swallow; we hope to have them ready to go from hence by the Middle of August, and that they will reach Madras about the 10th September, beyond which day it is not our Wish that you should detain that Vessel on account of them.

We have the Honor to be

Fort William
22d July 1791.

Yr Yr Yr

Signed { Chas Stuart
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

To the Honble the Governor in Council at Fort St George

Honble Sir.

From Bengal stating the several Circumstances which have induced them to send Bullocks to the Coast.

We have received your Letter of the 9th Instant, informing us that you have no doubt whatever of being able to supply the wants of the Army in Draft and Carriage Bullocks, and therefore submitting to us whether it would not be proper to relieve the Company from the very great Expence of sending

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sending Cattle from Bengal.

We are happy to find that your Exertions in this respect have been so successful. We were always indeed aware that every thing practicable to Zeal and Ability would be effected by you: but the object in the present case, being of infinite Magnitude, nothing less than an absolute certainty that the Carnatic afforded the Means of attaining it would, or ought to have induced us to relax in our efforts to promote the same important end. We knew that these Efforts were not liable to any considerable failure, and we knew also that with respect to our Supplies, the alternative was that they might not be wanted, but if wanted at all, that they would prove of the utmost utility.

Although, however, the Supply in the article of Draught Cattle appears at present to be less necessary, we have nevertheless the Satisfaction to observe that all the other Articles will be neither unseasonable nor useless. Grain, Spirits, Guns, Gunn Carriages, Tumbrils, Cloathing, and Shoes, are specifick Wants, or Requisitions, which we have Anticipated; and some of which we should not have been able to have supplied in due Time, had we not ordered them to be prepared as soon as we did.

Your Letter of the 1st & 7th Ult.o informed us (as you state) that you had great hopes of being able to

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to procure the full number of Bullocks required by Lord Cornwallis for the ensuing Campaign, and that the whole, provided the Country remained undisturbed would be collected in the Neighbourhood of Ambore on, or before the 15th of August. It is to be observed, however, that this Letter was soon followed by the Copy of one from Lord Cornwallis to your Acting President (dated June the 14th) intimating the improbability, which there then was, of the Enemy's passing through the Baramaul into the Carnatic. It is further to be remarked that we had, at this Time, proceeded very far in our proposed Equipment. Under these Circumstances we could not judge it prudent to desist from our preparations: the more especially, as our Letter of the 13th of June to Lord Cornwallis must, we were aware, raise expectations which it might not be proper to disappoint.—

This last Consideration cannot yet be entirely waved: a few Days, however, will probably bring us his Lordship's answer to our Letter, when we shall be enabled to determine how far we may reduce our intended Supply of Bullocks without the hazard of breaking or disconcerting any Measures which his Lordship may have formed in consequence of the Communication from hence.—

In the mean time, Freight for about

1200

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1200 Bullocks having been absolutely engaged,
and the greatest part of the Supplies required to
to complete the Tonnage being already purchased,
we shall continue to dispatch the Vessels which
have been taken up as fast as they can be laden.
We shall send to you by these Vessels as much
of the Rice you require as they can conveniently
take, and the Remainder by other Conveyances in
order that the Indiamen may be at liberty to "
convey, in due Season, to the Malabar Coast, such
Supplies whether of Bullocks, Stores or Provisions
as may be necessary towards the Equipment of
of General Abercromby's Army for the ensuing
Campaign. It will most probably have occurred
to you indeed that should not Lord Cornwallis
stand in need of the Bullocks which you will
receive from hence, it may be presumed that his
Lordship will desire them to be forwarded to
Tellicherry as soon as the State of the Monsoon
shall admit, the Army in that Quarter being
we understand, but indifferently furnished with Cattle

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

Fort William
27th July 1791—

Signed { Cha. Stuart
Peter Speke
W. " Cowper

The

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Bengal

The Board can readily conceive that upon the first Communication to Bengal of the heavy Loss of Cattle which the Army had sustained, the Supreme Council must have felt very strong Doubts of the Ability of this Country to repair it, and these Doubts were fully warranted by the Difficulties which had been formerly experienced in obtaining Cattle, and by a very general opinion that the Country had been exhausted by the Numbers already taken for the Purposes of the War.— Similar Apprehensions at first prevailed very strongly with the Board, but knowing that in all former attempts to procure Cattle the Exertions had been made by Individuals either as Contractors or Agents, and that no Trial had yet been made by the full and direct influence of Government itself, the Board immediately resolved to take this important Business into their own Hands, and by sending particular Orders to the Collectors of the several Districts, & giving them discretional Powers with regard to the Prices to be paid for the Bullocks, they were soon able to effect their Purpose.—

The Board are highly sensible of the Extraordinary Exertions of the Supreme Council to support this Government— every Want has been supplied & even anticipated— When the Board mentioned in their Letter to Lord Cornwallis of the 4th Ultimo

that

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that they had studiously avoided pressing the Resource they had by their Draughts on Bengal, they did not mean to convey the most distant Idea that they had not profited amply by such Resource but (as their Letter expresses) that by receiving only such Sums as Individuals wanted to remit for their own occasions, they had gradually been able to accomplish the desirable Object of reducing the Exchange from 410 to 375 Arcot Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas - With regard to the Sum drawn for since the Month of January, the Supreme Council must have received Satisfaction in observing that the Board had in their Treasury, the beginning of July, a Sum equal to the Amount of those Draughts, and that consequently Provision must have been made for very considerable Disbursements during that Period out of the Resources of this Presidency - In these Disbursements are comprehended Civil & Military Charges - Draughts from Camp - Part of the Pay of the Sepoys in the Field which is issued to their Families who are left behind - Large Payments to Bullock Contractors - to the Commissary General of Grain & Provision - and all advances to the Military Storekeeper for Stores - to which must be added, the late Purchases of Cattle to supply the Wants of the Army. -

Since the report of the State of the Treasury was

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was before the Supreme Council, the Board have, by Lord Cornwallis's Desire, sent 28 Lacks of Rupees to Camp - four Lacks more will follow in a few Days - and it is expected that further Draughts will be received from Camp to a large Amount, yet as the Ships lately arrived from England have each brought a Quantity of Silver the Board hope with this assistance to be able to support the Demands upon them, it is Resolved to suspend the Draughts upon Bengal, until Emergencies render them indispensible - The Board are apprehensive only that when their Treasury is brought to this State Individuals will take advantage of the necessity of the Times to raise the Exchange again to its former Standard.

Resolved that the preceding Circumstances be communicated to the Supreme Council, & that they be further informed that Measures have been taken for sending to General Abercromby ten Thousand Bullocks by the way of Paliyantcherry.-

Agreed that a Letter be written to Lord Cornwallis stating the Contents of the Letters from Bengal - and the Resolution of the Board in consequence to accept no further Tenders for Bills on that Presidency - Agreed also, that his Lordship be requested to communicate his Intentions in regard to the time of the Swallows Departure

Read

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Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis —

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

Gentlemen.

From Lord Cornwallis — Instructions respecting the Manufacture of Gunpowder, and the disposal of the Money that may be received from the Rajah of Travancore — stating the manner in which the Company is to be reimbursed the Amount advanced to the Marattas

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 31st July 2d 3d 4th 6th 7th 7th 8th and 9th August.

The Gunpowder captured in Bangalore was reported at first to be very good, but upon proof it was evidently so inferior to our own that I should not think it advisable to make use of it, especially in Seiges I therefore recommend, as I shall wish to receive 200 Barrels from the Carnatic that you should continue the Manufacture in a moderate degree —

Orders have been sent to the Commanding Officer at Bangalore to transmit to the Presidency Returns of the Military Stores in that Fortress —

The Money received from the Rajah of Travancore after defraying the Expences of Palgautcherry should in my opinion be sent to Tellicherry for the Supply of General Abercromby's army —

We

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We are to receive Bills for six Lacks of Rupees advanced to Hurry Punt on Goonah, payable at Bombay at the present Rate of Exchange between Madras & that Place

Camp near Oussore
August 14th 1791—

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

Agreed in consequence of the fore=going Letter that the Military Board be desired to direct the Military Storekeeper to make up 350 Barrels of Gun-Powder monthly until further Orders.—

Agreed to inform Mr Powney that such Money as he may receive from the Rajah of Travancore must after defraying the Expences of Paligautcherry, be sent to Tellicherry for the Supply of General Abercrombys Army

Read the following Letters from Major John Cuppage—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President and Governor &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Major Cuppage — is joined by a Travancore Battalion from Calicut and a Party of Provincial Sepoys under the direction of Mr McLeod intends marching on the 10th to the Relief of Coimbatoor

I had the Honor to address you the 3d Instant.— This Morning I was joined by a Travancore Battalion of Sepoys from Calicut, the other which General Abercromby was pleased to order is on its March from Tellicherry and cannot be expected these four or five Days.—

Two Days ago Mr McLeod from

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from the Dindegul District joined me with 2 Bn.
provincial Sepoys, the Zeal and exertion that
Mr. McLeod has shewn for the Public Cause, has
been of the greatest service to me and as I have been
disappointed in one of the Travancore Battalions his
People will make up for the deficiency and his
coming on was absolutely necessary as they refused
to proceed without him.

With this Reinforcement I propose
Marching to the Relief of Coimbetore to morrow
morning, the importance of that Place is of the
greatest consequence to our Southern Countries:
for should the Enemy get possession of it, it would
not only give them a strong hold in the Country
but put an entire stop to all Collections, and to
Mr. McLeod I am much indebted for the
Reinforcement which he opportunely brought
me.

On the 7th the Enemy had carried
their approaches to within 40 Yards of the
Ditch, had fired very brisk the whole day, and
Summoned the Garrison being the fourth time,
but to no purpose, and Lieutenant Chalmers
informs me that his People were in high
Spirits on hearing of the preparations and ready to cooperate

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with me. In my next I hope to be able to give you a favorable account of the Enemy's

Palghautcherry I have the Honor to be
9th August 1791. J.a Y.r a Y.r

/Signed/ J. Cuppage
Major Comm.r

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
President & Governor &.a &.a &.a
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Major Cuppage obliges the Enemy to raise the Seige of Coimbetoor? intends pursuing them & hopes to get up with them before they can cross the Bowanny - gives an account of their attack on the Fort, and the gallant Defence made by Lieut.t Chalmers -

I had the Honor to inform you the 9th that I purposed Marching next day to the relief of Coimbetore, - and arrived yesterday about 2 o'Clock P.M. on my approach within one Mile and a half of this Place the Enemy moved off leaving their Battering Guns behind them 1 18 & 1-12 pounder. My Bullocks being quite Fatigued, & most of them having never been in a Yoke on any other occasion, it was out of my Power to follow them with effect, but I shall be after them this Morning, and if the Bowanny is full I hope to get their Guns and drive them entirely out of the Country. -

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On the Morning of the 11th they attacked the Fort in four different places with Escalading Ladders, they commenced their Attack at 4 o'Clock and continued it till half past seven, when they were repulsed with the loss of between 3 and 400 Men killed and wounded. Lieutenant Chalmers's defence of the Post of Coimbetore does him the highest honor, and Lieut.t Chalmers has reported to me the important Services he received from Captain Le Compe of the Travancore Service, who was indefatigable in bearing a Share of the Fatigues of the Seige

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble Servant

Camp at Coimbetore
12th August 1791.

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Major Cuppage.

The Board are extremely well pleased to observe that by Major Cuppage's judicious and seasonable Movement towards Coimbatour, he has obliged the Enemy to raise the Seige

Agreed that Copy of Major Cuppage's Letter of the 12th be sent to Lord Cornwallis and to Bengal.

Read the following and Enclosure from the Adjutant General.

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To W.C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Political & Military Departments

of Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Adjutant General with Copy of the Regulations published in Camp relative to the Sick and Wounded Europeans, which are to extend to the Hospitals below the Ghauts, wherever men belonging to Corps in the Field have been placed. —

I have the honor, by order of Lord Cornwallis to transmit to you, in order to be presented to the Board a Copy of his Lordships Orders issued in Camp relative to the Sick and Wounded, and to intimate his Lordship's request that the Board will give the necessary orders that they may be observed in the different Hospitals below the Ghauts where men belonging to Corps in the Field have necessarily been placed. —

Head Quarters
Camp 3. Miles South of Oussore
15th. August 1791. —

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry. Malcolm
Adjt. Genl. of the Army.

Copy

Head Quarters Camp near Neeldurgum
28th. July 1791.

G.O. by Earl Cornwallis

The inconveniences and defects in the present System for the Establishment and Regulation of Field Hospitals have been made so apparent to the Commander in Chief, and the total want of any practicable Regulation that provides for more than

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the slightest cases in the Field, requiring an immediate Remedy; following Rules and Regulations for the future care of the sick and wounded are directed to take place from the 1st of August next and to continue in force till further Orders.—

An allowance of thirty fanams pr Month shall be paid by the Company to the Regimental Surgeons of each European Corps in the Field for every Man who is borne as effective on the Regimental Returns on the first day of each Month, in consideration of which; of the Dry Batta of the Patients in the Hospital, and of a proportion equal to one fanam and sixteen Cash pr day out of the Hospital Stoppage of two fanams and forty Cash now made from the Pay of the Soldier, the Surgeon is to find all necessary Articles for the sick, comprehending as well every requisite Medicine, as all proper and useful attendants, and he is also to furnish them as far as may be practicable when moving in the Field, and without excuse or exception when removed to any Stationary Hospital with good and clean dressed Provisions according to the following Table of Diet.—

Full Diet

Breakfast

A Pint of Rice Gruel with Salt or Sugar, or a Pint of

of Sage, Mint, or common Grass Tea, with half an ounce of Sugar, as the Patient chuses.—

Dinner.

A Pint of Broth, with Barley, or Greens, and three fourths of a Pound of boiled Mutton.—

Supper.

A Pint of Rice Gruel with half an ounce of Sugar, and two Spoonfuls of Madeira Wine.—

Middle Diet.

Breakfast — as above

Dinner.

A Pint of Broth, with Barley or Greens, and half a Pound of Mutton, or a boiled Chicken with a Pint of Chicken Broth

Supper — as before

Low Diet

Breakfast.

According to the Patient's appetite.—

Dinner.

A Pint of Mutton Broth, or half a Pint of Sago, or Panado, with two Spoonsful of Madeira Wine and half an ounce of Sugar

Supper — as before.—

Milk Diet.

Breakfast.

A Pint of new Milk, with half an ounce of Sugar, or

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and a little Nutmeg grated.—

Dinner.—

A Pint of Rice milk, with half an Ounce of Sugar,
and a little Nutmeg grated.—

Supper.

The same as Breakfast.—

The Patients of every Class shall each have Daily
a Loaf of good Bread weighing one Pound.—

The common Drink of those on full and—
middle Diet, to be Toast and Water, Barley Water, or
Wine and Water as the attending Surgeon deems best.

Those on Low, or Milk Diet, to have Barley
Water with or without Wine according to their—
Situation: all further quantities of either Madeira
or Red Wines, or any other necessary the Sick may
stand in need of, must depend on the judgment of
the Surgeon who attends them.—

* A proportion of Tents of the Regiment
must be pitched apart for the accommodation of
the Sick in the Field when the Hospital Tents
allowed for each Corps by the Regulations are
insufficient, but every other Expence attending the
Hospital either fixed or moving, whether arising
from Hospital Cots, Bedding, Instruments, Europe
or Bazar Medicines, Hospital Stewards, and Dresses,—

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Coolies, Sweepers, Bheesties, Washerman, Taylors, Cooks and Cooking Utensils, is to be discharged by the Surgeons receiving the Allowances above specified, without subjecting the Company to any other contingent Charges or Expences whatever; and whenever Patients are removed from the Field into Stationary Hospitals, the person in the Charge and Superintendence of the Stationary Hospital is to make his Charge against the Regimental Surgeons for the Expences actually incurred, and if the Charges to be made shall be excepted to by the Regimental Surgeons as improper or excessive, a Committee consisting of three Surgeons at the least shall examine and inspect the Charges, and their Decision upon them shall be conclusive and binding between the Parties.—

The remaining part of the Hospital Stoppage of two fanams and forty Cash now made from the Pay of the Soldier which is equal to one fanam and twenty four Cash P Day is to be retained by the Officer Commanding the Company to which the Patient belongs, and is to be applied under his Direction to the purchase of such necessary Articles of Cloathing as he may be most in want

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The Hospitals are to be visited daily by a Commissioned officer from each Regiment who is to enquire into and report all Complaints to the Commanding Officers of the Corps, and to inspect generally into the State of the Hospitals and the proper Care of the Patients, and it will be the Special Duty of the Surgeon General, or the Senior Surgeon with the Army in the Field to inspect constantly into the State of the different Hospitals, and by frequent visitations among them to enforce the performance of all necessary Duties on the Part of the Regimental Surgeons, and to see that all the Patients in them are properly attended to and taken care of.

Whatever Europe Medicines or Instruments the Regimental Surgeons may require are to be Indented for, and furnished from the Company's Stores at an advance of 10 ℘ cent: on the Europe Price; and an Allowance of two fanams ℘ Day for each Patient not entitled to Field Batta is to be paid by the Company

Regulations for the Native Sick will be published in Orders in a Day or two.

A true Copy
Signed Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army
Agreed

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Adjutant General

Agreed to inform the Hospital Board that the Orders issued in Camp relative to the Sick and wounded, must be observed in the different Hospitals below the Ghauts, where men belonging to Corps in the Field have necessarily been placed.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.—

To W.m Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Travancore the Rajah agrees to deliver up the Villages in the Cumbum & Goodelore Districts which belong to the Province of Dindigul

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th. past: with its enclosure In obedience to the Board's orders, I applied to the Rajah of Travancore in their Name, for immediate orders to his Servants who were in possession of the Villages in the Districts of Cumbum and Goodelore to surrender those Villages to the Collector at Dindigul, which I beg you will inform the Board, The Rajah immediately complied with.—

I have written to Mr. Macleod to this effect, that he may send his Servants to take Charge of them

Travancore
8th. August 1791.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
signed George Powney Resident
Agreed

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Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Board of Revenue.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave.—

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

Honble Sirs,

From Major General Musgrave recommending that a temporary Adjutant be appointed to the the Garrison of Poonamalee Remarks respecting the high Price of Provisions at that Place.

I am induced at the instance of Major Brodie, to represent to the Board that the Detachments of Recruits lately arrived in the different Indiamen from Europe, have encreased the Garrison of Poonamalee to a Number so great that the internal Duty and detail becomes too heavy to be attended by the Commanding Officer alone without the assistance of some executive Staff Officer. The Major therefore entreats the indulgence of an Adjutant for so long a time as the number of Men under his Command shall authorise such an appointment; a Request which, though averse as I am to the creation of new Staff, I do not think in this instance at all unreasonable, as the Troops now at Poonamalee are very numerous and being composed of Recruits for different Corps the duty is thereby rendered

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more troublesome and complex.—

I beg leave also on the representation of Major Brodie, to submit to the Board's consideration the hardship the Troops at Poonamalee labour under from the enhanced Price of Provisions in the Country and particularly of Mutton,— common Sheep — which I understand were formerly sold from 6 to 8 for a Pagoda, Mr. Clerk the Collector says cannot now be supplied at a cheaper rate than 4. a Price too high for the private Soldier to afford, and considerably dearer than when our Army was in the Carnatic, and the Demand of course greater: I therefore hope the Board will be pleased to give Mr. Clerk directions to remedy, as far as he can, this cause of complaint, and oblige the Dumeldars to furnish Provisions at the former customary Prices

I have the honor to be
J.a S.a J.a

18th August 1791.—

Signed Thos. Musgrave

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform General Musgrave that if he will recommend a fit Person for the Situation of temporary Adjutant to the Garrison of Poonamallee, he will be appointed accordingly

With regard to Major Brodie's Representation

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of the high Price of Provisions, and particularly Sheep,

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It is agreed to observe to the General that in the opinion of the Board four Sheep for a Pagoda cannot be deemed an extravagant Price, and that the Inhabitants could not dispose of them at a cheaper rate with any probability of a reasonable Profit to themselves - and that at the Mount which is in the vicinity of Poonamallee only three Sheep and a half are given for a Pagoda

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton

To

William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you an account of Wine supplied his Majesty's 75d Regiment on board of the Dutton, during their Passage to Madras, as also the Surgeon's application and Receipt for the same on which I am to request you will mention to the Honble Court of Directors in your Letter respecting the Dutton, that they may order Payment for the same

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

Madras
18th August 1791.

(Signed) J. Hamilton

From the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton - enclosing an account of Wine supplied the Detachment of his Majesty's 75d Regiment during the Voyage from England

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The Honble East India Company Dr.

To Captain James Hamilton of the Ship Dutton
for Wine Supplied to the Troops during their
Passage to Madras, at the particular Request of
the Surgeon

Port Wine 40 Dozen — a 24/ — £48.—.—
50 p Ct. — — — 24.—.—
£ 72.—.—

Madras
17th August 1791

Received the above Quantity of Wine and
expended it for the use of the Sick Soldiers of the
75th Regiment

(Signed) Geo. Hewitson Surgeon

Captain Hamilton

Sir.

I beg leave to inform you the Port Wine
for the use of the Military on board is expended,
and therefore request you will be pleased to order
a further Supply

Ship Dutton at Sea I am &c. &c.
15th May 1791 (Signed) Geo. Hewetson Surg.

Supplied at diff.t times
40 Dozen of Port Wine a 24/ — £48.—.—
50 p Ct. — — — 24
£ 72.—.—

Agreed

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Agreed that Captain Hamilton's
Claim be referred for Payment to the Honble Court
of Directors

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Ram.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Collector at Tanjore respecting the Exchange of Property plundered by the Tanjore Colleries and recovered enclosing Copy of a Letter from Sondiman on the Subject.

I have received your Letter of the 11th
August enclosing one from the Honble President
to Sondiman.—

I request the favor of you to lay before
the Honble President in Council the enclosed
Letter from Sondiman received yesterday from
which it should appear that though he had no
intention of opposing the Company's Troops, he
is not willing to comply with my Requisition
of sending the Cattle taken to Tanjore unless the
Tanjore Colleries previously restore the Cattle
claimed by the Tricolore People, which they
will not easily be induced to do. First, because
the Number to be restored has not been finally
adjusted. Secondly, as they consider themselves
the injured Persons by Sondiman's Incursion.—

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I will, however endeavour to persuade them to send the Cattle which they agreed to restore into Tanjour which they perhaps may consent to, whilst the Detachment is among them and am in hopes that the Letter from the Honble President, delivered to Sondimans Vaeguil this day may render him more compliant.

I have the Honor to be

Sir.

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) G. L. Ram

Tanjour
15th August 1791.

Translation of Sondiman's Letter

Vijia Regonad Sondaman sends his Salam to Mr. Ram

From the Letters sent by you and my Vakeel I have understood every thing:-

You desire that I should send the Bullocks and Sheep to Tanjore and that you would keep them in the large Pagoda of the little Fort, and that the Arielore People and the Putticaudee Colleries should come together to prove and ascertain what each party had lost and that a proper Restoration should

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should be made to every one. Why should the Oxen which our People have taken, be sent to be put in the large Pagoda?

If your Putticaudu Colleries restore those Bullocks which they have driven away those which have been taken from them shall be sent. I say this for the benefit of the Inhabitants of the Company's Country, and not as one who would keep those Oxen. I dont act against the Company I have always acted in conjunction with them, and have even sent my People and Horse to Madras in order to serve the Company: and I am willing to do the same for the future.

The Conduct of the Puttacaudu Colleries you Know likewise. When Chanda Saheb, and even lately when Hyder invaded this Country the Puttacaudu Colleries assisted Hyder and prepared Ladders to Escalade the Forts of Trichinopoly and Tanjore and plundered the whole Country and let Hyder into my Country and Kundara Kotta which they plundered and to the Gates of Adani Kotta. May when Tippoo lately came to Manatsen mellore beyond the Colleroon those Colleries joined him and plundered.

If then you believe what those Colleries say, and doubt of what I say: What can

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I say? Trusting their sayings you have sent Sepoys against me - Can I oppose them? If they come beyond my Limits I will stop them by adjuring them in the Company's Name - If they advance further I shall be quiet - I shall not fight with them - I shall never do any thing against the Company - Why should you write all these things to Madras - I am willing to hear what you say - They have told you that I sell the Bullocks and Sheep taken from them, but that is not the case - I take care of them, so that nothing shall be lost - If you say that I should let them go, I will do so - I need not write about the Tricolore People and that restoration is to be made to them - The Company is concerned in all - My Vakeel will tell you all the rest

Salam.

A true Copy from Mr. Swartz's Translation

Signed C. Ram

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Reverend Mr. Swartz be desired to communicate to the Rajah the Complaint against the Tanjore Colleries, and at the same time signify to them on the Part of Government that they may expect exemplary Punishment if they do not immediately return the Cattle and desist from such Practices in future.

Agreed

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Agreed also to desire Mr Swartz to inform Tondiman that the Board are much displeased at the Incursion of his People into the Tanjore Country - that the plundered Property must be restored to the rightful owners - and that the Colleries will in the same manner be forced to make Restitution of the Cattle taken from the Trichore People.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board -

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council -

Sir (Works Dept.)

From the Military Board - with Copy of the Proceedings of a Committee of Inspection into the State of the Fortifications at Carroor remarks on the irregular & unmilitary Stile thereof Recommendation in consequence

The Committee of Works at Trichinopoly has transmitted to us the Enclosed Proceedings of a Committee of Inspection into the State of the Fortifications at Carroor, upon which we think it necessary to request your Commands, as the Works and alterations proposed are of considerable Magnitude and Extent, altho' in our own Opinion it will be only requisite that Captain Parr should be authorized to provide a sufficient Stock of Fascines Gabions and Sand-bags to be appropriated in such manner as shall appear to him Expedient

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in the Event of an Attack with regard to incurring any Expence on account of Magazines, we do not conceive it advisable at this period nor that that any Embrasures should be opened, until he can ascertain, from the Enemy's approach, the face of attack - We cannot however conclude our observations upon this Subject, without remarking that the Form as well as the Stile of the Proceedings appears to us very irregular and unmilitary - and as such, should have been rather censured than approved by the Commanding officer himself

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
14th August 1791.

Sir

Your most Obedient and
Humble Servants

Signed { Thos. Musgrave
J. Capper.
Geo.e Maule
R. Tutt.
George Hall

To Captain Thamas Parr
Commanding Carnoor.

Sir

From the Daily accounts received that
Coimbetore

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Coimbetore is now Invested by a large Body of the Enemy, and the Probability that an attempt for the Reduction of this Place, may be their next Object, are induced to assure you we have every Wish to cooperate with you to make such Defence as may be consistent with Honor, and the good of the Service for which purpose we beg leave to observe that it appears to us, much is still wanting within the Garrison to enable the Troops and Officers to act with Effect.

The present corrupt State of the Wells within the Fort, may be attended with many bad Consequences to the Health of the Troops, when they are necessitated to make use of them, in the Event of a Seige

The exposed and dangerous Situation in which most of the Ammunition is now in, renders it necessary to place it in more Safety, as an accident happening to it may prove fatal to the whole Garrison. And had the Soldiers' Houses been more regularly built, they would not be so subject to accidental Fires, or any attempt an Enemy may make to destroy them.

The Garrison being unprovided with Salt Provisions for the European Troops, the essential

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Article of Cattle, and sufficient for them, is not the least Want in which it stands in need of; and from the State the Masonry of some of the Works is in, much good use might be made of Timber proper for Stockades &c.a &c.a there being any in the Garison.

We are with much Respect

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Carroor
25th July 1791.

signed
Simon Baillie Captn
P. C. Desse Lieut. 20 Battn. N.I.
Robt Gahagan Lieut. 20 Battn. N.I.
Monsell Lieut. 20 Battn. N.I.
Robt Ridge Lieut. 20 Battn. N.I.
Charles Simpson Lieut. B Battn. N.I.
Mathew Daly Lt. Wr. Comt. Detachmt.
at Carroor

Geo. M. McGregor Ensn. 1 Battn. C. Infantry

E B Bagshaw Ensn. 1st Battn. C. Infantry

In consequence of the above Letter a Committee was ordered to sit, to Inspect the Works &c.a which Sat on the 27th and 28th of July.

(signed) Tho. Parr.
Captn Commt. Carroor.

(Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Committee held by Order of Captain Thomas Parr Commanding Carroor for the Inspection of such Proposals as may be laid before them for the Safety of the Garrison and the good of the Service. — Carroor 27th July 1791.

Captain Baillie President.

Lieutenant Desse, Lieutenant Ridge } Members { Lieutenant Gahagan, Lieutenant Simpson

In consequence of the Proposals laid before the Court by the Commanding Officer, the Court are of Opinion, having minutely examined the State of the Work, the following Repairs are requisite for the preservation of the Garrison and the Good of the Service.—

1st N.E. Angle Bastion the Embrasure where the Howit is now, left open, the next to it filled up, on its left, the Embrasure where the 18 Pounder is to be thickened and widened, and the Embrasure to the East face to be Strengthd (by filled Gabions)

2d N.E. Cavalier the two Embrasures on the Right to be filled up and the two angular ones on the left. The center one Strengthened. N.B. the Earth to be cleard to the level of the Chanam Platform.—

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3rd. The Bastion near the N.W. Angular Bastion on the North face, The 2d. and 3d. Embrasures on the left to be filled up, one opened to the North. Strengthened, the Embrasure on the Right to be filled, and one opened on the same face.—

4th. N.W. Angle Bastion, The 1st. 2nd. 4th. and 5th. Embrasures to be filled up on the Right, and the 3d. Thickened and Widened.—

5th. The first Bastion on the West face, an Embrasure to be cut in the Center and the Bastion Strengthened.—

6th. N.W. Cavalier, the 1st. and 2nd. Embrasures on the Right to be filled up, the 4th. and 5th. Strengthened and the Stones taken away level with the Chanam Platform.—

7th. The 3d. Bastion on the West face, the Embrasure to be filled up and one cut to the West, the Bastion to be Strengthened

8th. S.E. Cavalier, the 2d. Embrasure on the left to be filled up, and the Whole Strengthened.—

9th. S.E. Angle Bastion, the Embrasures to be thickened and the Parapet Repaired, the East Angular Embrasure to be filled up, on its left and an Embrasure opened on the left Angle.—

10th. A Parapet for Musketry in the Rear of Mr. Daly's House to be raised.—

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11th At the third Gate an Embrasure on each side to be Cut and thickened, a Parapet to the left of the Gate to be raised.—

12th The Draw Bridge to be properly hung and the Stones cleared from under.—

13th The Works at the outermost Gate to be repaired and the Slope of the Embrasure to be raised, the Expence Magazine to be repaired.—

14th Banquets to be made between the Second and third Gateway.—

15th The Wall on the right of the outermost Gate leading from the Glacis to the outworks on the S.E. Angle, to be Cut down 6 or 8 foot.—

16th The Works on the left of the outermost Gate, to be Raised thickened, the Trench deepened and Widened.

17th The Sally port between the Gates to be provided with a proper Gate.—

18th The Gate of the Pagoda to be taken off and put to the outermost Gateway.—

19th The Sally port under the Covert way to be filled up on the North face: and the Glacies to be Repaired in such parts as may want.

20th Both sides of the Pagoda Gate ways to be built up for Magazines, and the Sally port under the Rampart on the North face to be thickened for

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a Magazine.—

21st In Expience a Magazine to be made under the Slopes of each Cavalier.—

22nd The Works on the Bridge leading to the Pettah to be removed but not put into the Ditch.—

23d That Wood and Materials be provided for Stockades, Gabions, Fascines, and that a sufficient Quantity of Firewood, Cattle, Buzzar Articles, and Forage for the use of the Garison for six Months.—

24th The Range of Sheds to be compleated on the West face of the Pagoda Wall.—

25th The outwork on the South East Angle to be repaired—

26th All the dismounted Guns to be removed—

27th That all the arrack now in the Pagoda be removed into the Granary, it's present Situation being too much exposed—

28th The present Magazine being in a dangerous Situation, it will be necessary that a Magazine or Pit be sunk for the Security of the Powder.—

(Signed) Simon Baillie
Capt. and President

(Signed) Thomas Parr
Capt. Comm. Carnoor.

a true Copy (signed) D. Anne
Secy M.S.

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Minute on the foregoing letter from the Military Board.

The Board highly approve the Opinion given in the foregoing Letter upon the very irregular and unmilitary Proceedings of the Committee of Inspection at Carour, and it is resolved to direct the Military Board to signify to Captain Parr that he is positively to confine himself to the Provision of Fascines, Gabions and Sand Bags; and that if he incur any Expence whatever in Buildings or Repairs without the previous Sanction of Government, the Company will not be answerable for it; and that his Conduct is highly censurable in giving his Sanction to the unmilitary Proceedings of the Committee of Inspection.

Military Department

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council

From the Military Board recommending that an Experiment be made of the Canvas Ass Bags enclosing a Report of the Commissary General of Stores respecting supplies relating to his Department received from Bengal Clothing and Camp Equipage sent to Arnboor in the Platform Carts Observations on the Counter order to the Military Storekeeper respecting the Provision of Tents Opinion on the Charge for a Sub Conductor and Gunner with Captain Read's Detachment and an Lieutenants Bill for Arrears of Quarter Master's Allowances Orders required on the Subject of the Bowen der field Carriages Report respecting Flints received from England Major Tullis Indents for Clothing for Artillery Recruits Gunpowder & Military Stores received from the Company's Books

Sir,

We have been honored by your Letters of the 30th Ultimo, and 3d 4th 6th 9th 11th and 19th Instant.

Having inspected the Muster of the Canvas Bullock Bag, We are of opinion that it is in every respect superior to the Gunny Bag at present in use - but whether its eventual advantages will counterbalance the Encrease of

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of Expence which will attend it's Substitution we could wish should be determined by Experiment accordingly recommend that it be made of those already provided by the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Hereweth we have the honor to transmit the Information afforded us by the Commissary General of Stores, upon the Subject of the Letter from the Supreme Government, respecting the Exposure of Stores upon the Sea Beach — In addition to which we beg leave to observe — that it has sometimes happened that Bills of Lading have not accompanied the Stores from Bengal, in which cases only, we imagine any Detention of them can have occured, more particularly as the Commissary General of Stores has invariably Stationed Persons on the Beach to give the earliest Intimation at the Arsenal of the arrival of all Stores, and as we are besides, satisfied that no Neglect or Irregularity in the performance of this Duty, has arisen in his Department, and are equally desirous to prevent the possibility of any such Neglect we presume to Suggest that the Government General be requested to direct an Enquiry to be made

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as to the particular Supplies alluded to in their Letter
Being furnished with this Clue, we doubt not we shall
be able to trace the alledged Neglect to the person
immediately responsible for it.

Having called upon the late agent for
Military Cloathing, he transmitted to us a Statement
Copy of which is enclosed, shewing the Cloathing at
present due to the Honble Company's Troops and the
Proportion for the Troops in Camp. We have directed
him to dispatch with every possible Expedition upon
the Platform Carts to Amboor. It may be also
necessary to inform you that applications were lately
made and complied with, for Carriage to transport
Cloathing for his Majesty's 36th. 52d. 71st. 72d. and 76th
Regiments, to which we imagine the Commander
in Chief principally alludes. With respect to Camp
Equipage, we have the pleasure to inform you that
the full quantity specified in our Letter of the 20th June
has been long since dispatched to Amboor.

The Military Storekeeper has advised
us that he has taken every means in his Power
to stop the Provisions of Tents, agreeably to your
Directions, requesting at the same time to be
indemnified, in case the Agent he has employed,
shall hold him accountable for the full number

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commissioned in consequence of our Orders of the 15th. Ultimo. This point we deem it proper to refer to your Consideration and decision, submitting it as our opinion that no allowance should be made beyond the number of Tents, which shall be declared by Mr Pescher to have been actually completed, at the time the Counter-Order was issued

As the Services of the Sub-Conductor and Gunner with Captain Read's Detachment have been particularized, and appear to have been necessary, we conceive their Pay may be admitted, at the same time we are of Opinion that such Officers are not necessary for small Detachments unless Engaged in Sieges, but in other Cases of Emergency, but the necessity for them should always be represented by the Commanding Officer to Government, who would immediately authorize or abolish the appointment as they might judge proper

Understanding that Lieutenant Blair was originally appointed by General Medows as Brigade Major and Quarter Master to Captain Read's Detachment but to receive only One Pay, his present Claims therefore appear to us inadmissible.

We have given Directions to the Contractor, for completing as speedily as possible, the Dooly Carriages required by the Commander (in

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in Chief — with regard to the 18 Pounder Carriages lately ordered to be made up, we beg leave to remark that as they were recommended by us, to replace those sent into the field, as well as to complete the Garrison Statement, no particular Directions were given for their being made up in haste — But perceiving by the Letter from Lord Cornwallis, transmitted for our Information and Guidance, that he has advised that a stop be put to their Construction, we are induced to request a further Communication of your Sentiments upon the Subject; — at the same time we are to inform you that no seasoned Timber for the purpose is to be procured in Madras excepting such as we are told the Nabob has in his Possession. —

In our Letter of the 11th February we had occasion to explain the Distinction observed at this Presidency between Field and Garrison Flints, and to notice the various Ill-consequences to which the Public Service was liable from the great Disproportion of Flints of the former description — We now lay before you a Return of those received from England this Season, whereby we are concerned to perceive that this disproportion continues to be nearly the same, We therefore submit whether this Matter is not worthy of early and particular Notice to

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The Honorable the Court of Directors

Major Tutt has presented to us an Indent for Cloathing for the Recruits that arrived this Season, and as it is probable that they may be shortly ordered upon field Service, in which case they will be entitled by usage, to Cloathing, we recommend that the Indent be complied with.—

The Commissary General of Stores has laid before us a Report Proof of 535 Barrels of Gun Powder manufactured at Madras, which exceeding the Standard Proof, we have ordered to be received upon the Company's Books — as also the Articles specified in the enclosed List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of June.—

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
" Thos. Musgrave
" J. Capper.
" Geo: Maule
" R.t Tutt.
" George Hall.

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The Commissary General of Stores informs the Military

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Military Board that since he has had charge of the Arsenal he does not recollect any Instance of the Military Stores sent from Bengal to Fort St. George, ever having been suffered to remain after Information had been sent of them, either on the Sea Beach, or in any other Place exposed to the Weather, nor is he conscious of any Neglect whatever, so far as relates to the Military Stores that have been consigned to, or placed under his charge, either on his own part or that of the Ordnance Officers employed under him, but as Declarations from a Principal cannot have the same weight as written Testimonies from others, he here produces in proof of the above assertion, those of Mr. Jones, the Deputy Master Attendant, and all the Officers of Ordnance in the Arsenal, which will no doubt convince the Military Board that no Neglect whatever has ever occurred in the Department of the Commissary General of Stores, where Military Stores have been consigned to his Charge for the Public Service.

(Signed) George Hall
Com. Gen. Stores.

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Major George Hall
Commissary General Stores

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter

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Letter setting forth that it had been suggested to the Governor General of Bengal that some of the Stores sent from Bengal last Year, were suffered to remain on the Sea Beach exposed to the Weather and were otherwise neglected, in answer to which we beg leave to assure you, that no Ordnance Stores of any Description, whether received from England or Bengal have ever been suffered to remain on the Beach no longer than one night and that has only happened when a large Number of Boats have been employed and so many Stores landed, that we have not had People sufficient to remove them to the Arsenal. But this has seldom happened, and we firmly believe was never the Case during the landing of Stores from Calcutta, we further beg leave to observe that every Attention has been paid by us to the various Duties of the Ordnance Department; and are at all times ready to answer to any Charge of Neglect that may be brought against us, being assured nothing of such a Nature could ever be fabricated on just grounds, and we trust you will do us the justice to say, that nothing of the Kind ever happened within your knowledge.—

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

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10th August 1791.

(Signed) B. Bishop D. Com. Stores
C. Breithaupt
Worman
Henry Rodgers
Conductors of Stores

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Dear Sir.

Respecting your Question of Iknow of any Neglect of the Ordnance Stores on this Beach, that were landed from Calcutta, I can only say, that I know of none that can be imputed, having not witnessed any thing of the kind — or I presume the Neglect alludes to same other Stores

Yours very Obediently
(signed) Hugh Jones

10th August 1791.

A true Copy
Danl Ince
Secry Mil. Bd

Cloathing due to the Honble Company's Troops for the Year 1790 - and remaining in the late agent's Godowns —

To the 2d Battalion Native Infantry
To the 1st Do — Do — Do
To the 9th Do — Do — Do
To the 13th Do — Do — Do
To the 21st Do — Do — Do
To the 23d Do — Do — Do
To the 27th Do — Do — Do
To the 30 Companies Gun Lascars
To the 4th Battalion European Infantry for 1791. —

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To the 13th Do Do Do
To the 21st Do Do Do
To the 23d Do Do Do
To the 27th Do Do Do
To the 30th Companies Gun Lascars
To the 4th Battalion European Infantry for 1791.

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To the 1st Battalion European Artillery for 1791.
To the 2d Do. Do. Do. for 90 & 91.

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9th August 1791

(Signed) Wm. Balfour.
for the late Mil.y Agency.

A true Copy
(Signed) Dan.l Ince.
Secry Mil.y Bd.

Return of Flints received from England per 6 different Ships this Season.—

	Flints		
	Field	Exercising	Total
Musket	74,825	131,120	206,245
Carbine	2,270	5,730	8,000
Wall Piece	3,910	—	3,910
Total	81,005	137,150	218,155

(Signed) Dan.l Ince
Secry Mil.y Bd.

List of Military Stores received from the Military Store Keeper in the Month of June 1791.—

Gunpowder Madras 60 ℔	Barrels	520.
Tin Plates round		725.
Teak Timmon Planks		16.
		Teak

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Teak Timbers		5
Teak Carlins		1
Flour	Meas.s	50.
Linseed Oil	Gallons	19½.
Charcoal	Loads	722.
Mats		100.
Pots and Pans		56.
Mollays		20.
Wood Oil	Meas.s	5.
Dungree Sand Bags large		1123.
Cotton Tape for Ammunition Pouches	Yards	23.
Brattices		1800
Coconut Brushes		40
Paddy Husk	Loads	5.
Fire-wood	Billets	5000.
Brooms	Bund.s	44.
Irons		101
Copper Hoops 2200 pr.	Ca.	8.3.12½
Loose Coir	Ca	5
Wax Candles	Do	1.18.12½
Europe Junk	Cwt	29.1.7
Glue	lb	80
Gutenag	lb	203
Coir Rope 1½ Inch Coil 133 pr.	Ca	6.15.17½
Turnkeys		3302
Sail Needles		500
Gunny Needles		300
Grease	Dupp.s	3
Leather Haversacks		200

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Gunny Carriage Bags for Powder		100.
Traces Chain Iron for Brass Gun 18 Pounder		1
Country Hides		200.
Drum Cords		200.
Field Officers Tents		1.
Officers Tents		20.
Powder Barrels Tinfoiled		500.
Do for Ammunition		200.
Handspikes Purchasing		215
Pettery	Bolts	99.
Long Cloth Brown	Pieces	100.
Gunny Bags		500.
Salt Petre	Ca	4
Sheathing Boards		36.
Chests		37.
Boxes		3.
Platform Carts		100.
Arrack Carts		100.
Single Yokes		200.
Sawing Needles		3700
Camphire	℔	10.
Copper Tubes empty 12 Pounder		1200
6 Do		1800.
3 Do		1600.
5½ Inch		2800
Tin Tube Boxes 6 Pounder		20

Gunny

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Gunny Carriage Bags for Ammunition		392
Brass Fife Cases		20.
Spirits of Wine	Gallons	36
Copper Funnels		11

From the Civil Storekeeper.

White-Lead	Maund	1.—
Pump Nails	℔	50.

From the Import Warehousekeeper.

Iron Square Bars 20 pcs	Cwt	18
Hoop Iron	D°	1.—

(signed) B Bishop
Dep: Com: Stores.

a true Copy
(signed) Dan'l Ince
Secry Mil Bd.

Memdm on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board

Agreed that the Military Board be desired to make an Experiment of the Canvas Bullock Bag provided by the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, as suggested by them, and to report the Result to the Board.

Agreed that a Letter be written to Bengal stating the Information obtained from the Commissary General of Stores — the Garrison Storekeeper — and the acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors, upon the Subject of the Letter from Mr. Secretary Hay dated the 13th Ultimo.

Agreed that the necessary Information (be

☞ See Diary & Consult: the 16th August

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be given to the Military Board respecting the 18 Pounder Gun Carriages lately ordered to be made up.—

Resolved that the Attention of the Honorable Court of Directors be drawn to the Circumstances reported by the Military Board respecting the Flints.—

Agreed to approve the opinions given upon the Claim of Lieutenant Blair, and the Reference of Captain Andrew Read respecting the Pay of the Sub-Conductor and Gunner serving with his Detachment.—

Ordered that Major Tutt's Indent for Cloathing for the Recruits arrived this Season be complied with.

Mr. George Read appointed an Assistant to the Secretary in the Military & Political Departments.—

Mr. George Read appointed an Assistant to the Secretary in the Military and Political Departments of Government.

" Wm Petrie

" Hudleston

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Received the following Letter

from the Military Storekeeper —

The Honble. Major General Medows

President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George —

From the Military Storekeeper with Copies of Letters from his Agents as Vouchers respecting the Loss they will be exposed to on account of Matches also purchased for making up Tents —

Honble Sir,

Immediately on the Receipt of your Order under date the 11th Instant I address'd all the Agents employed by me in the Provision of Tents, and now take the Liberty to lay before you Copies of such answers as I have to this time received. —

I request to be favored with your Orders respecting the materials stated by Mr. Torriano and Lieutenant Healey to have been provided in consequence of the Commissions received from me and have the honor to be with great Respect &c. &c. &c.

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11th August 1791. —

Signed Jos. du Pre Strachey
Mg Storekr

To —

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To Josias Dié Pié Porcher Esqr
Military Storekeeper

Fort St. George.

Sir

Before I received your Letter of the 8th Instant I had laid out, & was preparing for making up the Number of Tents you required to the amount of Pagodas 2,396 The providing Sixty Marquees will reimburse me, and I shall be no Loser - and I shall then Stop. -

I am
Sir
Your
Most Obt Hble Servt
(Signed) W. H. Torriano

Vellore
15th August 1791

A true Copy
(Signed) Josias Dié Pié Porcher
Mg Storekr

To Josias Dié Pié Porcher Esqre

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 11th and have accordingly Ordered my Taylors to Stop making Tents, - 10 are done, and two have been cut up, which I have directed to be finished, - as I have prepared Materials for 60 Tents, and shall be a Considerable Loser -

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19 Loser if not allowed to make them up.— I hope you will acquaint the Military Board with the Circumstance, and that I shall be permitted to go on as far as 60 Marquees, which will save me from a Loss I cannot afford to bear.—

I am
&c. &c. &c.
Signed J. W. H. Torriano

Vellore
13th August 1791

A true Copy
Signed Josdh. Dd. Porcher
Mty Storekr.

J. D. Porcher Esqr.

Dear Sir,

In consequence of your Letter of the 11th Instant I sent Orders to my People at Vellore to put a stop immediately to the execution of the Commission you lately gave me for Tents and to transmit me an account of the Number actually made up and yesterday's Supply brought me an answer from my manager that 50 Officers Tents are Completed— and materials provided for 100 more the Number you Ordered me to make up—

Your prohibition I am sorry to tell you will be attended with a very

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serious loss to me for I have advanced money for all these materials, and that to do with them I know not; but endeavour to sell them, which I cannot do but at a Considerable discount, unless you will permit me to make them up.-

I am
Sir
Your
/Signed/ P. Healy

Madras
15th August 1791

A true Copy
/Signed/ Jas del Pie Porcher
Secy Mark.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162.

To Major General Musgrave informing him that the Board have permitted Ensigns R. and J. Tolhurngham to proceed to Bengal to visit their Friends.-

To Major General Musgrave.

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton - with Permission to receive Ensigns R. and J. Tolhurnghan on Board his Ship as Passengers for Bengal.-

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dutton.

To Do informing him that his charge for victualling the Recruits in the Roads is inadmissible and that the Ships

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19 Charge for port Wine supplied them During the Voyage will be referred to the Court of Directors —

To the Secretary to the Hospi-
-tal Board — informing him that the Medicines
that may be applied for by the Surgeons of the
Bengal Detachment are to be issued upon their
paying for the same at an advance of 10 ℘ Cent
upon the prime Cost —

To the Military Paymaster
General with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Samuel
Johnston desiring him to furnish the Vouchers
thereon applied for. —

To the Commandant at Pon-
-damalee desiring him to point out to the Ser-
-vant of the Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions the most eligible situation for a
Barking the Grain now lodged in the Bar-
-racks, and to grant a Guard for its protection
as soon as it has been removed

Received the undermentio-
-ned Letters as entered in Mis. Nos. 164. 165. 166.

From the Collector in the
Vizagapatam Havelly — advising of his ha-
-ving sent off one hundred and fifty Bul-
-lock Drivers to the Presidency and of his
Intention to dispatch one hundred more

every

To the Secretary to the Hospital Board —

To the Military Paymaster General —

To the Commandant at Pondamallee —

From the Collector in the Vizagapatam Havelly —

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19 very shortly stating the Sums on which he has entertained them and the Sums which they have received on account.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—enclosing an Indent for 200 Garce of Rice to send to Amboor for the use of the Army.—

From the acting Persian Translator to the Government General.—

From the acting Persian Translator to the Government General—accompanying some Paper for the use of the Persian Translator to the Governor General and requesting that it may be forwarded by a safe Conveyance.—

20th Sent the following Letters to Bengal.—

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

To Bengal with Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis dated the 15th Instant.

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter which we have received from Lord Cornwallis dated the 15th Instant.

We are
&c.
Signed William Petrie
&c. Council

Fort St. George
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&c.

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To the Honble Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme

Council at Fort William —

To Bengal respecting Stores received from Bengal the Departments of the Commissary General of Stores the Garrison Storekeeper and the acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Gentlemen,

In consequence of Mr. Hayi Letter to our Secretary under date the 13th. ultimo, we called upon the proper Officers under this Presidency to state if any Instances of neglect had occured in their Departments regarding the Stores received from Bengal last year. — We have now the Honor to transmit the Information afforded us by the Commissary General of Stores — the Garrison Storekeeper — and the acting agent for Spirituous Liquors, in addition to which we beg leave to observe that it has sometimes happened that Bills of Lading have not accompanied the Stores from Bengal, in which cases only we imagine any detention of them can have occurred, more particularly as Persons have been invariably stationed upon the Beach to give the earliest Intimation of the arrival of all Stores, and as we cannot

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cannot discover that any neglect or irre-
gularity has arisen, and are equally desirous
to prevent the possibility of any such, we
beg leave to suggest the expediency of your
directing an enquiry to be made as to the
particular supplies alluded to in Mr.
Secretary Hay's Letter — Being furnished with
this Clue, we doubt not we shall be able to
trace the alledged neglect to the person im-
mediately responsible for it.

We have directed the Sea
Customer and the Master Attendant to
report to us every instance in which a De-
parture from the orders and expectations
of your Government shall be discovered
in regard to the appropriation of the
Tonnage of each Ship or Vessel arriving
from Bengal with Public Stores &c.

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed William Petrie
&c. Council

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Received the following
Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue —

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To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council.

From the Board of Assumed Revenue respecting the Assistance afforded by Mr. Macleod for the protection and defence of Coimbatoor.

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to forward for your Information Copy of a Letter received from Mr. Alex.r Macleod reporting the Assistance he has been able to afford Major Cuppage for the protection and defence of the Fort of Coimbatore, the safety of which place is greatly ascribed by that Officer to the spirited and judicious Conduct of Mr. Macleod in which we have pleasure in bringing to your Notice.

We have the Honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
Your Hon.ble Serv.ts

Fort S.t George
20.th August 1791

J.n Cakes
W.m Oram
Geo Moubray

William Petrie Esq.re
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort S.t George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you, that on the arrival of the Enemy to invest the

20 the fort of Coimbetoor I procured a Company of
Sepoys from Colonel Manting with these and
the Dindigul Corps. I moved towards the fron-
tier of the Dindigul district and having apoint-
-ed a considerable poligar force I stationed it at
the different passes so as to prevent the Irruption
of any small body of horse which the Enemy
might detach. I then moved to the Verapatchee
Country belonging to a Dindigul Poligar
with the Sepoys; as from thence I could retreat
in the Event of a large force entering the Coun-
-try, to the fort of Dindigul, by the Hills- at
Verapatchee I had Intelligence from Mr.
Corbett at Palagautcherry that Major Cuppage
Commanding that Garrison was endeavouring
to succour the fort of Coimbatoor and had actu-
-ally pushed forward three Companies of Sepoys
to attempt to throw themselves into it upon
this I determined to send forward the force
with me amounting to two hundred and fif-
-ty Sepoys to assist the Major in the relief of
the place, and proceeded on to Pylney at the
latter place, the Sepoys refused to go on unless
accompanied by me; in this Situation, with
an Object before me of so much importance to
the safety of the Southern districts which
depended

20 depended on the fate of Coimbetoor, I proceeded
on by rapid marches to Palagautcherry with
the Sepoys and about 800 Polegars whom I
had collected in Verapaudchee and Sydney —
exclusive of those I had left on the Dindegul
frontier — on my way I threw a garrison into
the Hill fort of Chickly gerree in the Daraporam
District which had been abandoned by our
peons who had been stationed there, and sup-
=plied it with 6 Weeks rice for the 30 Men —
whom I placed in it — On my arrival at Pala-
=gautcherry I found Major Cuppage in hourly
expectation of 2 Travancore Battalions which
General Abercrombie had dispatched at his
request — One of these Battalions arrived at
Palagautcherry the day after me Major Cup-
=page then prepared to attack the Enemy at
Coimbetoor with the 16th Battalion, the Travan-
=core Battalion, 3 Companies of Travancore and
belonging to his Garrison, the Sepoys I had
brought with me, and five Guns — Lt. Chal-
=mers, Commanding in Coimbetoor, had writ-
=ten that he thought he could maintain the
place about 6 Days longer — We marched

from

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from Pallagautchery and arrived within about 2 Miles of the Coimbetoor fort, when we found by a Note from Lt. Chalmers that the Enemy had stormed the fort in the Morning they repeated their Efforts from 4 in the Morning till half past 7. when they were beat off with the Loss of three hundred men killed on the Spot Orders had been given out by the Commander of the Enemy to renew the attack in the afternoon and not to spare any one in the fort Lt. Chalmers from want of Flints &c. must have lost the place the firing continued between the fort and the Enemy who remained on their Ground till our Line was within a Mile of them, they then moved off rapidly — Lt. Chalmers immediately sallied from the fort and took possession of their two heavy Guns an 18 and 16 Pounder the Enemy set fire to the Pettah, but fortunately the flames did not communicate to above 50 or 60 houses Major Cuppages force pushed thro the Pettah after them and got near enough

to

20 to kill some of their Cavalry with a six pound-
-der - The Enemy went off but as the Bhaw-
-ni is very full 'tis imagined their Guns
and most of their party will be taken - the
Poligars of the Country with the Majori-
Detachment amount to 4000 Men. Our
force will move in pursuit of them in about
an hour -

The enclosed Copy of a Letter
from Major Cuppage to me will evince
the importance of the movement made to
Palagautcherry. The refusal of the Sepoys to pro-
-ceed further than Pylney, without me will o-
-ccasion me to hope be regarded by the board, as a Necessity
sufficient to justify my quitting my district
at the time, more especially as the Collections
had been very nearly Completed and the ex-
balance due from a few of the Poligars not be-
-ing recoverable while an Enemy was so
near and in such force - Mr. Wrangham will
will carry on the business during my absence
which I think cannot be longer than a
Seven days more - The safety of the Southern
districts, was most intimately blended
with the fate of Coimbetoor: had it once
fallen

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fallen the Neighbouring districts would have been over=run with the Enemy's horse, and the fort could not have been recovered from them but by a very large Military force.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod.

Coimbetoor
to
12th August 1791

To
Alexander Macleod Esq.re
Collector of Dindigul
&c.

Sir,

I beg leave to offer you my warmest thanks for the very essential Assistance you have tendered by joining me with your force, without which it would have been totally out of my power to give the critical Relief which we so happily effected yesterday, to the Garrison of Coimbetoor —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) John Cuppage
Major Commanding

Coimbetoor
to
12. August 1791

A true Copy
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Collector

A true Copies
(Signed) W.m Harrington Secy

Despatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in 1813 Nos. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174.

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Cavalry Stationed at Arcot, and desiring he will immediately forward Money to discharge the Arrears reported to be due to the Troops.—

To the Resident at Travancore informing him that the Money he may receive from the Rajah, after Defraying the Expences of the Garrison of Paleaucherry, must be sent to Tellicherry, for the Supply of General Abercromby's Army.—

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions desiring him to take charge of the Bullocks arrived from Bengal on the Hercules.—

To the Military Board directing them to inform Captain Parr that it is the positive Order of the Board that he confine himself to the Provision of Fascines, Gabions and Sand Bags, and that Government are highly displeased at

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at his conduct in giving his Sanction to the
Commn. Military Proceedings of the Committee of
Inspection, which he accompanied their Letter
of the 15th. Instant.—

To Do. a trial to be made
of the Canvas Bags provided by the Com-
-missary General of Grain and Provisions
the Construction of the 18 Pounder Field-
Carriages to be postponed until seasoned
Timber can be procured for the purpose—
informing them that a communication
of their Remarks respecting the Plants—
received from England will be made to
the Court of Directors approving their opi-
-nion on Lieutenant Blair's Claim, and
on Captain Andrew Read's Reference res-
-pecting the Pay of the Sub Conductor and
Gunner serving with his Detachment
Major Tutt's Indent for Cloathing alluded
to in their Letter of the 5th. Instant to be
complied with inclosing Extract of a
Letter from Lord Cornwallis respecting the
Manufacture of Gunpowder, and desiring
them to instruct the Military Storekeeper

To

To the Military Board

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to make up Three Hundred Barrels, monthly,
until further Orders.—

To Captain Andrew Read

To Captain Andrew Read.—

informing him that Orders will be given
for admitting the Pay of the Sub Conductor
and Gunner and that the Board expect in
future, that no Appointment of the kind
will be made without a previous Reference
to them.—

To the Paymaster to Cap-

To the Paymaster to Captain Andrew Read's Detachment.—

tain Andrew Read's Detachment desir-
ing him in the present Instance to
allow the Charges above mentioned, and
informing him that Lieutenant Blair
cannot draw pay in a Double Capacity as
Brigade Major and Quarter Master.

To the Master Attendant

To the Master Attendant

directing him either to proceed himself
or send his Deputy on Board the Mercu-
ries to ascertain that the Tonnage has been
wholly appropriated to the public Ser-
vice enclosing Copies of the Vouchers
of her Cargo that have been received from
Bengal.—

Received

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Substance of two Letters from the Nabob

Received two Letters from the Nabob, (as entered in C C. Nos. 198. 199.) the former requesting that in the event a Treaty being concluded with Tippoo his Name and that of his Successor (Ommadut ul Omrah) may be inserted — also that the Cuddapah and Gear Phant Countries may be delivered up to him and enclosing Copy of his Letter to Lord Cornwallis on the Subject — The Latter enclosing the original Letter to Lord Cornwallis abovementioned —

Sent the following Letters.

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

To Lord Cornwallis — enclosing a Packet to his address received from the Nabob —

My Lord

At the request of his Highness the Nabob we have the Honor to transmit a Packet addressed by him to your Lordship.

Fort St. George
21st. May 1791 —

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed / William Petrie
&c. Council

To

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To Lieutenant Cuppage

Commanding at Amboor

To the Commandant at Amboor inclosing the foregoing Packet to Lord Cornwallis —

Sir.

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inclose a Packet for Lord Cornwallis, which you are desired to forward to his Lordship by Mr. Cockburn if he arrives at Amboor before his departure from Camp, and if not by the first safe opportunity. —

I have &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Secry

Fort St. George
21st. August 1791

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K. G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

To Lord Cornwallis communicating the substance of the two last Letters received from Bengal and the Resolutions of the Board thereon

My Lord

We have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that we have received two Letters from the Council at Bengal dated the 22d and 27 July. By the first they advise us that the Ordnance and Tumbrils required, had been embarked on the Henry some days, and the Cloathing for the Bengal troops

troops would be immediately shipped — &
They inform us likewise that they had been
obliged by the heavy demands on their trea-
-sury to curtail the Investment one half- that
their civil and Military Establishments &
were in arrear and that their receipts from
the Revenue would be far from considerable
during the three ensuing Months- On this &
account they request us to suspend altogether
our drafts on them unless any pressing &
Emergency should render them indispensible-

We have in consequence of the
above request resolved to accept no further ten-
-ders for Bills on Bengal. Our principle hither-
-to has been to draw when Money was offe-
-red upon our own terms, and by gradually
storing them our funds in this manner we
have been enabled to reduced the exchange to
its present standard. Had we waited till the
emergency prefsed, Money could not perhaps
have been obtained to the extent required
upon any terms but certainly not at so exchange

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more favorable than 410 —

In their Letter of the 27 July

the Supreme Council assign their reasons fully
for having entered into Engagements to pur-
chase Supplies of Cattle and other articles for
the Coast. They mention that freight had —
been absolutely engaged for about 1200 Bullocks
and the greatest part of the supplies required
to complete the tonnage already bought. They
observe likewise that should your Lordship
not be in want of the Bullocks you will —
probably desire them to be forwarded to
Tellicherry for the use of General Abercromby
as soon as the state of the monsoon will —
permit. — The Supreme Council inform
that they hope their dispatches to go by the
Swallow would be ready by the middle of
August, and reach Madras by the 10th
September beyond which time they wish
the vessel not to be detained on their ac-
-unt. We request the favor of your Lordship
to communicate your intentions to us

on

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on this Subject.—

The Ship Hercules arrived

yesterday from Bengal with Bullocks and Rice

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George

21. August 1791—

Signed William Petrie

&c Council—

To the Honble Charles Stuart

and the Gentlemen of the Council of

Fort William.

To Bengal on reply to their Letters respecting Cattle sent round to the Coast—and the Draughts made upon them by this Presidency—advice of the Probability of collecting 10000 Bullocks for General Aborcrombie's Army—

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 22. and 27. Ultimo—

We can readily conceive, that upon the first communication to you of the heavy Loss of Cattle which the Army had sustained, you must have felt very strong doubts of the ability of this country to repair it, and those doubts were fully warranted by the difficulties which had been formerly experienced in obtaining Cattle and by a very general opinion that the Country had been exhausted by the numbers

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already taken for the purposes of the war. A
similar apprehensions at first prevailed very
strongly in our own minds, but knowing
that in all former attempts to procure Cattle
the cautions were made by Individuals either
as Contractors or agents and that no trial had
yet been made by the full and direct Influence
of Government it only We immediately resolved
to take this important Business into our own
hands, and by sending particular orders to the
Collectors of the several distrefs, and giving
them discretional powers with regard to
the prices to be paid for the Bullocks, we were
soon able to effect our purpose.

We beg you to be assured that
we are highly sensible of your extraordinary
exertions to support the Government, we re-
have not felt a want which your Honble Board
has not supplied and even anticipated by
every means in your power. When we men-
tioned in our Letter to Lord Cornwallis of the
4th July that we had studiously avoided
pressing the resource we had by our draughts

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on you, we did not mean to convey the most distant idea that we had not profited amply by that resource, but as our Letter expressed that by receiving only such sums as Individuals wanted to remit for their own occasions, - we had gradually been able to accomplish the desireable object of reducing the exchange from 410 to 375 arcot Rupees ₱ 100 Pagodas - with regard to the sums drawn for since the month of January last, We doubt not you must have received satisfaction in observing that we had in our treasury the beginning of July a Sum equal to the amount of those draughts and that we must consequently have provided for every considerable disbursements during that period out of our own resources - In these disbursements are comprehended our Civil and garrison Charges Draughts made on us from Camp Part of the Pay of the Seapoys in the field which is issued to their families who are left behind Large Payments to Bullock Contractors to the

Commissary

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21 Commissary General of Grain and Provisions,

and all advances to the Military Storekeeper

for Stores. To which also we must add our

late purchase of Cattle to supply the wants

of the Army.

Since the report of the state of

our Treasury was before you, we have by Lord

Cornwallis desire sent 28 Lacks of Rupees to

Camp. Four Lacks more will follow in a

few days, and we expect further draughts —

will be made on us from the Army to a —

large amount, yet as the ships lately arrived

from England have each brought a quantity of

Silver, we hope to be able with this assistance

to support the demands upon us for some

time, and we have resolved in consequence

of your request to suspend our Draughts on

you until our emergencies render them —

indispensible. We are apprehensive only

that when our treasury is brought to this

state, Individuals will take advantage of

our Necessities to raise the exchange again

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to its former Standard.—

We shall consult with Lord Cornwallis with regard to the Disposal of the Bullocks coming round to us.— His Lordship some time ago requested we would endeavour to procure Cattle for General Abercromby from our Southern Provinces, and we have great hopes of obtaining to the amount of 10,000. which are to be sent to him by the way of Paligautcherry.—

We have the honor to be
Y.r m.st Ob.t
Sign.d William Petrie
Y.r m.st Council

Fort St.n George
21.st August 1791

Substance of a Letter from the Calastory Rajah.—

Received Letter from the Calastory Rajah as entered in C.C. N.o 200 advising of the Return of the Slave Soobah to Calastory in consequence of the Apprehensions he entertained of his personal Safety in the event of his falling into the Hands of the Venedaghurry Rajah's on his route to Chandragherry.—

Received

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Received two Letters from ~

Substance of two Letters from the Vencatagherry Rajah. ~

the Rajah of Vencatagherry / a sentered in C.C. N.os 201. 202. / The former returning thanks for the Dress sent him by the Acting Resident ~ and for the present of two hundred Muskets. the Latter complaining of the Conduct of the Calastry Rajah in refusing to send the Slave Soobah to Vencatagherry although a Detachment has been sent agreeably to the orders of Government to escort him. ~

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 175.

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To the Board of Revenue ~ inclosing Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Tanjore regarding the Villages in the District of Caverèpum and Goodelore which had been detained by the Rajah's People. ~

To the Board of Revenue ~

To Major General Musgrave desiring him to recommend a proper Person to act as temporary Adjutant to the Garrison of Poonamalee informing him that the Board do not think the Price of Sheep at

To Major General Musgrave ~

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at that Place too high; that Lieutenant Rabe-
-net has been permitted to proceed to sea for
the Recovery of his Health. that Captain —
Lieutenant Brudenell is to be brought to
trial as soon as convenient — that Mr. Surgeon
Rollo is to remain in Arrest without being
brought to Trial until further orders, that —
Cornet Montgomery must be directed to state
the probable Number of Horses to be expected
at the Presidency, and whether, on the —
Receipt of the orders of the Board for suspending
his Purchases he give information the Dea-
-lers that their Horses would not be bought
by the Company —

To the Hospital Board — in-
-forming them that the Orders published by
Lord Cornwallis of which they have been
furnished with a Copy must be attended to in
the different Hospitals below the Ghauts where
Men belonging to Corps in the Field have ne-
-cessarily been placed. —

To the Hospital Board —

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz
containing Instructions relative to the Mode
of settleing the Dispute between the Arrabs
and

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22 and Tanjore Collories enclosing Copies of Papers
received from Mr. Ram on the Subject —

To Mr. G. A. Ram informing
him that the necessary Instructions have been
To the Collector at Tanjore — given to Mr. Swartz for terminating the Dis-
=putes between Tondeman and the Tanjore —
Collories —

To the Commissary General of
Grain and Provisions informing him that the
To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —
Grain lodged in the Barracks at Pondama-
=lee must be stacked for the Present on the
Glacis under Cover of the Fort.

Received Letter from the
Master Attendant as entered in M B N.o 181.
From the Master Attendant —
reporting the Progress made in the Delivery of
the Company's Tonnage on Board the Hercules
=recommending that 30 Lascars be sent on
board to assist and representing that the
Vouchers with which he has been furnished
only comprise a part of her Cargo —

Dispatched the undermen-
=tioned Letters as entered in M B N.os 182. 183.

To the Secretary to the Milita-
To the Secretary to the Military Board —
=ry Board Directing him to send thirty Las-
=cars on Board the Hercules to assist in
discharging

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discharging her Cargo. —

To the Master attendant —

To the Master Attendant — informing him that thirty Lascars will be sent on board the Hercules — enclosing a Bill of Lading of 3000 Bags of Rice shipped on that Vessel, and advising him that he has been furnished with all the other Vouchers of her Cargo that have been received from Bengal. —

Received the undermentio-

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-ned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192.

From the Deputy Adjutant

From the Deputy Adjutant General in Camp — General in Camp — advising of the Orders issued to the Commandants at Vellore and Arnee to send the recovered Men of Corps serving in the Field to Amboor. —

From the Acting Deputy

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General — adjutant General — requesting on the part of Major General Musgrave that Lieutenant Colonel Brundergast may be allowed to proceed to the Presidency for two Months. —

From the Contractors for

From the Contractors for Gun Carriages — Gun Carriages requesting that the Military Storekeeper may be ordered to deliver to them

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Item the Tools belonging to the Company at the Carpenters Yard —

Sworn the Garrison Store-

From the Garrison Storekeeper. — keeper advising of his Intention in future to issue Grain from the Company's Stores to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions in the Manner directed in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 17th Instant —

Sworn the Acting Commis-

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — sary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that the Grain now stacking at Poonamalee be brought to the Presidency and that Godowns may be prepared for its Reception —

Sworn Lieutenant Neate —

From Lieutenant Neate — requesting that he may be allowed to draw his Pay during the Voyage from England in consequence of his having assumed (at the written request of the Commander of the Dublin) the Charge of the Honble Company's Recruits and delivered them over to the Town Major —

To the Commandant at

From the Commandant at Pondamalee — Pondamalee requesting that a Company of

Sepoys

23 Sepoys may be ordered to do Duty at that Garrison —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — stating that of the 126 Bullocks that were shipped in Bengal on board the Hercules only 95 have been delivered over to his Charge —

From the Military Paymaster General —

From the Military Paymaster General — advising of his having sent off Cash to Mr Wynch for the Payment of the Troops at Arcot Arnee and Chandernaghorry —

Received the following Letters —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

at Fort St George.

From the Sheriff requesting that a Bailiff may be allowed to enter Pauplah's Garden to serve a Summons from the Mayor's Court —

Honble Sir,

Having a Summons in my possession to serve on Avadanum Pauplah Brahmny from the Honble the Mayor's Court, I beg you will be so kind as to grant permission for a Bailiff to enter his Garden for that purpose —

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) J. Pearce
Sheriff

Fort St George
22 August 1791 —

The Sheriff's request to be complied with by the Town Major by Order &c
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
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To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President.

From the Military Pay-master General requesting the Mode of bringing to Account the Bills received from the Marattas for Money advanced them in Camp.—

Honble Sir.

I have the honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter I this moment received from Mr. Paymaster Hoar and beg leave to remark that what Mr. Hoar observes is the proper way of carrying the Sum to account provided it meets with the approbation of your honor in Council.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M.B.G.

Pay Office
Fort St. George
23d. August 1791.—

To Benjamin Roebuck Esq.
M.G. Pay. Genl.

Sir,

By order of the Commander in Chief, I am directed to request you will apply to the Honble Governor in Council, the mode they would choose to adopt, in carrying a Sett of bills to Account, received from the Marattas, in favor of the Presidency at Bombay, and sent to Sir. Mallet at Poonah

I beg

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I beg leave to observe the Shortest way would be, for me to debit you, and you debit the Bom=bay Presidency for them.

I am favored with yours of the 13.th instant. The balance in Cash the 30.th april last was, Star Pagodas 2,69,333. 22. 42.—

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

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No date to this Letter
/Signed/ B.R.

A true Copy
/Signed/ B Roebuck.
M.P.G.

W.m C Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary.

From Captain Andrew Read - with Copy of his Letter to Lord Cornwallis respecting the State of Government and the Strength of the Garrison and of a Letter to Colonel Duff - requesting Guns & Mortars, Ammunition &c. required for the Sup.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter which I had the honor to write to the Right Honble the Governor General, and of one to Colonel Duff to which I beg leave to refer the Honble the Governor in Council for the fullest information in my power to give respecting the situation of affairs here.—

I have transmitted this by the way of Vellore, as the most expeditious mode

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mode of acquainting Government with my
situation. and have the honor to be
&c &c &c

Camp before
Gunam Condah
13th. August 1791

/Signed/ And.r Read
Capt.n Comm.g
Ellore Detachm.t

P.S. This place lays about N.N.E. from Bangalore 80 Miles

The Right Honble Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General. Commander in Chief
&c &c &c

My Lord,

On the 24th Ultimo I had the honor
to address your Lordship on the commencement
of my march from Gunjy Cottah to this Place, in
which I mentioned my hopes of arriving here
about the 1st of August - I was, however, disappoin-
-ted, as Hoseid-u-Doulah Bahander / Hafiz Fuid
-u-dien / had business in the Country we came thro
to detain us on the Road untill the 10th -
Since my arrival I have taken
a view of the Fortifications on all sides, and at
a future Opportunity hope to be able to inform
your Lordship more particularly of its strength
than what a distant observation only enables
me at present to do - The Hill is a high one,
uncommonly

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unconnected with any others, entirely inaccessible to the Southward of East and West Towards the North, from the Top to about half way down the Hill, excepting in one Place, are five Lines of Fortification on the only accessible parts. That Place is defended by three Walls, and seems very steep, but from the distant view I had of it, cannot as yet say whether or not it might be attempted with any probability of Success, at any rate, not before Possession is obtained of the lower Fort, which commands they way to it. Below is the lower Fort, of which the Fortification embraces nearly half the Mountain to the Northward of East and West it consists of a double Wall and dry Ditch on the outer Wall are a Number of Bastions and Towers, several Cavaliers within, an Outwork to the Northward, and another to the North East, a Pettah of great extent to the Northward, defended by a Mud Wall, and which was set on fire by the Garrison on our Arrival before the Place. From my own observation and from Enquiry, I apprehend the Ditch to be of no great depth in several places, nor do I think the Wall of the lower Fort of that consistency long to resist

Battering

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23. Battering Canon, and I have still more satis-
faction in assuring your Lordship that I think
the lower Fort affords cover enough, if once in
our possession, to be mentioned against any
Efforts from above by the present Garrison, and
if so, entirely to blockade them, as no Communi-
cation whatever can take place between the
upper Fort and the Country, but thro' the
lower -

If, in addition to the four battering Guns, which your Lordship has
been pleased to direct being furnished from
Bangelore, when his Highness sends Cattle
to convey them hither, two 5½ Inch Mortars
were added, I am not without hopes but that
the Garrison might be induced to a surren-
der of the upper Fort, after the reduction of
the lower. — I have done myself the honor of
writing to Colonel Duff at Bangalore, and of
requesting him to solicit your Lordship's
sanction for furnishing two Mortars, and
I have Moeed-u-Dowlah's promise that he
will dispatch Cattle in a few days to that
place for them and for the Guns - On this
subject he has written to Colonel Duff by
desire

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23. desire of his Highness the Nizam—

Meer allum Bahauder passed

this the day we arrived here, and this evening,

by Accounts from him, is 21 Cos from hence

on his way to join your Lordship—

I trust that very shortly

a free Communication will be open from this

side, and that many Binjarries will attend

the Army—No Effort in my power shall be

wanting to conduce to it, and I have the

fullest Assurances from Hafiz Jee that

every Aid in his power will be given to

Captain Alexander Read, if wanted,

and to getting Binjaries in to the proper

Tract.—

I have the honor to be,

with the greatest Respect.—

Yr. &c. &c.

Camp before Goorumcoondah
12th August 1791—

/Signed/ And.w Read.
Capt Commandg

A true Copy
/Signed/ Alex.r Orr 2d master
to the Detachmt acting as Adjutant

P.S. It is said there are upwards of 20 Guns
in the Fort, and about 2000 Fighting Men—

/Signed/ A. R.

Colonel

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Colonel Duff
Commanding Bangalore —

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose a
Letter for your address from Moeed ul Doulah
Bahauder / Hafiz Fozeid ul deen Khan / the —
Officer in command of his Highness the Nizam's
Troops before this place —

Sir John Kennoway, Resident
with the Nizam has acquainted me that the
Right Honble the Governor General has left
permission with you to furnish from battering
Canon for the siege of this Fortress from Bengal
when Bullocks are sent for them; and as —
I have assurances that they will be sent off
from hence in a few days, hope that you will
give Directions for them to be in readiness
against their Arrival — I should be glad that
whatever Guns are sent, they might be of the
same Calibre —

The Resident likewise desi-
red me to use his name in an application
to you, should I deem Mortars necessary Two
5½ Inch, can they be spared, I should be —
extremely

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extremely glad were held in readiness also, as Bullocks will be sent for them. Permit me therefore to beg, that you will solicit the Governor General's Sanction for furnishing them with the Stores &c. agreeable to the inclosed List, or what you may deem convenient to spare from your Garrison. —

With your permission, shall do myself the honor of communicating to you from time to time any thing from this Quarter, which may appear to me worthy of notice, and should deem myself infinitely obliged, would you do me the Favor of acquainting me with any Occurrencies from the Army, of the Situation of affairs in your neighbourhood, and of the State of the Country betwixt this and Seringapatam. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c.
Signed. Fridr. Read

Camp before Goorum Coondah
12. August 1791

A true Copy
Alex. Orr
Dy. master to the Detachment
and Acting Aidde Camp

To

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To W.m Collins Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary —

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General the two St Helena Companies to be incorporated in the 4th Battalion European Infantry General Musgrave regiment to be furnished with the Charge against Captain Parr — and recommends that Captain Lieutenant Brudenell be brought to Trial before the same Court Martial as Captain Parr —

Sir

I am directed by Major Gen.l Musgrave to inclose the accompanying Extract of a Letter under Date the 8.th Instant, receivd from Major Close, Deputy adjutant General by order of the Commander in Chief and to acquaint you for the information of the Honble the President in Council that it is the Generals intention to issue the necessary Orders for carrying into execution the Instructions of Major General Medows —

And it appears by a Letter from the Commander in Chief to Major General Musgrave that it will be necessary to assemble a General Court Martial at Trichinopoly for the trial of Captain Parr as soon as the Honble Board shall be pleased to exhibit a Charge against that Officer, I have it in Command from the General to request he may be furnished with it when convenient, and to signify his opinion, to be laid before the Honble the President in Council, that it will be most convenient for the Public Service to Order Captain

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23 Captain Lieutenant Brudenell of Invalids to be brought to trial before that Court.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
Act.g Dep.t Adj.t Gen.l

Head Quarters
23 August 1791

Extract of a Letter from Major Close, Dep.t Adj.t Gen.l to the acting Deputy Adjutant Genl. Dated Head Quarters. Camp 5 Miles W. of Cofsore 13.th August 1791.—

"In reply to your Letter of the 13.th instant, addressed to Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General, Major General Medows has directed me to inform you, that he approves of Major General Musgrave's suggestions in favor of incorporating the two S.t Helena Companies into the 4.th Batt.n of European Infantry in preference to Strengthening that Corps with drafts from the 2.d Batt.n at the Presidency composed in greater part of Recruits as it happens to be at present: and that in consequence Major General Musgrave will be pleased to carry into execution immediately the measure of thus supplying the 4.th

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S.t European Batt.n giving directions that the
"remaining detail of 40 Men wanted to com-
"plete the Corps, may be furnished by Drafts
"of Seasoned Men from the 3.d Batt.n at Vellore in
"the manner he has recommended"

A true Extract
/Signed/ Fred Pierce
Act.g Dep.y Adj.t Gen.l

At a Consultation

Present

William Petrie Esq.re
and
John Hudleston Esq.re

Sir Charls Oakeley Bart.t

Tuesday
23 August 1791

absent indisposed.—

The Honble Major General

Medows absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.—

Read the following Letter &
and Enclosure from the Committee for reporting
upon the Bengal Regulations.—

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting Governor in Council &.c

From the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations and dessing some heads of General Orders relating to the new system to be adopted in the Military Accounts of this Presidency recommending that the Change do not actually take place before the 1.st January next. Remarks on the present arrangement of the office of Military Storekeeper —

Honble Sir.

In obedience to your Commands of the 5.th Ultimo, we have endeavored to ascertain what steps must be taken, and what arrangements are necessary in order to carry into execution, the Instructions of the Supreme Government, respecting the immediate adoption of the Bengal mode of Keeping and Checking the Military Accounts, so as to establish an Uniformity of System in the Accounts of the three Presidencies. —

Your last Orders on this Subject being peremptory, will be carried into execution as soon as possible. And we shall be happy if in the course of a few Months, we are able to make the Native Writers clearly comprehend, a new and complicated System of Accounts kept in a Language with which they are very imperfectly acquainted, especially during the present hurry of business. —

We have now the honor of laying before you heads for General Orders, both

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both for the Paymaster Generals Office, and that of the Auditor General; but after you have Examined and Corrected them, some time will be necessary to have the New forms copied and transmitted to the different Paymasters of the Army and the Outstations, who again must have a few Weeks leisure to acquire a competent knowledge of them, we beg leave to recommend that the change shall not absolutely take place until the first of January next, and that in the mean time copies of the new forms be printed and circulated without delay.

Until you have been pleased to favor us with your Orders respecting the papers now submitted to your consideration, we cannot enter minutely into the detail of this Voluminous Work, but as the Supreme Government in their Letter of May last have said, that the Paymaster General is restrained from acting as Paymaster in detail as formerly, we must beg leave to observe that this Regulation does not seem Similar to the mode at Bengal; for in the 70.th Paragraph of the Auditor Generals Letter, which appears proposed to be our principal guide, it is expressly

expressly said the payment of the Companys allowances to the Kings Troops shall be made by the Paymaster General.—

The Superior Government in the 9.th Paragraph of their Letter of the 20.th of May 1791 are pleased to observe, that at the Presidency of Bombay the Department of Military Storekeeper is confined to the Receipt and Issue of Stores, without having any concern in the Supply of them. If it is your pleasure that this Office should be arranged, exactly in the same manner at this Presidency, we must beg leave to recommend that application be made to Bengal for Copies of the Forms for Keeping the Books of the Store Department, which we do not find in the papers now before us; we also farther humbly submit to you, whether it will not be necessary to apply to Bengal, for the Forms now observed in all the other Departments depending upon the Military Establishment, for unless the Materials of which the System is composed are perfectly similar the System itself to be hereafter observed at all the three Presidences can never be

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be completely Uniform. And as the papers now wanting are forwarded to us, we shall from time to time have the honor of layeing before you the New arrangements, and doubt not before the end of the Year, the whole will be ready to be carried into execution. —

We are with great Respect
Yo.r Hon.ble Yo.r

Fort S.t George
20.th August 1791

J. Cappon
/Signed/ Benj.a Roebuck
Geo: Maubray

Heads for General Orders. —

The Hon.ble the Governor in Council on the Secret and Military Department taking into consideration the Recommendation of the Supreme Government for introducing uniformity of System in the Military Accounts of the three Presidencies, is pleased to direct, that the Office of Commissary General be hence-forth discontinued, and that in future he be designed — Military Auditor General

It is likewise Resolved that the Office of

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of Military Paymaster General under this Presidency, shall in future be an Office of Accounts only, at which no detailed Bill of Military Disbursement is ever to be paid, but to which all Paymasters upon the Establishment are to send in their Monthly Estimates for Cash they are likewise to send him their Monthly Accounts as at present, and all Orders to him on the business of the Department the several Subordinate Paymasters are to be forthwith obeyed—

In consequence of this arrangement in the Pay Department Mr. ——— is appointed Paymaster to the Garrison of Fort St. George and its immediate dependencies to whom all Bills are to be presented from the 1st Day of ——— and who taking the two Books of Regulations as his Guides is to pay such Bills as are presented to him without the previous Signature of the Commissary General in the same manner as is now observed by the Paymasters at the Out Garrisons— The Honble the Governor in Council conformably to the Requisition of the

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The Right Honble the Governor General in Council respecting the Introduction of the new Mode of keeping the Military accounts as been pleased to Resolve and Order, that the following Regulations do take place on and after the 1st. day of —

1st. That the Military Paymaster General shall on or before the 15th. of every Month, Compile and transmit to the Governor in Council, one General Estimate, wherein shall be provided out the Arrears due upon the last day of the Month immediately preceding, and the amount required for the payment of all Military Charges during the Current Month, specifying what part thereof, is required in Cash at the Presidency; such Estimate is to be compiled from the Estimates of the several Paymasters, and accompanied either with the original, or an authenticated Copy of each Paymasters Estimate. —

2d. The Paymaster General shall issue the Necessary orders to the several Paymasters, injoining them to forward their Estimates in due time so as to enable him to comply with these Orders. —

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3d Upon the Estimate of every Pay-
master immediately under the Statement
of Arrears, he is to enter the Amount of the
Balance in his hands, and deduct it from
the Arrears.—

4th The Paymaster General, is, in
like manner, to state the Balance remaining
in his hands, upon his General Estimate —
which will then exhibit, the Arrears that —
were due at the end of the last Month. The
Funds, in the hands of all the Paymasters,
towards the discharge thereof: The Balance
still due from Government, and the Amount
of what is becoming due for the Current Month—

5th The Secretary to the Govern-
ment shall transmit this Estimate to the
Military Auditor General, who shall im-
mediately examine, and report thereon,
to the end that Government may be, at
all times, in possession of sufficient Ma-
terials to judge of the probable demands
before they pass Orders upon the General
Treasury, in favor of the Military Paymaster Genl—

6th

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6.th The Advances Necessary for the current Service to the Paymasters at the out = Garrisons are to be supplied by Bills of Exchange drawn by them, upon the Paymaster General, and for which Bills the Chiefs at the different Factories, the Collectors of the Revenue, and the Residents, are to advance Money.

7.th All Paymasters shall, on or before the 15.th of every Month, transmit to the Military Auditor General an Abstract of their Receipts, and Disbursements, made up to the last day inclusive, of the Month immediately preceding; and the Paymaster General shall in the same manner transmit to the Auditor General, a Copy of his Cash = account Monthly.—

8.th A Bill of Exchange, upon the Paymaster General being considered equal to payment in Money, all Paymasters are therefore Ordered to bring to account immediately, upon the abstracts of their Receipts and Disbursements, as above mentioned, such Bills of Exchange, Drafts, Receipts or other Documents, as they draw, grant or

pass

pass, and whereby they receive into their poss-
ession either Money or a signed Voucher, capa-
ble of being entered upon their Accounts of
Disbursements, whether the persons in-
whose favor such Bills of Exchange, or other
Writings, may have been granted, has-
endorsed the same, in favor of the Collector,
or Resident, Advancing the Money thereon,
or Not.

The Military Paymaster
General, is to Debit each Paymaster to a
head of "Bills payable" for the Sums with
which the Paymasters charge themselves
for the Bills they draw; and the Head of
Bills payable" to "General Books," for the Bills
as they are discharged, by the Collectors of the
Revenue, Chiefs of Factories, or Residents
and delivered up by the Accountant General
for the Military Paymaster Generals Receipt.

The Military Paymaster Gene-
-ral is to ascertain, and include the Balance
of "Bills payable," Debited and Credited in
the Manner before directed, in the Quarter-
-ly Statements of Quick Stock, that the

same

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same may be included by the Accountant
General in his Debits owing by the Honble
Company, and opposed to the whole of the
Assets applicable to the discharge of these Debts.

7th. The Paymasters having thus
given Credit for all Bills of Exchange, or
other Writings, which they draw upon the
Paymaster General, have no further connec-
tion therewith, nor are they to require
information from the Party in whose favor
such Bill or other Writing was granted, when
he endorses the same to the Collector or Resi-
dent advancing the Money, but

10th. The Collectors, Chiefs, and
Residents respectively, shall immediately
when they advance Money, for the Bills of
Exchange, Drafts, Receipts or other Writings
of the Paymasters of the Army, transmit
to the Accountant General authenticated
Copies in Duplicate of such Bills of Ex-
change, Drafts, Receipts, or other Writings.

11th. The necessary Materials hav-
ing been furnished to the Accountant
General, he shall, on or before the 15th. of
every

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every Month, make up an account, for
the Month immediately preceding, of the
actual advances, to the Military Depart-
ment, including the Certificates issued by
the Paymaster General, which account he
is to transmit to the Paymaster General,
who, after having examined it, is to coun-
tersign, and forward the same to the Au-
ditor General.—

12th The Auditor General is orde-
red, to examine the abstracts of Receipts
and Disbursements of the several Paymas-
ters, and to compare them with the account
of actual advances, made up by the Accoun-
tant General, and if it shall appear from
the Dates of the Bills of Exchange, and the
Dates when the Collectors advanced the
Money for them, or from any other circum-
stance, that a Paymaster has failed to debit
himself, immediately upon drawing such
Bills of Exchange, or other Writing, for which
the Paymaster receives either Money or a
signed Voucher, capable of becomming
a charge upon his account of Disbursements,

according

according to the true intent and meaning of the Eighth article of these Regulations, Every such Neglect, the Auditor General is ordered to report to the Governor in Council, transmitting, at the same time, a copy of such Report to the Paymaster concerned.—

13th And whenever it shall happen, that the advances of any Month, to the Military Department, the account of which is to be made up as hereafter expressed, exceed the Monthly Statement of the probable Monthly Expenditure, the Auditor General shall immediately report the same to the Governor in Council, he shall not be permitted to use his own discretion, in any duration from a Strict obedience to this order, but is required, however, to accompany such Report, with a Statement of the Causes, which appear to have occasioned the excess in the advance; to the end, that Government may determine, whether an enquiry into the Extraordinary advance, be necessary or not.—

to 14th So soon as the whole Accounts of Disbursements of all the Paymasters for a Month

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Month, have been Examined by the Audi-
tor General, he shall make up and trans-
mit to the Governor in Council, a Report,
which shall exhibit the Grand Total
admitted upon them, and the amount
of the Advances to the Military Department
during the same Month, which account
of Advances is to be stated thus. To the
amount of the actual advance to the Mili-
tary Paymaster General, is to be added the
amount of the Bills of Exchange drawn by
the Subordinate Paymasters, but which
do not appear to have been paid during
that Month, and then, from the Total
of both is to be deducted such part of the
actual Advances as was applied to the
discharge of Bills of Exchange, which
had been brought to account as drawn,
but not paid in the Report of the former
Month, thereby clearly pointing out, the
ways and Means, from which the Disbur-
sements of the Month, have been made.

15th. The Governor in Council
is pleased to direct, that the mode now in
use

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Use of arranging the Military Expenditure under various Heads, upon the Books of the Paymaster General, be discontinued, and that the amount admitted by the Auditor General, upon the first audit of the several Disbursements of the Paymasters, or afterwards admitted upon Reauditors, be carried to the Debit of Heads entitled "Charges Military" of the particular Years, to which the sum so admitted, may belong.

16. The Governor in Council is also pleased to direct, that a concise set of Books shall be kept by the Auditor General, to accord with the Books of the Paymaster General, and mutually to check each other, so far as regards the General Expenditure in the Military Department.

17th. The set of Books to be kept by the Auditor General is to consist of a Journal, and a Ledger, wherein is to be entered, first, the particulars of the Monthly account of Advances to the Military Department, the amount of which is to be carried to the Debit of the Paymaster

General

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Genetal / Declaring however at the same time that this Entry, shall in no shape, be constructed to bring any new personal & Respopibility, upon the Paymaster General, either in making him answerable for & Retrenchments made from the Disburse-ments of other Paymasters, or in with-holding from him Credit, for all advances made to the accountable Officers of Goverm-ent, in his Department agreeable to the Regulations of the Service / 2.ndly so soon as the whole accounts of Disbursements of all the Paymasters for a Month, have been audited, the Amount admitted upon each is to be entered to the Debit of Charges Military of that year, to which it belongs, and the Total of the whole brought to the Credit of the Paymaster General. 3.dly In like manner all Praudits made in the course of the same Month, to be carried to the Debit of the accounts of Charges & Military, and to the Credit of the Paymas-ter General. — 4.th When the Paymaster & General makes any advances to his Majestys Paymaster, on account of King's Subsistence,

payable

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Payable by the Company, in Terms of the
act of Parliament, an authenticated Voucher
Received for such advance, is to be transmit
=ted to the auditor General, who shall bring
the same to Debit of "Account Current
London", and to the Credit of the Paymas=
ter General 5th. July That at the end of the year,
the Total Amount of the Overcharges of the
Army, be brought to the Debit of Charges
Military, and to the Credit of the Effec=to=
=ning Funds; and finally, when the auditor
General, has completed the Books to be
thus kept by him for one Year, an Authen=
=tic Copy of them, is to be furnished to the
Accountant General, who shall bring to
account the Entries made for the adjust=
=ment of the Military Paymaster General's
Books, with the General Books, in such
a manner, as to confirm the correspondence
or demonstrate the difference, between the
Books kept by the Military Auditor General,
and those kept by the Military Paymaster
General and thus the causes of any differences
may be ascertained and every Error be either
entirely avoided or easily rectified.—

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18th. The Auditor General, shall at all times have free access to inspect the Books kept by the Paymaster General.—

19th to The accounts Current with the Paymaster General, which the several Paymasters keep in their own Offices are to be correct, Copies of those they transmit Monthly to the General Pay Office as well as of the abstract of Receipts and Disbursements which by the seventh article of these Regulations they are directed Regularly to furnish the Military Auditor General with. But the Paymasters are informed, that tho' these Accounts, will upon a final adjustment agree with their Accounts upon the Books of the Paymaster General, yet the Component parts of them will frequently differ.—

20th It is ordered, that the Paymaster General Carry no Sum to the Debit of Charges Military, and to the Credit of a Paymaster's Account but the actual Amount admitted by the Auditor General either upon the first Audit of his Accounts of Disbursements or afterwards upon Reaudit, and as by these Regulations,

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Regulations, every charge must be finally audited, and passed before it is brought upon the Books, It is further Ordered, that when the Paymaster General is directed by the Governor in Council, to make advances upon account of any Service, which is performing, or any have been Contracted for, upon Estimate or otherwise, he is to take Receipts for these advances, the amount of which are to be charged upon the Books of his Office, to the Debit of these Persons, who have contracted for, or undertaken such occasional Services, until the service or Work is performed, after which, these accounts are to receive Credit, by the particular Paymaster whose duty it is to pay the Contract, to whom the amount of the advance for the particular Service is to be charged, and the complete expence thereof be entered upon his Disbursements, accompanied with its proper Voucher.—

21st. The additions and Calculations in the Paymasters Disbursements, are to be checked by the Auditor General—

22d. When the Disbursements of a Paymaster have been audited by the Auditor,

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Auditor General, he shall pass the Amount thereon, and advise the Paymaster General thereof, acquainting him, that the same has been carried to his Credit, and for which Sum he will Credit the Paymaster accordingly. The like communication to be made, when Sums are admitted upon

Readit —

23d. The Auditor General, shall also advise the Paymasters when their Accounts of Disbursements are Audited, or when Sums are admitted upon Readit, informing them, that the Paymaster General has been directed to give them Credit for the Amounts admitted. —

24th. When Retrenchments happen to be made the Account thereof is to be prepared in detail and transmitted both to the Paymaster General and Paymasters from whose Disbursements they are made to the end that the Parties concerned therein may be informed of the particulars of such Retrenchments. —

25th The Accounts of the Readit are to be made up in detail by the Auditor General and transmitted in the same manner as the Accounts of Retrenchments. —

26th In Consideration of these Regulations

/and.

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and in order to Reenter the Paymasters Accounts of
Disbursements more plain, and connected - The Governor
in Council is pleased to direct that the present form in
which these Accounts are made out be Altered, and
that they be made to resemble as nearly as may be
the Book of Military statements ordered to be prepared
Annually for Parliament exhibiting in a plain detail
and under the same head, the pay and Allowances
issued to each Corps, Company, Establishment or individu-
-al. —

For this Purpose, the Auditor General
27th. and Paymaster General shall prepare jointly such
forms for Accounts of Disbursements as may be —
Necessary to guide the several Paymasters, also such
forms for the Abstracts of Corps as are necessary to
Make them accord with the Paymasters Accounts of
Disbursements and the Paymasters are directed to
Communicate these forms of Abstracts to the Officers
who draw them, who are ordered to conform thereto. —

Upon this Regulation, the Governor
in Council Commits to the Auditor General, and —
Paymaster General, to correct as occasion may require
the form of the Paymasters Disbursements, having
always in View, that these Accounts will be expected
to exhibit a Clear State of the actual strength, and
specia Allowances issued to each Corps, Company, Esta-
-blishment, or Individual and that, where occasional

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Extra Expence is incurred over and above the fixed Allowances of the stations or from Supernumeraries to the Establishments such extra charge shall appear detailed after the fixed Allowances and Establish-ments of each Corps. but not upon a Separate part of the Disbursement.—

28th. As by these Regulations a Complete Check is established in the Auditor General over all the Military Disbursements of this Establish-ment whether of the Kings or Company's Troops and as it is the principle of the System laid down that no Officer of Government should be left to Check the Allowances drawn by himself It is directed, that the Military Auditor General himself as well as the sums drawn by him for the Establishment and Contingent Charges of his Office shall come under the immediate Review and Controul of the Board - To which end, the Detail and Account of whatever may be drawn by him is to be Reported every Month to the Governor in Council by the Paymaster who disburses them.—

Resolved and Ordered that Copies of these Regulations be sent to the Auditor Pay-master and Accountant General, and that they be published in General Orders for the information and Guidance of the Army.—

Consideration of the fore-going Letter from the Committee for Reporting upon the Bengal Regulations deferred.

Ordered that the Above be taken into Consideration at the Next Meeting.—

Read.

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Read the following Letters from

Lord Cornwallis. —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Sir.

From Lord Cornwallis intelligence respecting the Route of the Enemys Army expects to hear shortly of the Surrender of Coimbatoor orders respecting the Compliment of Artillery &c. Tools to be kept up at the Presidency

I have received intelligence that Tippoo Moved from his Camp near Seringapatam on the 9th Instant that he was encamped on the 11th in the Neighbourhood of Nagelmeng alum and that he had sent some detachment towards Chittle droog —

By letters from Mr. Ashtroff I learn that Perseram Bhows Army was in the neighbourhood of that place on the 5th Instant so that the Sultans object is probably either to secure Chittledroog or to beat up the Bhows quarters whose troops I am afraid are a good deal dispersed. —

I have desired Harry Dunt to send express after express to him and entertain no apprehensions about him if he is put on his guard in time as he is greatly superior to the enemy in Cavalry.

Our second escort marched this Morning for Amboor and I propose making a movement towards Bangalore as well for the sake of grass as in the hopes of intimidating Tippoo from going too far to the Northward. —

Tippoos Vakeels are still at Seringapore.

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Sergepore and have as yet returned no answer to the letter I wrote to them requesting them to come to Cuffore I am however glad that no persons from us have seen them and that there has not been the least appearance of a commencement of Negociation previous to the Arrival of Meer Allum - who will this day reach Cuffore invested with full powers from the Nizam. -

I saw a Letter from Lieutenant Chalmers dated the 3d. instant who seems to expect that he shall be able to hold out some time longer with his wretched Mutinous garrison as nothing however can have gone to his relief or any attempt have been made to frighten the contemptible Corps that besieges him by even a distant Move towards Coimbatore. I am afraid that before this time the place must have surrendered Could I have foreseen such a siege by so weak an enemy I should have recommended a movement from Trichinopoly of A battalion or two towards or even beyond Dhoor in hopes of alarming them provided you could have selected an officer of Abilities and prudence for the conduct of it. -

I have had no opportunity of being Acquainted from my own knowledge with the Characters of the officers at present employed to the Southward but at any rate if no such Attempt has already been made it must Now be too late for my orders to be of any kind of use. —

J.

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I do not know of any Military stores that we can want from the Bengal Ships except — entrenching tools. The Number of which at Madras ought to be completed to about five and twenty hundred I mention this as I have not time to Acknowledge the Receipt of the Boards letter of the 11th instant this day. I have both Yesterday and to day — Received Accounts rather of an encouraging nature from Captain Oram. —

I am with much esteem and regard. —
Yr. Obt. & Hble Servt.
/Signed/ Cornwallis. —

Camp near Outore
August 16th 1791.

Sir Charles Oakely Bart.
Govr. & Govr.

Sir.

From Lord Cornwallis Respecting the Practicability of attempting the Captain of the Fort near the Attore pass Native troops required to Garrison on the Forts taken from the Enemy. —

I omitted to mention to you in my letter of the 16th that it would be of great advantage in the present Situation of the Salem Country if Captain Flint would execute a Plan which I understand he communicated last year to General Medows of making himself Master of the Fort near the Attoor pass. —

As you can correspond with Captain Flint with more security and Expedition than myself I shall be obliged to you if you will ask him whether he still thinks the thing practicable and whether he could undertake it with such temporary Assistance as you may

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May be able to afford him in which case I would wish you to authorize the Attempt — I have been obliged to Make so many Detachments that it will not be in my power to send any Troops from this Army to so great a distance. —

If you could spare part of the Troops from Nellore, Angole or any place to the Northward where there cannot be the smallest danger of an Enemy to Garrison the Forts which we have taken in this Quarter it will render our Battalions / many of which are very weak / more useful and respectable when we again proceed towards the Enemy's Capital —

I throw out these Hints knowing your good will, but I do not mean to ask impossibilities

I hope this Letter will find You perfectly recovered in point of Health, but, if you should feel it inconvenient to write, I beg you will desire Mr. Petrie to answer any parts of my Letters that need not be recovered and refer the others to the Board. —

I am with much Esteem and Regard —

V.r & V.r

/Signed/ Cornwallis.

Camp 6 Miles
West of Cuddore
August 19th 1791

Minutes on the three foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis —

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis that upon the first Notification to the Board of the enemy's

/Approach.

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Approach towards Coimbatoor General Musgrave was desired to communicate his opinion "whether any "Measures could in the present situation of our Force "be taken for the ... Security of the Garrisons in the "Coimbatoor District." Agreed also that a Copy of the General. Reply be transmitted for his Lordships — Information — Ordered that an Extract from Lord Corn= wallis's Letter respecting entrenching Tools be sent to the Military Board for their Information and Guidance. —

Resolved that a Letter be immediately Written to Captain Flint desiring he will state if he think the Plan of making himself master of the Fort near the ... be still practicable and what Force will be requisite for the Accomplishment of it. —

Agreed that Major General Musgrave be desired to communicate his ideas in regard to the Force which can be spared from the Northern — Garrisons for the purpose of Garrisoning the Forts lately taken from the Enemy. —

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 9th Augt.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen.

I had the honor of your's of the twelfth Yesterday.

From Major General Meadows Captain Parr to be put in Arrest and a Court martial ordered to Assemble at Trichinopoly. —

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yesterday and am very sorry for accusations that appear so clear and strong against Captain Parr. If you will be so good as to furnish General Musgrave with his Crime he will order Captain Parr. under an arrest and his command to devolve upon the next senior Officer and send orders to Colonel Bridges to Assemble a Court martial and all the witnesses at Trichinopoly as soon as ever the situation of the Country admits of it in safety. —

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a
/Signed/ W. Meadows.
Gov.r P.t G.

Camp near Ossoor
17.th August 1791.

As it might be deemed an advisable to agitate the subject respecting Captain Parr during the present Posture of Affairs in the Southern Countries

Minute thereon. —

It is resolved to inform General Medows that the Board will not furnish the Crime until they have his opinion whether or not a Court martial can be at present Assem=bled at Trichinopoly for the Trial of Captain Parr= without detriment to the public service. —

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from Major General Abercromby. —

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The Honble Major General Medows
President & Co. in Councie.
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir.

From Major General Abercromby with Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis Requesting that orders may be given for providing Pack Cattle for the Service of his Corps in the Southern Countries —

I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter I have received from the Right Honble the Governor General. —

I perswade myself the Honble Board will be pleased to give orders to the Companys servants in the Southern Districts to be Assisting in procuring pack Cattle for the use of my Army should it be found practicable to collect a member an Escort will be sent to bring them hither either by the way of Paleycaut cherry or thro' the Travancore country. — as may be found most advisable —

I have the honor to be. —
Y. Co. &c.
Tillicherry August 27th 1791. /Signed/ Robert Abercromby

Honble General Abercromby
&c. &c. &c.

Sir.

I have received your Letter dated the 16th. ultimo and am glad to learn from it that your Troops are all arrived at their Cantonments I approve entirely of your continuing the Batta which I have signified

/to.

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to the Bombay Board as I was not certain of finding an early opportunity of transmitting a letter to yourself.

I shall be desirous of commencing our operations as early as possible and consequently — wish that you would hasten your Preparations as much as you can you must Necessarily experience so much difficulty in procuring a sufficient supply of Draft and Carriage cattle. that you should use every means in your power to do it as well by sea as from the Country. —

I have been assured that the districts of Coimbatore Dindigul and the adjacent Countries Abound with a small but strong and hardy race of Bullocks and I would submit it to your consideration whether you could send some Battalions lightly equipped into those parts by the way of Paliganutcherry in the latter end of September or beginning of October for the purpose of procuring Atte or receiving any that the Company's Servants in the Southern Districts may have been able to provide for you. I have desired the Commodore to come to Tillecherry as early as the season will admit and I had entertained some hopes that you might have made yourself master of Mangalore before we were prepared to march against Serringapatam. but the inconveniences which you state in moving a corps on your Coast before the month of November will render any plan of that kind inadvisable as it might be the means of retarding

The

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the S. operation of your army in the main object of the War —

I am with great regard. —

Y.ca Y.ca

/Signed/ Cornwallis

Camp 14. Miles West of
Bangalore. July 7.th 1791.

A true Copy.

/Signed/ S. Auchmuty
Sec.y

The Board have Anticipated General Abercromby's wishes regarding the Carriage Bullocks which they are still in hopes will reach Paligaut chesry by the end of September. —

A Minute thereon.

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

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

Honble Sir.

We do ourselves the honor of laying before you Extract of a letter from Mr. Torrin which we conceive it our duty to communicate without the smallest delay and in addition to the Alarming prospect which it holds out we are sorry to inform you that at the foot of his general statement of the Revenue of Fusly 1200. which ended the 12.th July last Mr. Torrin has these words." The Balance outstanding is chiefly from the Poligars.

From the Board of Assumed Revenue reporting the disturbances Created by the Poligars in the Tennavelly Country and the Measures that have been adopted, —

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"Poligars and cannot be collected till the War is over or
"Troops can be spared to enforce payment of their Peishcush"

We have the Honor to be, —

V.ca V.ca

David Haliburton

/Signed/ "

Wm Balfour

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Benj.n Torin
Dated 12th August 1791 —

I was concerned to find this dispute
With the Brahmins was no sooner settled, than one of a
more formidable kind began to appear Among the
Polygars. who have in the course of 4 or 5. days disturbed
the Peace of the Country by little predatory excursions
to the great annoyance of the Inhabitants. they have
not as yet ventured to lay their hands on any of
Circar property, but, as the prosperity of the Villagers may
be considered the riches of the Country I am unwilling that
these wanton attacks upon the individual should pass
over with impunity — I can only attribute this disorderly
conduct to a confused idea they have entertained of the
present state of the War and the presumption that our
Troops will be much longer engaged in the Mysore
Country than they at first suspected — in a letter to

/Cuddapah

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Cilacommaig who is the source of this Evil - I have endeavoured to do away this false notion and threatned him with the Company's resentment if an immediate stop is not put to these outrages - I hope I have not gone too far in declaring that every violation to the Inhabitants will be extorted from him again in the proportion of two for one and that the seizure of the Circar property will be attended with the forfeiture of his Pollam or of any other who shall dare to plunder what they are bound to protect or to disturb the good order that has hitherto prevailed throughout the District - I cannot pretend to hope for a strict observance of this injunction from this unruly savage race of people but may however be of some avail if not I should recommend the Assembling one or two of the Revenue Off's And with a few Companies of regulars forming a small Detachment to keep them in check till we can proceed Against them in greater force and with more Effect - In this view I have caused a Register to be kept of the Occasional Instances that have occurred of their peculation and disrespect to your Authority. -

A true Extract.

(Signed) Wm. Webb Secy.

The Board are concerned to hear the Disturbances created by the Poligars in the Tinnevelly Province.

Annexed to the foregoing Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue. -

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Province and the more so as the situation of the Southern Garrisons does not admit at present of sending any Reinforcement into that Country - They Approve however of Mr Torins recommendation of Assembling as many of the regular and Revenue Troops in the District as can be spared and they hope by the employment of this force he will be enabled to preserve the peace of the District and to overawe the rebellious Polygars.—

Agreed that the above be communi-
-cated to Lord Cornwallis.—

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

Honble Sir.

From the Board of Assumed Revenue stating several Instances wherein Communication has been made on Subjects relating to the Tanjore Revenues between the Rajah or his Minister and the Collectors.—

In compliance with your commands of the 17th Instant that the intercourse which we mentioned on the part of the Collectors with the Rajah of Tanjore seems to have arisen from the situation in which they were placed, when the Honble Board thought proper to vest them with powers for the Assumption of the Country as they were then Authorized to Accomodate all matters of Discussion with his Excellency through the means of Mr Swartz so they seem to have retained that manner of conducting business even after the powers of the Residency had been suspended in consequence of there being

Appointed

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Appointed Collectors. Thus- the Collectors jointly transmit us the same letter from the Rajah to Mr. Swartz which your Honble Board sent us under date 11th Instant and in which were included many points that required your — ultimate decision. the Collectors have also forwarded their Answer to this letter addressed to Mr. Swartz without any Communication with us — Mr. Fallofield in his separate Capacity incloses an Extract from the same letter and adds "In case you should be pleased to accede to the Rajahs — " Proposal I will with your permission Apply to his Excellen- -cy through the Rev.d Mr. Swartz V.ce" Mr. Ram not only transmits a Copy of the above letter and answer, but encloses a Note from Shevarov addressed immediately to himself in the Rajahs Name Mr. Ram in a letter of 3d. August has these words "His Excellency the Rajah having made "several requests for branches of the Revenue to be relinquished "to him and the Amount Deducted out of his proportion "and likewise of some Thirige without any deduction. I shall " do myself the honor of Addressing your Board on that " Subject." and in a letter of 5th Instant Mr. Ram Says- "The Rajah having moreover expressed his desire of "holding the Tanjore Suncams with an equivalent deduction "a statement V.ce is added —

We have selected these instances from the papers immedi- -ately before us and hope that they will be sufficient to

Enforce

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enforce our Recommendation of 12th Instant. —

We have the honour to be

Yca Yca

Fort St. George
22d August 1791.

David Haliburton

[Signed]

Wm Balfour.

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue. —

Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be desired to inform the Collectors at Tanjore that it is no part of their Province to have communication with the Rajah or his Ministers by letter or otherwise except through the Medium of the Reverend Mr. Swartz the Company's Agent of the Palace. and that they are to confine themselves solely to the duties of a Collector of Revenue —

Agreed to recommend to the Considera- tion of the Board of the Board of Assumed Revenue whether it might not be effectual to the prevention of all interference with the Rajah if Mr. Ram were directed to hold his Cutcherry at Combaconam instead of Tanjore. —

Read the following Letter and Enclosure

From the Resident at Travancore. —

The Honble Sir. Charles Oakeley Bart,

Acting President in Council. —

Fort St. George.

From the Resident at Travancore with a letter from the Rajah of Cochin acknowledging Receipt of the Treaty —

Honble Sir.

I do myself the honour to transmit you here.

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Herewith a Letter which I have just received from the Rajah of Pohin — it Acknowledges the Delivery of the Treaty to him when I was at Pohin some days ago. —

It is necessary to Account to you for not having delivered the Treaty sooner — I was at Trevandaporam when I received it. I wrote to the Rajah immediately that I was in possession of the Treaty ratified by your Honble Board. which I would either send him or deliver in Person when I came to Pohin — he begged that I would do the latter that he might pay every due honor to it when he received it —

I have the honor to be with very sentiment of Respect. —

Honble Sir

Yr. &c.

/Signed/ George Powney.
Resident —

Ryacottah
16th August 1791.

From Raumakvermah Rajah of Pohin.
To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor of
Fort St. George

Dated 23d. July 1791

My indisposed health obliged me to request Mr. Powney to wait for some time until I might personally receive from him the Kararnama or Treaty upon my recovery and on a happy day I was honored with the

/Said

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Said Karaarnauma confirmed by your Government delive-
-red to me by Mr. Powney with due respect and attention
when I consider the benefit derived to me by this Karar-
-nauma and compare it with the Advantages which my
Predecessors preferred in having been Tributary to a
Wicked imprudent and barbarous man I want words to
express my Gratitude and Thanks to God for having —
bestowed on me so great a Blessing I hope your Honor
will be persuaded of the high sense I entertain of all
these Circumstances and that my utmost exertions will be
at all times to adhere to the Conditions expressed in the
Treaty with the Honble Company without deviation
in any respect, and prove myself worthy of encreasing
my Alliance with them by the proofs which I shall
give of my conduct I hope my Claim to the Country which
my Ancestors have been deprived of may prove worthy
of Notice when the Rights of the Travancore Rajahs for
their country may come under consideration — my Claim
is indisputable which is well known to Travancore Rajah
and others I represented all these Circumstances to Mr. Powney
who will give your full explanation but he told me that
I should wait for another opportunity and assured me
at the same time that Justice could be done to all the Rajahs
who prove prudent by their Conduct may your Honor be blessed
with long life and good health is my sincere wish. —

A true Translation as near as can be from the Original in Malabar

(Signed) Annasawmy
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Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. —

Hospital Board
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From the Hospital Board eight Gentlemen arrive from England with the appointment of Assistant Surgeons stations recommended — proposing that Mr. Morton be appointed to the 27th Battalion of Native Infantry and that such of the sick at Poonamallee as can be moved with safety be brought to the Presidency

The Hospital Board have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of a letter from Government dated the 12th Instant acquainting them of the appointment of seven Assistant Surgeons for this Establishment by the Honble. the Court of Directors. —

The following Gentlemen are arrived. —

Mr. Thomas Huckersby.
Mr. Thomas Sharron.
Mr. Robert Macintosh
Mr. Thomas La Rive and
Mr. James Munro. —

Besides the above three other Gentlemen have produced their Appointments from the Court of Directors. —

Mr. James Gilmour
Mr. William Stewart and
Mr. John Douglas White.

/ &c.

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The Hospital Board

Recommend that they may be

Stationed as follows until fur-

-ther Orders. —

Approved.

Mr. Huckersly 1st Regimt.

Europeans Trichinopoly.—

Mr. Sharrow General Hospital Madras

Mr. Macintosh . Do —— Do.

Mr. La Rive Poonamallee —

Mr. Munro General Hospital Madras

Mr. Gelmour General Hospital Vellore

Mr. Stewart Do —— Do.

Mr. John Douglas White

General Hospital Masulipatam.

The Hospital Board

Also recommend that Mr. Morton

at present stationed at the

General Hospital be Appointed

to the 27th Battalion of Native

Infantry in Camp. —

Do.

Agreeable to the orders

of Government communicated in

Mr. Jackson's letter of the 19th

Do.

Instant — The Hospital Board

have directed the Apothecary to

open a set of Books for the

/ Supply

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Supply of the Bengal Surgeons in Camp and that he must be Answerable for the Amount of the Medical stores supplied them at an Advance of 10. ℔ Cent on the Europe price.

Read a Letter from Mr. Kincaid Surgeon at Poonamallee stating that the Hospital there is not large enough for the Number of Sick - The Hospital Board recommend that all those cases that can be brought to the Presidency Hospital with Safety be sent there till such time as proper accommodations can be got ready.—

James Anderson
Physician General.

/Signed/ Wm. Roxrie acting Chief Surgeon.
Wm. Duffin
Head Surgeon.

/Read.

Do

Approved.

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Read the following Letter from

Major General Musgrave. -

To the Honble the Governor in Council. -

V.ca V.ca

Honble Sir. -

From Major General Musgrave stating the Number of Horses that will be excelled to complete the 6th Regiment of native Cavalry after the completion of the 3d and the 19th Dragoons -

I have the honor to Acquaint the Board that in conformance to the Arrangement recommended by Earl Cornwallis Colonel Floyd has inspected the Drafting the 1st 2d and 4th Regiments of Native Cavalry in order to complete the 19th Dragoons the 3d and 5th Regiments of Native Cavalry to the full establishment and has report-ted to me. that after the completion of the 19th Dragoons and 3d Regiment with serviceable horses from the three first mentioned Regiments there appeared a deficiency of one hundred and seventy two horses necessary to complete the 5th the Colonel therefore has left this Regiment in the State in which he found it - without attaching to it any of the Drafts - as he could not fulfil his instructions which were to complete it to the full establishment. —

As Earl Cornwallis seems desirous of having the three Regiments ready to take the field effective in their Complement of men and horses I submit it to the Board, whether it would not be advisable to endeavour to procure the Number wanting, either by purchase or by

/ Application

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Application to the Northern Rajas, who Sunderstand. are enabled to Furnish a much greater Number than is at present required. —

I have the honor to be with Respect. —

Yr. Obt. Servt.

20th. August 1791. /Signed/ Thos. Musgrave.-

Minute thereon -

As the Board understand there are 500. Horses in a fair way of Recovery from the fatigues of the late service it is Agreed to enquire from Lord Cornwallis if it be his Lordship's wish that the 5th. Regiment of Native Cavalry should receive the Drafts from the other Regiment's and take the chance of being completed from the Horses on the Recovery during its stay in the Carnatic. —

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob /entered also in C.C. No. 203/. —

Translation From the Nabob Waulajah to Sir C. Oakeley Bart.

Dated 20th. Zelhidge 1205 Hegery.
or
28th. August 1791.

Received 22d. August 1791.-

From the Nabob requesting that the Serishtadars and Gomastahs mentioned in his Letter of the 24th. ult. may be employed upon the Allowances therein stated.

I have received your letter of the 12th. August 1791 answering to the 11th. Zelhidge 1205. Hegery and understand what you have said respecting my Serreshtadars and their Gomastahs, and the Allowances to these people. —

My friend having Appointed such Serreshtadars /with

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with their Gomastahs as were Necessary for the examination of the Accounts and the collection of the papers in each District I sent you a list of them some time ago and in that list I reduced their pay and only stated what was absolutely requisite their numbers and Allowances cannot be further lessened. —

I therefore request you will be pleased to furnish me with orders to your Collectors Accordingly — that the said Serishtatars and their Gomastahs may receive their Allowances they being in distress for money to provide for their Expences. —

What can I say more?

/ A true Translation /

/ Signed / Joseph Farrow.
P. T.r

Agreed to inform the Nabob that the Board cannot depart from the resolution of Government communicated to him on the 12th. Instant respecting the Serishtadars and Gomastahs to be employed in the Examination of the Cutcherry Accounts of the Country. —

Minute thereon. —

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

To the Honble. Sir. Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

From the Comptroller General of Army accounts report upon the Application of the Attornies of Ensign Gramby Cloper for Passage money due to their Constituent —

Honble Sir. —

In obedience to your commands directing me &c.

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to Report upon the Application of Messrs. Mitchell Amos and Bowden, for the Passage Money of Eight Pounds to Ensign Gramby sloper now in Europe — I have the Honor to acquaint you that I have referred to the Accounts from the period of that Officers Embarkation and do not find it has been drawn or Charged for him. —

The orders of the Honble Court of Directors forbidding the continuance of this Allowance, arrived subsequent to the departure of this Gentleman to Europe. —

I am with great Respect.

Honble Sir

Your Obedient

humble Servant

Fort St. George
20th August 1791 —

[Signed] J. Capper.
C.P.G.

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be directed to discharge the Amount due to Ensign Gramby sloper on Account of Passage Money.

Extract thereon

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Angole. —

To.

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George.

From the Paymaster at Ongole referring for the Boards decision an application made to him by Captain Mc. Kinnon to pay Quarter Masters allowances to Lieutenant Forbes. —

Honble Sir. and Sirs,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a Letter I have just received from Captain Lieutenant Mackinnon Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar on the Subject of Lieutenant Nathaniel Forbes of 8th Battalion Native Infantry drawing staff Allowances —

When the late Mr. Macleod Lieutenant and Quarter Master of 2d Battalion European Infantry. left the Detachment. The Commanding Officer issued the Accompanying order Appointing Mr. Forbes Acting in his Room. — Idid not think myself authorized to pay Allowances of any Situation that was not held by the Appointment. or previous Approbation of your Honble Board. and declined discharging Mr. Forbes Bills for the staff Allowances untill the Receipt of the Above letter. which Agreeable to the Printed Regulations. I have complied with. —

I have the Honor to lay before you remaining

With Great Respect. —

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Your very obedient Servant —

Signed / Saml. Young.

Capy

Ongole
August 16th 1791.

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Copy of a Detachment Order by Captain McKinnon

Guntoor 30th may 1791 Lieutenant Nathaniel Forbes of the 2d Battalion of Native Infantry to Act as Adjutant and Quarter Master to the Detachment untill further Orders. —

A true Copy

Signed/ S. Young

Samuel Young Esqr

Paymaster -

Dear Young.

I Ordered your man to Pay Lieutenant Forbes his Staff Allowances as I would stand responsible for it I wrote you yesterday fully on the subject and I have only further to add, / that agreeable to General Orders / the Commanding Officers signature in your Vouchers and Authority for Paying Charges at the same time the — Paymaster may make his Remarks. —

I remain Dear young.

/Signed/ L.C. McKinnon.

Guntoor 13th August

1791 -

A true Copy

/Signed/ Saml. Young.

/The

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The Board approve Mr. Youngs objections to and reference of the Claim of Lieutenant Forbes to Staff Allowances — Resolved that Captain Mackinnon be directed to Minute thereon. Record immediately such sums as may have been drawn by Lieutenant Forbes and informed that he was guilty of great irregularity in appointing that officer to act as Adjutant and Quarter Master without the sanction of Government —

" Wm Petrie

" Wm Medows

Bengal &c.

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Diary.

23. Received the following Letters
Translation.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor of Madras &c. &c. &c. &c.

From Colonel Defrene advising of the alteration made in the National Flag of France.

Sir. I have the Honor to inform you that the National Flag of France, which was formerly entirely White, is now quartered by three perpendicular Stripes composed of three national Colours, that which is nearest to the Staff, is red, the second white, and the third blue

To prevent any Misunderstanding on this account, I request you will please to notify the Alteration, in all the principal Places dependant on your Government.

I have the Honor to be with the highest Consideration—

Pondicherry
15th. August 1791.

Sir.
Your most. Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Defrene.

(To)

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To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

From the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Dublin requesting that the Board will order a Person who enlisted on board his Ship as a Seaman under the Name of John Hyde (and who now Stiles himself Lieutenant Colonel Jefsop) to return to his Duty.

I beg leave to inform you that a Person, who I declare upon my Honor Shipped himself in my Ship as a common Seaman under the name of John Hyde, and whom I understand was such, is come on Shore here, and refuses to return on Board, saying he is Colonel Jefsop in his Majesty's Service, I have therefore to request you will be pleased to ~~order~~ him on Board, that he may return in the same Capacity he came out, or that you will be pleased to adopt such other Measures as you may think proper.

I have the Honor to be,
Honble Sir,
Your most Obedient,
humble Servant
(Signed) W. Smith

Fort St. George
22d August 1791.

Sent the following Letters.—

To Major Gomonde

To the Sheriff Major to suspend the Execution of the Board's Order for admitting the Sheriff's Officer to serve Summonses to Pass upon.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to desire you will suspend for the present the

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23d. the Execution of the order with which you were furnished this Morning for admitting the Sheriff's Officer to serve a Summons on Paupiah

I am, Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signd) W. C. Jackson

Fort St. George
23d. August 1791.

By Express
Secret Department

To Captain Flint
Commanding at Tiagar.

Sir.

Lord Cornwallis having represented to the Board that it would be of great Advantage in the present situation of the Salem Country, if you could execute a Plan which his Lordship understands you communicated last Year to General Meadows of making yourself master of the Fort near the Attoor Pass. I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will be pleased to inform him if you still think the Plan practicable, and in that Event what Force you judge sufficient to attempt it.

I am directed to add that you may depend upon every assistance from Government, in case you should deem the Attempt practicable.

You will observe that this Letter is addressed (to)

To the Commandant at Tiagar communicating Lord Cornwallis's wish that he should make himself Master of the Fort near the Attoor Pass and desiring to know if he thinks the attempt practicable.

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23d to you in the Secret Department.

Fort St. George
23d August 1791.

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

To the Honorable Major General Abercromby
&c &c &c
at
Tellicherry.

Honble Sir,

To Major General Abercromby
the Board are still in hopes
that the Carriage Bullocks for
his Corps will reach
Paliguatcherry by the 2nd of
September.

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the — Instant.

You will find by our Letter of the 17th Instant that we have anticipated your Wishes regarding the Carriage Bullocks, which we are still in hopes will reach Paliguatcherry by the End of September — We enclose a Duplicate of the last Letter and have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
23d August 1791.

Honorable Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 193, 194-195.

From the Commandant at Tanjore
Tanjore. — —

From the Commandant at Tanjore — &
(advising

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2d. advising of his having sent to Negapatam forty four Men of his Majesty's 72d. Regiment who are fit for field Service and who are to embark on the Swallow for the Presidency.—

From Captain Lieutenant Sorin acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Orders for suspending his Purchases of Horses and returning to the Regiment to which he belongs.—

From Captain Lieutenant Sorin

From the Resident at Nagore advising of the Arrival of the Swallow at Negapatam.—

From the Resident at Nagore

Substance of a letter from the Nabob 24th. entered in C. C. N.o 201.) requesting to be furnished with the account of the Jumabundy Receipts and Balances for the Phazely Year 1200, and with Copies of the Muchulkas of the Renters.—

Received the following Letters

To the Honble. the Governor in Council Madras

From Commodore Cornwallis acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 12th. Instant.—

Sir,

I have received the Honor of your Letter dated the 12th. of this Month, and beg leave to return you many thanks for the Information therein contained relative to the arrival of the Supplies for the use of his Majesty's Ships under my Command.

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

(signed) W. Cornwallis

Crown Trincamale 21st August 1791.—

4310 Fort St. George August 5th 1791.

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

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal the Swallow to be obtained for the Dispatches of the Supreme Council till the 15th September.

I have Orders from the Governor General in Council to Request that you will signify his Wish to the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, that altho' in a late Letter the 10th of September is the Period beyond which it was desired that the Swallow might not be obtained for the Bengal Dispatches to be sent to Europe by that Packet the 15th of September may be now considered as that Period is being officially reported that the General Books of this Presidency for the Year 1790/91 will not probably be ready to be transmitted to Madras in time to arrive there by the 10th

Fort William
5th August 1791

I am &c. &c.
(signed) E Hay
Secry to the Govt.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MR. Nos 196. 197. 198. 199. 200.

To the Collector at Madura &c. desiring him to render every assistance in his Power to expedite the Collection and Advancement of Bullocks for the

To the Collector at Madura &c.

Service

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21st Service of General Abercromby's Corps.—

To the Commanding Officer at Poonamalie informing him that a Company of Sepoys cannot at present be spared for the Duty of that Garrison.—

To the Commanding Officer at Poonamalie

To the Board of Assumed Revenue enclosing Instructions to be communicated to the Collectors at Tanjore relative to their Communications with the Rajah, and suggesting the Propriety of Mr. Ram's holding his Cutcherry at Combeconum instead of Tanjore.—

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To Ditto informing them that the Situation of the Southern Garrisons will not admit at present of sending any Reinforcement into the Tinnevelly Country and approving Mr. Torin's Recommendation of assembling as many of the Regular and Revenue Troops in the District as can be spared.—

To D.o

To the Military Board enclosing Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis respecting the Complement of entrenching Tools to be kept up at the Presidency.—

To the Military Board.—

Sent Letters to the Nabob and the Rajah of Vencatagherry (as entered in C. C. Nos. 205. 206.) to the former informing him that the Packet for Lord Cornwallis which accompanied his Letter of the 18th Instant has been forwarded, and that the Board cannot depart from their former Resolutions respecting the

Substance of Letters D.o to the Nabob and Rajah of Vencatagherry

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25. Seristadars and Gomastahs to be employed by his Highness in the Inspection of the Revenue accounts — To the latter informing him that as the Slave Soobah has claimed the Company's Protection, the Board cannot give him up until they are furnished with sufficient proofs of his Guilt.

Sent the following Letters.

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

Honble Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 17th Instant —

To Major General Medows requesting to be informed whether a Court Martial can at present be assembled at Trichinopoly without Detriment to the Public Service —

As it might be deemed unadvisable to agitate the subject respecting Captain Parr during the present posture of affairs in the Southern Countries, we shall not furnish Major General Musgrave with the Crime until we have been favored with your opinion whether or not a Court Martial can be at present assembled at Trichinopoly for the trial of Captain Parr without Detriment to the public Service.—

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

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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley.
&c. Council —

To

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

My Lord,

Sir Charles Oakeley has laid before us your Lordship's Letters to him dated the 16th and 19th Instant.

To Lord Cornwallis with Copy of General Musgrave's Letter on the Subject of the Garrisons in the Coimbatour Country the necessary reference has been made to Captain Flint in consequence of his late Instructions - above of the Disturbances in the Tinnevelly Province - Reporting the Arrangements made by Colonel Floyd for the Regiments of Cavalry ordered to be equipped for Service

You Lordship will have been informed by our Letter of the 18th Instant, that Coimbatour had been preserved by a seasonable Movement of Major Cuppage to its Relief - upon the first Notification of the Enemy's approach towards it, we desired Major General Musgrave to communicate his opinion "whether any Measures could in the present "Situation of our Force, be taken for the better Security "of the Garrisons in the Coimbatour District." - The General's Reply we beg leave to enclose for your Lordship's Information. -

We have directed the Military Board to complete the Number of entrenching Tools to two thousand five hundred, the quantity stated by your Lordship to be wanted for the use of the Army.

Captain Flint has been written to on the Subject of your Lordship's Letter of the 19th Instant and if the Plan be practicable you may be

assured

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25. assured that we shall afford every assistance in our Power.

Major General Musgrave has been desired to communicate his Ideas in regard to the Force which can be spared from our northern Garrisons for the Purposes mentioned by your Lordship.

We think it necessary to advise your Lordship that we have been informed by the Collector at Tinnevelly that the Poligars in that country have taken advantage of the war and of the present weak State of our Forces to the Southward to withhold their Peshcush from the Company; and to threaten the property of the Inhabitants - We have directed Mr. Torin to afford every Protection to the district, of which the Force in that quarter may be capable; but we apprehend that no effectual Check can be given to the refractory disposition of the Poligars until the war be over. We have the honor to enclose an Extract of Mr. Torin's Letter for your Lordship's Information.

Major General Musgrave has reported to us that Colonel Floyd has inspected the drafting of the 1st. 2d. and 4th. Regiments of Native Cavalry, in order to complete the 19th. Dragoons -

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25th and the 3d and 5th Regiments of Native Cavalry to the Establishment directed by your Lordship - that after the completion of the 19th Dragoons and 3d Regiment with serviceable Horses from the three first mentioned Regiments there appeared a Deficiency of one hundred and seventy two Horses necessary to complete the 5th - and that in consequence, the Colonel left this Regiment in the State in which he found it without attaching to it any of the Drafts - as we understand that there are about 180 Horses in a fair way of recovering from the Fatigues of the late service, we shall be glad to know if it be your Lordship's wish that the 5th Regiment should receive the Drafts, and take the chance of being completed from the Horses on the Recovery during its stay in the Carnatic

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

Fort St. George
24th August 1791.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council.

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

Gentlemen,

We are sorry to acquaint you that (of

To Bengal - reporting the short Delivery of Bullocks shipped on the Hercules - requesting to be furnished with Invoices of her Cargo -

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25th of the 126 Bullocks shipped on the Hercules as
per Return, ninety five only were landed at
Madras – the remainder we understand, died on the
Passage from Bengal.

We beg, to be favored, when convenient,
with Invoices of all the Rice laden on the above=
-mentioned Ships, for the Guidance of our Garrison
Storekeeper in bringing the same to account in his
Books – at present, we have only received one Invoice
of two thousand Pagodas.

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We have the Honor to be
Gt.a Gt.a Gt.a

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Gt.a Council.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
as entered in M.B. Nos. 201. 202. 203. 204
205. 206. 207. –

To the Paymaster at Ongole – informing
him that Captain M.cKinnon will be directed
to refund immediately the Sums drawn by Lieutenant
Forbes on account of Staff Allowances.

To the Paymaster at Ongole. –

To the Officer Commanding the 12th.
Battalion of Native Infantry at Guntoor – informe=
-ing him that he was guilty of great Irregularity

To the Officer Commanding the 12 Battalion of Native Infantry at Guntoor. –

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25th in appointing Lieutenant Forbes to act as Adjutant and Quarter Master to the Troops in the Guntoor Circar, without the Sanction of Government; and directing him to refund such Sums as may have been drawn on the above account.

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions informing him that the Grain at Poonamalee must remain Stacked for the present, under cover of the Fort.

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Lieutenant Neate informing him that his Application for Passage Money cannot be complied with.

To Lieutenant Neate

To Major General Musgrave desiring him to report whether any and if any what force can be spared from Vellore, Ongole, or any Place from the Northward to garrison the Forts taken from the Enemy - informing him that Leave has been given to Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast to visit the Presidency for two Months, and that the Board have resolved to defer the Order for the Trials of Captain Parr and Captain Lieutenant Budenell until the Situation of the Southern Countries will admit of them with more convenience than at present. —

To Major General Musgrave —

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To the Military Paymaster General

25th To the Military Paymaster General — approving the Mode suggested by the Paymaster in Camp, of bringing to account the Amount of the set of Bills received from the Marattas, in favor of the Bombay Presidency.

To the Attorneys of Ensign Granby Sloper

To the Attorneys of Ensign Granby Sloper informing them that the Military Paymaster General upon their Receipt, will discharge the Amount due to their Constituent on account of Passage Money

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 208. 209. 210.

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts - enclosing a Bill for half Pay laid before him by Lieutenant Samson.

From the Commandant at Tanjore

From the Commandant at Tanjore — acknowledging Receipt of the corrected Return of Troops embarked on the Swallow for Negapatam.

From the Resident at Nagore

From the Resident at Nagore advising of the Embarkation of the Men of his Majesty's 72d Regiment who have arrived from Tanjore on the Swallow — recommending that Garrison Serjeants may be appointed to Nagore and Negapatam.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie and John Hudleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General

Friday

26th. August 1791. Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read

and approved

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Letter from Lord Cornwallis respecting Paupiah Braminy, dated the 4th. and entered in Consultation the 12th. Instant.

Letter from Lord Cornwallis respecting Paupiah entered in Consult: 12th. Inst. taken into Consideration.

Resolved, in conformity to the Recommendation of his Lordship, that Paupiah be called upon for a Recognisance to appear when required to answer the Charges that may be brought against him.

Resolution of the Board to release Paupiah under the restrictions specified by the Right Honble the Governor General.

Resolved, that the Security to be required from Paupiah, be, his own Bond for fifty thousand Pagodas and a Deposite to that amount, or a Deposite of thirty thousand Pagodas, with two

(Securities

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Securities in ten thousand Pagodas each.—

Resolved that so soon as Paupiah shall have given the Security above stated the Property now in the Company's Hands belonging to him be given up.—

As the Company have in their Possession Property of Paupiah's exceeding the amount of the Security to be required it is Resolved that the Guards which have been placed over his Person be removed.—

Mr. Petrie requests the attention of the Board to the Letter addressed to him as one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace by Paupiah, and entered on the Minutes of Consultation the 16th Instant.—

The Board have already resolved in consequence of a similar application from Paupiah in regard to Mr Hudleston (vide Minutes of Consultation the 18th February 1791) that "as Paupiah was in "confinement by Resolution of Government for Charges "of a very serious nature, they could not admit of "his giving any information before a Justice of Peace, "respecting the measures that had been taken "against him".— Mr. Petrie coincides in the Propriety of this Resolution.—

Minute of the Board on the Letter from Paupiah addressed to Mr Petrie as Justice of the Peace.—

Read a Letter from Major General Medows dated the 1st. and entered in Consultation the 9th Instant stating, as the joint opinion of Lord Cornwallis and

(himself)2

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The Board now pass their Resolution upon the Letter from Major General Medows respecting Lieut.t Colonel Maxwell's allowances while in Command of the Center Army —

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himself, that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell should be permitted to draw an Allowance of 250 Pagodas for Mensem during the Period of his Command of the Center Army —

Mr. Huddleston begs leave to enter the following Minute

Mr.r Huddlestons Minute is of opinion that Colonel Maxwell's Claim to any extra allowance as Commander of the Center Army, should not be complied with, until the Concurrence of the Court of Directors be obtained; and, that if any be granted, it should likewise be extended to the Representatives of the deceased Colonel Kelly —

Minute in Council the 26.th August 1791.

My Determination not to concur in the application of the public Money to any Disbursement that I know to be contrary to the sense and orders of the Company, can never be put to a severer test than it is on this occasion by the sincere respect I bear not only to the great Characters with whose Recommendation the Measure comes before us, but to the Officer who is the Object of it. The 4.th Paragraph of the Honble Court's Letter of the 19.th May 1790, and other parts of their Orders of a similar tendency, are, in my construction of them, decisive against our granting a separate or extraordinary allowance to any Officer as Commanding an Army except the Commander in Chief or Officer commanding the Army. It is their declared Intention that the Expence on this account shall be limited to the Sum of 5000 Pagodas per Annum; and we are forbidden to exceed its But if there were no express Order from our Employers that militated with the Claim in question, although supported by such high authority, I might ultimately yield

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yield my acquiescence I should think it my Duty first to advise the Board to consider the Precedent it would establish, and the heavy future Expence it might entail upon the Company. That if we granted this Allowance to Colonel Maxwell, it must be considered either as a Right, or as a particular Indulgence: if the former every Officer would claim it who might in future Command a Separate Army, or large Detachment of Troops; and the Officers who have already held those Stations might think themselves aggrieved. That if on the other hand it were to be regarded in the light of a particular Indulgence to Colonel Maxwell, it would, in my Opinion, be much better to make to the Court of Directors the mention due to his distinguished Merit, and to request for him some public Mark of their Esteem that would be infinitely more flattering and grateful to him than a pecuniary allowance measured out by the Number of days or Weeks he remained in the Command; and not by the value and Importance of his Services. — These are the Considerations which impel me to withold my Assent from the Measure. But if it is to be resolved on I must in that Case call to the Remembrance of the Board the Officer who immediately preceded Colonel Maxwell in the Command of the Western Army

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– an Officer always resorted to in times of Public Danger and Exigency – whose Exertions certainly hastened his End, and who has left an Estate insolvent and a Widow and Family in Indigence – I submit to the Board whether, if Colonel Maxwell is to receive the allowance recommended we can with any degree of Justice withhold it from the Representatives of the deceased Colonel Kelly.

As it may seem extraordinary, that I should record these Objections after the Reference made to Lord Cornwallis's Letter to State that on the occasion of making that Reference I mentioned at the Board that I hoped the answer would leave us no option as it would be impossible for me to assent to the granting Colonel Maxwell a separate allowance unless his Lordship should order it.

(Signd) S. Hudleston

Mr. Petrie concurs entirely with Mr. Hudleston's reasoning, and is sorry that he does not feel himself at Liberty, to give a Negative to the application, in consequence of the recommendation of Lord Cornwallis, which, upon the present occasion, he thinks it would be inexpedient in this Board to reject.

Mr Petrie sincerely wishes that (Government

Mr. Petrie is of opinion that the allowances recommended by Lord Cornwallis and Major General Medows should be granted to the Representatives of the late Colonel Kelly, as well as to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.

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Mr. Petrie no.

Government may find themselves authorized from the present Recommendation of the Governor General to extend the Allowance to the Family of the late Colonel Kelly, as the case of that Officer and Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell are exactly similar.

The acting President is of opinion that the Recommendation of Lord Cornwallis and General Medows ought to have due weight with the Board — and that Government will be fully justified in granting the allowance under the sanction of such respectable authority.

The acting President concurs in opinion with Mr. Petrie.

Resolved, that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell be permitted to draw an Allowance of two hundred and fifty Pagodas pr. Mensem during the Time he commanded the Center Army being from the 23d. of September to the 17th. of November 1790.

Periods from which the Allowances to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell and the Representatives of the Lat Colonel Kelly are to be stated.

Resolved, that the same allowance be extended to the Period when the Center Army was first assembled in the Field, for the Purpose of penetrating into the Enemy's Country — and that the Military Paymaster General be directed to pay to the Representatives of the late Colonel Kelly the Sum due on that account taking the Period from the 19th. of July 1790 being the day on which Colonel Kelly assumed the Command of the Center Army, to the 23d. of September 1790 being the day on which he died.

Agreed

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The foregoing Subject to be mentioned to the Honble Court of Directors

Agreed that the foregoing Subject be particularly mentioned to the Honorable Court of Directors by the next Dispatch.

Letter from the Nabob on the Subject of renting the Guntoor Circar & the Company's Jaghire taken into Consideration

Read a Letter from his Highness the Nabob dated the 15th and entered in Consultation the 16th Instant, on the Subject of renting the Company's Jaghire and the Guntoor Circar.

Resolutions thereon.

Agreed to inform his Highness that his Request cannot be complied with as the Company have positively directed that the Management of the Revenues of those Countries shall be retained in their own Hands - but that his Letter will be communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors by the first Dispatche.

Read the following Letters from Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Cakeley Bart &c &c &c

Sir.

From Lord Cornwallis a party of the Enemy under Cummer-u-deen Khan defeats a Detachment of the Mharattas near Mudgeri - the whole of Tippoos Army supposed to have moved towards Purseram Bhow intends marching towards Bangalore -

Bulwant Row son of the late Morari Row, who some time since joined the Mharattas with some Followers, to the Amount he says, of a thousand, arrived the Day before yesterday at Bangalore, with about one hundred Men, several of whom were wounded, and reported, that having been Stationed near Mudgeri, by Purseram Bhow to watch the Garrison of that Fort, he was attacked and totally routed, by a very superior force of the Enemy

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Enemy, under Cummer-ud-Dien Khan — The — Maratta Garrison of Gedda Balabaram consisting of 500 Infantry and 200 Cavalry, have on this Alarm, thought proper to quit their Post and retire likewise to Bangalore. —

I cannot help being afraid that the Bhow has been guilty of great Imprudence in the Dispersion of his Army, and that Tippoo, who, in different Divisions, and I believe by different Routes, has marched, with his whole Force, towards that Quarter, will strike some serious Blow against him. —

I propose marching to-morrow towards Bangalore, but the Distance from Purseram Bhow's Camp is so great, that I should not arrive in Time to be of any use to him, even if the pressing Necessity of securing my own Convoys and the Means of carrying Provisions with me would admit of my leaving the Neighbourhood of the Ghauts for any considerable Time. —

Even if these Circumstances did not at present prevent my moving to a great Distance from hence, I must confess that I should feel great uncertainty of my being able to afford essential Aid to Allies, whom I have found it so impossible to prevail on to persevere in systematic Plans, and who are so apt to be led away by temporary views of private Interest, to engage in — Undertakings very inconsistent with the

General

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general Good of the Confederacy:—
I have the Honor to be,
Sir:
Your most Obedient,
humble Servant.

Camp near Oussoor
August 21st. 1791.

(Signed) Cornwallis.

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

From Lord Cornwallis conceives that the Mudgeri Business has been much exaggerated — Cummer u Deen's Detachment falls back a March towards Seringapatam — Instructions respecting the Equipment of the 5th. Regiment of Native Cavalry

Sir:

I have been favored this Morning with your Letter of the 18th. and most sincerely rejoice at the successful Issue of the Attack on Coimbatore:— I must confess that I almost despaired of it's being saved.—

The Sum you have sent will be fully sufficient; I wished by the Convoy now proceeding to Amboor to receive more than the six Lacks that were formerly mentioned to be under — Dispatch to Vellore because the next Convoy will only go to Vencatagherry and consequently cannot bring any Treasure.—

I fancy the Mudgeri Business will turn out to be of less consequence than it was at first represented.— Two Hircarrahs who left Cummer-ud-Deen's Camp on the Night of the 19th. say that he had fallen back one Day's March from Mudgeri towards Seringapatam: Although

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the principal object of my intended March this Day was to check the Progress of the Enemy against Purseram Bhow. I was obliged to defer it at the Request of Hurry Punt on account of some religious Ceremonies.—

I find that there is a doubt whether the 5th. Regiment of Cavalry can be completed for the field. it is in my opinion more desirable that a Regiment should be sent to the field than a Detachment. I should therefore wish that if three hundred and fifty serviceable Horses can be procured for Major Orr's Regiment it should be ordered to march with Colonel Floyd or to follow him as early as possible.—

I am very glad to hear that you are recovering your Health, of which I most sincerely wish you a perfect re establishment both on your own account, and for the public Good.—

I am, with much Esteem and Regard Sir;

Your most Obedient humble Servant.

Camp near Mysore August 22d. 1791.

/Signed/ Cornwallis

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis.—

Ordered, that Copies of the foregoing Letters be sent to Bengal.—

Ordered that Major General Musgrave be furnished with that part of the Letter from Lord Cornwallis of the 22d. Instant, which relates to the

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5th Regiment of Native Cavalry.—
Read the following Letter from Major
General Medows.—

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

From General Medows stating the Cause of his late reference respecting the appointments to the Cavalry Engineers or Artillery.—

Camp, near Arpoor. August 21st 1791.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen.

I had the honor of yours of the 15th Yesterday, and shall comply with every Regulation of the Honble the Court of Directors with Respect and attention.—

With regard to the Paragraph in the Adjutant General's Letter about appointments to the Cavalry Engineers or Artillery, it was merely to guard against what might happen and to prevent—as far as possible, even the appearance of differing in opinion—even in the most trifling things, from a Board for whom I have so high an Esteem and Respect.—

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
With the most perfect Regard
Your most obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) Wm. Medows Gen.l &c.a &c.a Cl.d

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Read the following Letter from Major Cuppage.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Major Cuppage the Enemy make good their Retreat across the Bowanni – Desires to know if he is to lay up Grain at Coimbatoor

I had the Honor to inform you that the Enemy retreated the 11th on my approach to Coimbetore, and the next day, I pursued them as far as Villaddy and continued to follow them till I came within sight of Dasrian Cotah when I could perceive their Camp, and that they had crossed the Bowanny. Being encamped near the River they brought a Gun on the opposite Bank and cannonaded without doing me any harm except one Pollygar killed and one wounded, any further pursuit was fruitless I therefore fell back a few Miles and returned here this Morning, but not a Man of the Enemy dared to recross the River.

I shall proceed to-morrow to Coimbetore where I shall stay a Day or two to put the place in a state of defence to secure it against any further attack of the Enemy.

On my return to Palghautcherry, agreeable to your Orders I shall use every Means in my Power to forward ten thousand Bullock Loads

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Loads of Rice to Coimbetore, and as the Crop will be shortly cutting in that Country, I request to know if I shall replace it by an equal assessment on the different Rajahs in my Neighbourhood; at the same time I beg leave to observe to you my Instructions is, to lay in a Magazine of Grain for the use of the Army, in the most ample manner

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

Camp at Villaddy
15th August 1791.

(signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Major Cuppage that the Board entirely approve the Steps taken by him for the Relief of Coimbatour.

As it would not be advisable in the present Circumstances to place any considerable quantity of Grain in Coimbatour, it is agreed that no Store be laid up there, but that Major Cuppage be directed to encrease the Stock at Paliganchery agreeably to his instructions from the Commander in Chief.

Read the following Letter from Major George Hart.

To the Hon.ble the Governor in Council at Fort St. George
&c. &c.
Madras.

From Major George Hart enclosing Copy of his appointment to the Office of Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops serving under this Presidency desiring to be furnished with the necessary Instructions

Hon.ble Sir

I have the honor to inclose for the (necessary

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necessary consequent directions from you, a Copy of my Deputation &c. appointing me Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's Forces serving for your Presidency

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

Camp near Ossoor
21st August 1791.

(signed) George Hart
D. P. M. G.
to
H. M. F.
Madras

Copy.

Paymaster-general's Deputation to Major George Hart. (Madras)

Know all Men by these Presents that we the Right Honorable Constantine John Lord Mulgrave and James Duke of Montrose Paymasters General of His Majesty's Forces have authorized and empowered, and by these presents do authorize and empower Major George Hart for us and in our Names and Stead to receive from the East India Company's Presidencies in India or from whomsoever else the payment thereof doth or may concern, all Moneys that now are or shall hereafter become payable by the East India Company

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Company for his Majesty's Forces that now or shall hereafter be serving under the Commander in-Chief at Madras, to issue so much of the same as shall be wanted for the Subsistence of the Commissioned, Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Men of the several Corps serving under the said Commander, and to remit (through the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy) the difference between the Subsistence issued in India and the full amount to be paid by the East India Company for His Majesty's Troops serving or to serve in India. And in case of further regulations taking place relative either to the receipt of the Money in India, the payment of it to the Troops or the remittances of part of it to England, we do hereby give the said Major George Hart our Deputy full power and authority to execute and transact the same in as full effectual and ample manner as we might or could do if personally present, at the same time subjecting the aforesaid Major George Hart to such Directions and instructions respecting the Premises as he may receive from us or by our order. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals this 21st day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety one

Sealed and delivered (being first duly stamped) in the presence of
signed { Richd. Molesworth. Henry Cowper.

(signed) { Mulgrave (L.S.) Montrose (L.S.)

(a true Copy) (signed) George Hart

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Copy

Instructions for Major George Hart Deputy Paymaster of His Majesty's Forces at Madras.

You are to demand the Money at Madras for the Subsistence of the Troops at that Government which is always to be issued to them as it's received at 2/1d the Rupee.

You are to make up every two Months regular Debtor and Creditor Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure and give a Copy of them to the Commander-in-Chief of that Army; and to transmit another Copy by every opportunity to Mr. Burke or the Deputy Paymaster for all India for the time being by whom the other Demands are to be made. You are to transmit home to the Pay Office another Copy by every opportunity. You are to furnish the Government of Madras, when they shall apply for it, with the account of Sums received and paid for Subsistence to the Troops within your Department.

All necessary contingent Charges must be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief and only such made as he shall certify to be reasonable and necessary.

(Signed) Mulgrave
Montrose.

A true Copy
(Signed) George Hart.

(Memorandum

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Memorandam of a Form of an Account and Mode of conducting the Business of a Deputy Paymaster in the East Indies. 14th of April 1788.

Dr. Major George Hart in Account with the Right Honble the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces. Cr.

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Charge yourself with all monies received mentioning the Name of the Person you receive the monies from. Take Credit for all monies that you may pay; - take if possible three Vouchers of the same tenor and date for all payments that you may make, one of which is to be transmitted to the Pay Office to support the Account

A Deputy Paymaster is only concerned in paying the Subsistence of a Regiment: The off-reckonings and Arrears must be settled at home -

The Rupee is to be valued at 2/1 each. all

All your Payments must be made in pursuance of Warrants directed to you from the Officers commanding in Chief, and his advice and orders must be taken in regard to the Mode of remitting any Balance that may arise to the Paymaster General

Direct all your correspondence with the Pay Office to Mr. Richard Molesworth, under cover of the Right Hon^ble the Paymaster General, Pay office - Whitehall.

a true Copy,

(Signed) George Hart.

(Agreed

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Agreed to inform Major Hart that as the Kings Troops in this part of India are at present paid by his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General for all India, who is now with the Army under the Command of Earl Cornwallis in the Field, the Board conceive that all Monies to be issued on account of his Majesty's Forces must go into his Hands, whilst he shall continue to require it during the War.

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Major Hart.

Agreed also to inform Major Hart that as his instructions militate against the Regulations in India, it is necessary to apprize him that according to the Rule and practice which have been established for several Years, Pay can only be issued to him from the Company's Treasury when he shall commence to act upon his appointment, for the actual Effectives in India of his Majesty's Regiments serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George; and that all accounts of Pay issued to the King's Troops must be submitted to the audit of the Company's Military Auditor General.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

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

From Lord Cornwallis complaining of the Conduct of Abdul Wahab Cawn in not sending Supplies for the use of the Army, and in levying Fines upon the Grain Merchants passing through the Jaghire of Chittoor.

Gentlemen,

I inclose to you a Copy of a Letter which I have found it absolutely necessary to write to Abdal Wahab Khan Jaghiredar of Chittoor

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The total failure from a quarter in which I had placed great reliance for Supplies, and which abounds with the Species of Grain peculiarly wanted in the Maratta Camp, will occasion much serious distress, and I must request that you will be pleased to adopt the most effectual and speedy means to induce the Jaghiredar to abolish his exorbitant duties.—

It is difficult to account for a Conduct in Abdal Wahab Khan so inimical to us, and apparently so contrary to his own Interest, unless we could suppose that his Servants had been corrupted by the Enemy.—

I have the honor to be.
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis.—

Camp near Oussore
August 21st. 1791.—

To. Abdul Wahab Cann, Jaghiredar
of Chittoor

Written 22d. August 1791.

I have been repeatedly informed that Benjarais and others who bring Grain for the use of the Army, and dispose of it in the public Bazars of the Camp, have made every Exertion possible to procure Grain in the Districts and Villages of your Jaghire; where, there is no doubt, Grain in abundance can be had, but notwithstanding every Inclination on the part of the Purchasers, and those who are willing to dispose of their Grain the Duties which you have ordered to be collected from Grain Merchants are so

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heavy, that they are necessitated to desist from their Endeavours to procure Supplies for the use of the Army from that Quarter.—

This is not only extremely prejudicial to welfare of the Inhabitants of your Jaghire, who are thus deprived of an advantageous Sale of their Grain, but also highly injurious to the public Service by Keeping from the army, considerable Supplies of Grain of every kind, which your District can afford with great Ease, to the immediate Profits of its Inhabitants-and of which the Army is in great want.

I think it necessary to write to you on the Subject and to request that you will take immediate and effectual Steps to put a Stop to the Exaction of these exorbitant Duties. I have communicated this Subject to the Government of Fort Saint George, and shall be compelled, should any further Measures be requisite to correct an abuse so ruinous in its consequences to the public Service, to request that they will Resume your Jaghire and take the Management of it into the Hands of the Company.

A true Copy

(Signed) G. F. Cherry

Pers: Transr.

Minute thereon

Agreed that his Highness the Nabob be informed of the Complaint preferred by Lord Cornwallis against Abdul Wahab Cawn, the Jaghiredar of Chittoor, and that he be desired to lose no time in taking Measures for the Correction of an Abuse so ruinous in its Consequences

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to the Public Service.

The acting President recommends that, as the Enemy have retreated from the District of Coimbatoore, it be left to the Option of the Collector of Tinnevelly, to send Bullocks intended for General Abercrombys Army, either by the Route of Dindegul, or as mentioned in a former Letter, through the Travancore Country.

Ordered accordingly.

The Bullocks collecting for the Service of General Abercromby's Army to be sent either by the Route of Dindegul or through the Travancore Country at the Option of the Collector at Tinnevelly.

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore.

To William C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department.

Vellore
25th. August 1791.

Sir,

Having some Doubts whether the Regiments of Cavalry Commanded by Majors Young and Pater now cantoned at Vellore are considered on Field allowances. I beg leave through you to request of the Honble Board to acquaint me.

I am &c. &c.

(signed) W. H. Toriano.

From the Paymaster at Vellore, requesting to be informed whether the Regiments of Cavalry commanded by Majors Young and Pater are considered on Field allowances.

Resolved, that Field Allowances be discontinued to the 1st 2nd and 3d Regiments of Native Cavalry after the 1st of next Month.

Field allowances to be discontinued to the 1st 2d & 3d Regiments of Native Cavalry from the 1st September.

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Captain John Everett of the Nabobs Service who commanded the 10th Battalion of Revenue Troops Stationed at Tinnevelly.

Death of Captain Everett of the Nabobs Service

(Agreed

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Agreed that Lord Cornwallis's Opinion be taken in regard to the Grain laid up in several parts of the Jaghire, particularly at Pondamallee — where there are 130 Garco of Paddy which have been — lately removed from the Barracks for the Accommodation of the Troops, and stacked on the Glacis exposed to the Weather — and that it be submitted to his Lordship's Consideration whether the Benjarries of the Maratta Army might not be prevailed on to come as far as the Jaghire, where they may be assured of an ample Supply and at a cheap Rate.

The Board resolve to suggest to Lord Cornwallis the Policy of sending the Benjarries into the Jaghire to collect Supplies of Grain —

" Chas. Oakeley.

" W. Petrie

" Wadeston

J. Ogilvie Sr.