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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President

William Petrie and John Hudleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General C. Medows
Absent upon Service -

Tuesday
13th September
— 1791 —

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. -

The acting President lays before the Board the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakley Bt

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have received a Letter from Mr Stuart to assure me, that when the Supreme Board desired your Government to desist from drawing Bills on Bengal, it was by no means their intention to starve the war, but that it appeared to them, as I

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from Lord Cornwallis expressing his Concern that the Government should have drawn Money from Bengal for the purpose of providing the Investment and explaining the Measures they should be desirous in the Disposal of the Receipts from the different Branches of the Company's Resources —

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must confess it does appear, that nothing could be more contrary to the interests of the Company, or more completely ruinous to Bengal (which is by far the most valuable of their possessions) than that money should be drawn from thence in order to provide an investment from the Coast. —

The line for your conduct during the continuance of the war, is, I think, clear and distinct; that you should appropriate to the purchase of the investment what ever sums you may be able to procure for bills drawn upon the Court of Directors according to the permission you have received, but that the whole amount of your revenues, and of the money received from England or drawn from Bengal, should be applied to the purposes of carrying on the war and paying your Civil Establishments, according to the periods of payment of those in Bengal; and I shall tell Mr Stuart that it is the duty of the Supreme Board to insist that this line shall be strictly observed. —

Tippoo, by all accounts, has returned with the greatest part of his army, towards Seringapatam,

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some Officers of this Cavalry have come over
to us, and they hold out expectations of a
considerable defection from him, I cannot say
however that I am very sanguine on that head. —

It gives me great pleasure to hear that your
health is perfectly restored, my Rheumatism has
been a companion of above twenty years, but tho'
it is often troublesome and very painful, it
never has confined me for a single day, and
seldom prevented my taking my usual
exercise. —

I am, with much esteem, and regard,

Yr &c

/Signed/ Cornwallis —

Camp near
Bangalore
4th September 1791

The acting President proposes that the following
answer be returned to his Lordship

The acting President lays before the Board the Draught of a Letter which he proposes should be written to Lord Cornwallis

The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General &c &c &c

To Lord Cornwallis — in reply to the foregoing Letter. —

My Lord,

Our acting President has laid before us your Lordship's Letter to him of the 4th Instant, and

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we now do ourselves the honor of replying to that part which respects the Investment providing on this Coast.

The Honble Court of Directors dispatched the John Packet, which arrived here in January last, with particular Instructions to us to make up an Investment of near seven Lacks of Pagodas, & giving us permission, at the same time, to draw on England for the Funds necessary to complete this order — on receipt of these Instructions, which were marked by a strong anxiety for the success of the measure, we advertised for money, but received only one offer, and this was so extravagant that we could not accept it. This our Hopes of an immediate supply from this source were disappointed, we did not by any means think ourselves justified in concluding that the same ill success would continue, and, as the season approached for making those Contracts and advances, without which no Investment could be expected, we presumed, upon the credit of the permission above mentioned — to divert a third of the amount to be issued — of this sum 56,550 Pagodas were paid from the Treasury at Madras and the rest from our Funds at the Subordinate Settlements. —

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We certainly should not have made this advance without proposing what appeared to us an ample security for reimbursement - a Letter of credit to three times the amount, and unlimited in point of exchange, seemed to warrant the measure; and we consider that other motives, arising from a sincere wish to aid the Company in an object they had so much at heart, and to give some employment to the Manufacturers who were in great distress, operated also with us on this occasion.

We are perfectly assured Mr Stuart did not mean to give your Lordship any unfavorable impressions with regard to our drafts on Bengal; but, from the nature of his Communication, we apprehend he has entirely misconceived our Intention. We certainly never meant to draw on Bengal for money to provide an Investment: nor has any part of the money drawn, been so applied. When the supreme Board lately stated in a Letter the amount of the Bills passed on them since January

last

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last, we shewed, by our answer, that a sum nearly equal to that amount was in our Treasury the beginning of July, and that any Part of those drafts was either applied, or for the coming, for the purposes of the War. If we have erred in making a temporary advance from our own Revenues to set the Investment on foot, we hope the error will be excused by our Declaration, that we had not the most distant Idea of contravening any order, or impairing any Resources intended for the public service.—

We deserve your Lordships expressed Intention of writing to the supreme Board to insist upon our strictly conforming to the line prescribed. Such an order is not necessary for we have no wish so strong as that of co-operating with your Lordship upon every point; and, if the explanations now communicated, be not satisfactory, we shall instantly put a stop to our Investment.—

The Sums hitherto received for Bills on England in consequence of the Letter

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of credit amount to Pagodas 30,166..12..27. but as yet we have not drawn at a higher exchange than eight shillings. By raising the terms, we think it probable that consi-derable offers might be made between this Period and the month of January, and, as the Company have provided Tonnage for the Investment, and seem to expect it with great anxiety, we do not imagine they will object to any difference in the exchange that may be necessary to attain their purpose. —

Since writing the foregoing we have received a tender of near 8,000 Pagodas for Bills at 8/6 and, as we have great reason to believe that no considerable sum can be obtained on more favorable terms we mean to accept it. —

We have the Honor to be
with great Respect and Esteem,
Your

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(Signed) Charles Oakeley
for Council. Fred

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The Board approve the foregoing Draft

The Board unitedly approve the Draft submitted to them by the acting President - ordered that it be copied fair and dispatched. -

Copies of the foregoing Letters to be transmitted Numbers in the Swallow's Packet. -

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Letters be transmitted numbers in the Swallow's Packet; and that the subject be particularly mentioned to the Honorable Court in the Dispatches from the Political Department.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President and Council

Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

From Lord Cornwallis recommendation respecting the Grain in Store in the Company's Sayhire

I have been favored with Your Letter dated the 27th ultimo

The Marattas have lately applied to me for dustucks for a consider-able number of their Banjarries who are going into the Carnatic, but I should at much doubt whether any of them would go so far as the Company's Sayhire. -

I should

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I should therefore recommend to your Honble Board to sell immediately one half of the grain in the different Stores of the Jaghire, and if We should find, in a Month or Six Weeks, that the Bungarries are not likely to go thither (it may) then be advisable to dispose of the remainder.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

/Signed/ Cornwallis

Camp near Bangalore September 4th 1791

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member at the Presidency

and the Gentlemen in Council

at Fort St George — Madras &c &c

From Major General Medows - Opinion respecting Major General Musgrave's Application for an Encrease of allowance.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I had the honor of yours of the thirty first of august this day, enclosing a letter from

Major

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Major General Musgrave with an extract from the General Letter of the Honble the Court of Directors dated the 15th of December 1790. - all which I have, according to your desire, laid before Earl Cornwallis, - and have the honor to transmit to you his opinion and my own upon them. -

"That Major General Musgrave "does not fill the station alluded to in the "Paragraph, and that the Honble the Court of "Directors would probably not approve of paying "two Commanders in Chief at the same time. - and that "the Board cannot with propriety make any addition "to General Musgrave's present appointments. But, as "they are by no means equal to his situation the Board "may, with great propriety, refer to the Honble the Court "of Directors for what addition they would be pleased "to make."

Camp near Bangalore
the 8th of September 1791

I have the honor to be,
&c &c

/Signed/ Wm Medows
Governor &c &c

Received

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Resolved that Major General Musgrave's Claim be recommended to the favorable Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

minute thereon

Agreeably to the Intimation given in the 110th Paragraph of the Letter to the Honble Court of Directors dated the 14th July last, Mr. Petrie now enters the following Minute. —

Mr. Petrie's Minute

Mr. Petrie's minute shewing that the Abuses and Irregularities charged upon the Department of the Military Storekeeper did not exist during the Time he held that Employ — Representing the Improvement that was made in the Manufacture of Gunpowder while he was Storekeeper, and the Cause of the Increase in the Price of that article

In the retrospective observations of the Board on the former mode of making up Military Stores at the Presidency are general and indefinite limited to no particular period or individual Storekeeper, I think it incumbent on myself, to enter upon the records some explanatory observations, which I hope will convince the Honble Court of Directors, and this Board, that the abuses and irregularities charged upon that Department of the Service did not exist during the time that I held the Office of Military Storekeeper. —

Had the information given to the Board been competent to the full investigation of the Subject

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Subject, which, from the best of motives, they had taken into consideration, I have not a doubt but their candour would have induced them, while they enumerated the extravagant profits of the employ, to have made an exception with regard to the time that I had the management of this office. — If I was not afraid of going into an explanation that might bear the construction of an ostentatious display of disinterestedness, I have it fully in my power to establish, by unstragable evidence, that the profits of the Department have been greatly over rated during the Period, at least, that it was in my charge. —

I must beg leave, on this occasion, to observe, that it does not appear to have entered into the Contemplation of the Board, from the deficiency of information before them, that in the provision of every month's indent, a very considerable quantity of Stores were rejected and thrown back upon the Storekeepers hands; for, with all the care and attention that could be exerted in the choice of materials and the quality of work, circumstances of this

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nature always have happened, and will continue to exist in an office where so much reliance is unavoidably placed on native managers and workmen, provided the Official Checks established by the regulations are faithfully and vigilantly in the discharge of their duty. — The rejection of such Stores was nearly a total loss to the Storekeeper as but few of them could be worked up again to undergo examination, and, by the regulations of Sir Archibald Campbell, the Storekeeper was precluded from disposing of the turned out Stores, in consequence of a series of flagrant abuses which had been detected, in the clandestine sale of Military Stores, about the time I took charge of the Office. In providing a monthly indent to the amount of 4000 Pagodas, Stores to the value of one fourth of that Sum have been thrown back upon my hands. the fact is notorious — It was well known to every person employed in the Department, and, if necessary, can be substantiated by Colonel Capper, who was then President of the Committee of Stores, and by Mr. Roebuck the Deputy Military Storekeeper —

Had this unavoidable monthly loss been taken

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taken into the account, with the Interest upon my
which I paid on large sums that I was obliged to
borrow to enable me to carry on the employ when
the Company's Treasury did not admit of advances
(which was the case during the whole time that
I was Storekeeper) and the discount upon Bengal
& Northern Circar Bills which were given to
me in Liquidation of my arrears, the Board
I am certain would have excepted me at
least in their remarks upon the exorbitant
profits of the Military Storekeeper.

In the 7th Paragraph of the General
Letter to Rodney dated the 21st January 1791, the
Board informed the Honble Court "that it appears
"that the prices of many of the principal articles in
"the Military Storehouse, particularly Gunpowder,
"have, for a series of years, been gradually
"increasing without any proof of a proportional
"increase in the prime cost of the materials, &,
"in several instances, without the authority
"of Government"

I will beg leave here briefly to
explain the regulations of the Office while I was

Military

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Military Storekeeper. A List of all the Stores
which were made up at the Presidency by the
Military Storekeeper, with the established prices
annexed, was lodged in the arsenal for Publick
inspection and information, & another List, the exact
Counterpart of the former, was entered on the
Minutes of the Committee of Stores and without
the order and Certificate of that Committee I could
neither make up a single article of Stores, or
receive payment for the work that had finished

Musters, or patterns, of all the Stores
to be provided were kept at the arsenal, & were
Monthly Compared, by the Committee, with those
which had been made up in the course of the
month by the Storekeeper; the power of the
Committee was absolute, to receive or reject
whatever they thought proper. When any
new article of Stores was to be provided,
or any alteration to be made from the
established Musters, in the figure or quality,
the Storekeeper was called upon to give in
his proposals to the Committee, who either
rejected them or Recommended them to

Government

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Government for their acceptance. Besides this examination the Stores were subjected to a Daily scrutiny still more disadvantageous to the profits of the Storekeeper, prior to the monthly survey of the Committee - the Commissary General of Stores, his Deputy, and the Conductors, viewed the Stores as they were made up, and compared them with the respective Musters, rejecting what they judged improper, and passing such as they approved. For the monthly examinations of the Committee - such were the regulations under which the Stores were provided during the time I held the office, and I trust it will appear sufficiently obvious, that the Military Storekeeper could have no influence whatever in any change that might take place in the prices. This was always settled and notified to him by the authority of the Committee of Stores, under whose directions he acted. - The only instance which, in my recollection, can bear the construction of an Unauthorized alteration in the established rates of Stores,

occurred

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occured a few months before I left India,
in the article of Gun Powder, which I will
indeavour to explain to the Board in as few
words as the nature of the Subject will
admit of—

In the year 1786, when the provision of
Gunpowder devolved upon me, as Military
Storekeeper, the first view of the business
presented me with a variety of imperfections,
in the mode of Manufacturing, and abuses in
detail, which I explained to Sir Archibald
Campbell & Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse,
and which I was determined to spare no
pains to reform & to correct— I was however
under the unavoidable Necessity of
Continueing to employ, for some time, a
the native overseers & workmen who had been,
for many years, in the Service of my predecessors,
entire; by experience I could be capable of a
practical inspection of the different parts of the
process myself, as much pains were taken
by the old Servants to keep me in the dark, I
experienced a good deal of difficulty in making
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any Essential alteration in the mode of carrying on the business, so that I was obliged to leave the principal native manager at liberty to carry on Works in the usual manner - A Considerable Quantity of Gunpowder was made up; from the Specimens produced to me, it appeared to be Considerably above proof, but, from experiments which I made myself, with other parcels of the same powder, by means of a small Coehorn, which I kept at the Mill, I was greatly alarmed to discover that the whole quantity which had been Manufactured under my inspection was greatly inferior to the established proofs: on this I called the attention of Colonel Lyamham and Moorhouse, from the Trials which they made with a Mortar at the Works, the truth of my own experiments was established beyond a Doubt, the Consequence was, that from this discovery of my own, Six Hundred Barrels of Gunpowder

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were condemned, which otherwise might have been passed into the Company's Magazines, by Similar Modes of Deception which had been successfully practised before – These Facts were reported to Sir Archibald Campbell by the Artillery Officers and myself, and the regulations which he published, in consequence establishing different modes of trial with the necessary checks upon the Manufacturer, made it impossible for the Powder maker or his agents, to be guilty of the like abuses in future – A Series of experiments which I made upon this discovery, in Conjunction with that valuable Officer Colonel Moorhouse, assisted by the ingenuity and Chymical abilities of my Deputy, Mr Roebuck, established the Melancholly fact, that with the works which had been, for a Number of years, in use at Madras, and the Manner of manufacturing the ingredients, it was impossible to produce powder nearly equal to proof, or, in other words, that with the quantity of 2 pounds of powder, a shell weighing 96 pounds, could be thrown nine

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words, that with the quantity of 2 pounds of powder,
a shell weighing 96 pounds, could be thrown nine
hundred

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hundred and sixty yards from a thirteen Inch
mortar, although, from former reports of proofs
under the same circumstances, the Shell is said
to have been thrown from a thousand to eleven
hundred yards — I have now in my possession
several hundred experiments upon the different
modes of refining the Salt Petre, on the qualities of
wood for Charcoal, and on the Length of time for +
for pounding or stamping the materials; and +
I have great pleasure in embracing this opportunity
of giving all the Merit
to the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, who +
after great perseverance and indefatigable +
application, discovered (in opposition to the
report of a Celebrated French Chymist) that
the Specific lightness of the wood, used for
Charcoal, has a very material effect upon the
quality of the Gunn powder. —

Finding the Mills absolutely
incompetent to the production of proof
powder, I determined to reject the former
mode altogether; to construct a Set of
Mills at my own expence, and to bring a

Gunman

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German overseer, of much experience, from
Bengal, with a Number of Lascars who
had been employed in the works at Calcutta

These Measures were soon after carried
into execution, the necessary works were constructed
our improvements had been adopted, and the
success came up to our most sanguine Ex-
pectations, when an unfortunate accident,
which no human foresight could prevent, A
Levelled our works with the Ground, and destroyed
the overseer, with about twenty Nine of our
most experienced workmen, besides a heavy
loss in Gun Powder and Materials — I had met
with so many difficulties and losses in the
undertaking, besides the injury that my health
had sustained from a laborious attention
to the progress of this delicate Manufacture,
that I determined to resign this part of my
employ, but was prevailed upon by Colonel
Capper to undertake a new Set of works,
under an unanimous recommendation
from the Committee of Stores to Government
to reimburse me for my losses — This
Letter

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letter is upon record – The Board must, I understood, well disposed to admit the Claim, but other subjects perhaps more upon their attention it was, for a time postponed; and going afterwards to Tanjore, and in a few months more to Europe, the Subject was never afterwards taken up. –

On being appointed by the Government their Commissioner to Tanjore, Colonel Moorhouse and my Deputy Mr Roebuck took charge of the employ, in my absence, during the which interval, Colonel Moorhouse, thinking me, I suppose, well entitled to some Consideration for the loss I had sustained made an application to Sir archibald Campbell that I might be permitted to charge the same price for my Gun powder as the Company's Storekeeper was allowed at Tellore; which Colonel Moorhouse informed the Board keepers of the Employ, had been complied

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with by the Governor, and directed them
to make the Charge accordingly - To
establish not only this fact, but to
explain the circumstance fully to Government
and the Court of Directors, I have enclosed the
Declaration of the Company's Head native Servant
and Bookkeeper in the arsenal, with an
account of all the Gun powder made up by me
from which it appears that the advance on the
price being from 38 Pagodas to Pagodas 43.1.28
Candy Cost price only on 75 Candy or 625 Barrels
and amounts to no more than 377. 29. 20 or about
one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling, which
went but a very small way in replying my
disbursements -

If any further information should
be wanting on these facts, Colonel Kyd &
Mr. Roebuck will be ready to confirm those
parts where I have taken the Liberty of quoting
their authorities -

although I am ready to allow
that Gun powder may be now Manufactured
much Cheaper than when I undertook the
business

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business, from the improvements in the process which Colonel Moorhouse Mr Roebuck and myself carried into effect at my sole " expence previous to my departure for England by which the quantity of labour was reduced in the proportion of fifty P Cent but " from which I derived no benefit, and although I am likewise ready to allow that the workmen may have become more expert in the course of three years, yet I must still express a strong apprehension that good and properly pre " pared Gunpowder cannot be produced at Madras at 8 P Cent Charges to the Company than Pagodas 38 or Rs 43 P Candy.

And I am here called upon, in Justice to myself, to make an assertion in which I am warranted by incontrovertable facts, that If I had not made a total reform & Change in the Manufactory of this most essential article of Military Stores, the making of Gunpowder must have been relinquished upon the Coast and we must either have had our Supplies of Powder for actual

Service

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Service from Bengal or Europe, the former
inferior to what is made here, the latter
scarcely equal to it, certainly not superior

It is a well Known fact that
Gun powder may be brought from the
mills of proof and after Keeping for
a few months with every precaution of Tin
lining to the Barrels, and dry Magazines,
it will lose near one tenth of it's former
Strength. — To give a particular explanation
of this effect would appear like an Idle
display of Chymical Knowledge, and an
impertinent intrusion on the time of the
Board, it is only necessary to say, that
if the Nitre is not properly purified from
the Marine Salt with which it is +
always generated, although it may not
effect the Strength of the Gunpowder upon it's
first exposure to the air, yet, by the property
of this Neutral Salt, of attracting Moisture
from the atmosphere it decomposes or +
Seperates the ingredients, and essentially +
injures the Gun powder. I have Known +

instances

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instances, where Gun powder of different manufactures, but of equal Strength, when first brought from the Mills, has, in less than a twelvemonth, varied in Strength a hundred and fifty yards in a thousand. - In admiral Byron's action with the French Fleet in the West Indies, in the year 1780, it was observed in many of our line of Battle Ships, that our Shot fell far Short, while the Enemies took full effect upon our fleet - an examination was afterwards made of the Gun powder, when it was found compleatly decomposed in the Barrels; the Salt Petre being regularly Chrystallized from the Moisture it had attracted from the air, which could only arise from the imperfect purification of the Salt Petre used in the composition. as I have mentioned before Pure Nitre absorbes no moisture, and as Sulphur and Charcoal possess the same negative quality (charcoal at least attracts no quantity to affect the composition

Powder

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Powder may be manufactured with well purified Salt Petre which will remain dry and good for many years. —

I would by leave to recommend that two non Commissioned Officers of artillery be always upon duty at the Powder Mills, as is the case I believe in Bengal, and in the Government Mills at home, that they be put under the orders of the Powder maker and directed to assist him in & superintending the Chasing of the Wood the purification of the Sulphur and Nitre, the pounding of the ingredients, the prefsing, boiling, graining, drying and Barrelling; and that the regulations respecting the & mode of proof, which I think extremely proper, may be strictly attended to. —

As I am sincerely and fully & convinced that the present Board have & only in view the advantage of the Company and the good of the Service in their late & regulations of the Military Storekeepers employ, and means no unnecessary censure

upon

upon the conduct of any individual, I shall never
trust to their Knowledge of me to admit that
in this Minute, which has been drawn
into greater length than I intended, there
could be nothing further from my thoughts
than to convey the most distant disap-
=probation of their Measures. The unin-
=terrupted harmony which has subsisted
at this Board since I had the Honor of
taking my seat in Council is the best
proof of the Mutual regard and good
Opinion which the Members of the
present Government entertain for each
other and I am sure the other two Members
will readily acknowledge, that on all
occasions where the Subject on Military
Stores under the present regulations
has come before the Board that
I have been equally zealous to give
every support that could ensure the
success of the present System; and it
is with sincere pleasure that I can
take this occasion to record my entire

approbation

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approbation of the Gentleman to whom the Board have entrusted the important Charge of providing Military Stores, on account of the Company, for, from my Knowledge of Mr Porcher, I have the best founded hopes, that he will discharge the duties of this Office with benefit to the Public, and with much Credit to himself.

(Signed) Wm Petrie -

William Petrie Esqr.

Honored Sir,

I take the liberty to acquaint you with these few lines, that when your Honor was at Tanjore in October 1787 Colonel Moorhouse directed me to acquaint him before I close the account of that month, in order that he will fix the additional Price of the Gun Powder. -

In obedience to his directions I accordingly waited upon him. who ordered me to inquire how the Gun Powder Price is

at

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at Vellore, on receipt of this, I made inquiry
for the same, and informed Colonel Moorhouse
that the Price of the Vellore being Pags 43.1.28 Pr
Candy and the Colonel desired me to charge
the same Price as he was ordered by Sir
Archibald Campbell.

Fort St George
16th July 1791

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) D. Gungaloo

The following Powder Barrels made up from June 1787 to June 1789 Viz.

1787
June Gun Powder Maaras, 60 ℔ Barr. 1300 is @ 156... @ 37 ℔ C 5928.....
1788
Oct. Do . . . Do . . . 500 is @ 60... @ 113.1.28 ℔ 2582.9.17

Col. Moorhouse ordered Gungaloo to charge the
Price agreeable to the Vellore Price, and
that it is Sir Archibald Campbells order

1789
Jan'y Do 60 ℔ Barr. 125 is @ 15... @ 13.1.28 ℔ - 645.20.20.

Pagodas 9165.29.20.

The Difference of 75 Candy's of Powder between
Mr Saltmay's Price, and this, a Pag. 5.1.28 ℔ Pr - 377.29.20

Gungaloo

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Gungaloo waited upon Colonel Moorhouse, when William Petrie Esqr was at Tanjore, and asked Colonel Moorhouse what price he is to charge upon the Gun Powder, and the Colonel desired Gungaloo to enquire what Price they charged at Vellore; and he has enquired, and informed the Colonel the Price of the Vellore being P.s 43. 1. 28 Candy, and the Colonel ordered to charge the same Price, as he was ordered by Sir Archibald Campbell. —

Remarks and Resolutions of the Board upon the foregoing Minute

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Papers be transmitted Numbers in the Swallow's Packet, and that the attention of the Honorable Court be particularly drawn to the explanatory Observations detailed in Mr. Petrie's Minute. —

The Board think it a Justice due to Mr. Petrie to declare their firm and sincere Conviction that he has given a plain and candid Statement of Facts in the above Minute, and they have great Pleasure in exempting him from the censure which they thought it their duty to convey to the Honorable Court of Directors upon the general conduct of the Department, prior to the late change of System. —

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With regard to one Branch of the Military Storekeeper's duty, the Manufacture of Gun powder - it is due to Mr Petrie to observe, that a very considerable Improvement in the Quality of that Essential article took place during the time he was Storekeeper and the Board cannot give the favorable Account of their Proceedings by referring them to that Gentleman's Papers, transmitted in the Packet. -

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board

Proceedings of the Hospital Board - with the Copies of Letters from the Surveyor General and Mr Logan Gahagan, respecting the Precautions said to be apprehended from the immediate Adoption of the new Regulations - Recommending that Ens. Todd be removed from the 3. Regiment of European Infantry to the 4th. -

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The Hospital Board having viewed a very full and distinct Plan from the Surveyor General, & his being furnished with a Copy of the Field arrangement, pointing the Regiments by which he will have in contemplation the Change to be made against the Regimental Surgeons for the Sick in a General

The Medical Regulations established in Comp., must be strictly adhered to, in the Hospitals below the Ghauts, where men of belonging

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belonging to Corps in the Field are placed - The new Table of Diet to be followed for those men; and the Regimental " Surgeons to be held " responsible for every " rupee any Expence disbursed by the Hospital Surgeons under the new arrangement

The Purveyor General is to have no concern with the arrangement in " question, excepting only in the case of Hospital Stores, for the use of which the Surgeon in Charge of the sick must be debited from the 2d January a man P Diem, from the 1st August, when the Field arrangement took place, and at the same rate, for every Patient, until the Regimental Surgeon is able to provide himself with Stores, leaving it at his option, to take such as are now in Hospital on his own account, the new Stores at the Company's Price, and such as have been in use any time at a fair valuation - If the Regimental Surgeons object to this the Purveyor General must be directed to withdraw the Stores to the General Hospital. -

General Hospital where other sick, not on the " Field arrangement, are placed, and that it will be much better to have a fixed Sum charged for each man in Hospital sufficient to Reimburse the Honorable Company; - and requesting instructions Regarding the Cattle and Cloathing at the different Regimental " Hospitals at Poonamallee Tripassore &c. where Recruits belonging to Corps in Camp are Stationed; -

The Hospital Board have the honor of inclosing a Copy of it to Government; and recommend that all the Sick in Hospital be treated as they have hitherto been, and that the Honble " Company debit the Regimental Surgeons

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Surgeons for any expence,
which the Apothecary and
Purveyor may be directed
to do, until an uniform
plan for the whole is adopted,
as they are convinced that the
two Tables of Diet, now
necessary, must cause
additional expence, from
the increased number of
Servants that will be
required, and give Sa-
tisfaction to the Patients,
when they are not all
treated alike.

The Hospital Board have
also just received a Letter
from Mr. Gahagan, on
the same subject, pointing
out the embarassment he
is under, from the Purveyor
having given up the
Victualling; and the difficulty
he will have in defraying
the

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the expence — as Mr Gahagan's
letter is likewise very
full, and distinct, the
Board have the honor to
forward a copy of it to
Government, agreeable to his
desire, and are further
induced to recommend
either that no change take
place till a further
arrangement is made, or
that the Surgeons be enabled
to draw money in advance
from the different Corporations
for the disbursements to they
will be necessarily
exposed to. —

The Hospital Board
having received information
from the Surgeon Genl
that Mr Fergusson
assistant Surgeon to the
4th Regiment European
Infantry has been ordered
to

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to attend the Hospital at
Poore - recommend that
Mr. Jackson Todd a
Assistant Surgeon be
removed from the 3d Re-
giment at Vellore to the
4th Regiment European
Infantry in Coast. -

signed { Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" W Raine
acting chief Surgeon
Wm Duffin
Head Surgeon

James Anderson Esqr.
Physician General &c. &c. &c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your Secretary's
letter of the 27th August with its enclosures, and have lost
no time in furnishing the Gentlemen acting as my
Deputies at the General Hospitals with a copy
of the Regulations, that they may be immediately
carried into execution - but as I foresee some
confusion

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confusion may arise, and altercation to take place with the Regimental Surgeons, with respect to the Charges to be made against them, for the sick of Corps in the Field, sent into those Hospitals, I must beg leave to submit the following to your Consideration.—

all Sick of whatever description, sent to the General Hospitals are Victualled by me on Contract, the same mode is provided for by the new field Regulations, but nothing is fixed as to the quantum to be paid for the Patients daily, by the Surgeon of the Regiments.—

I should propose therefore, when a Man is sent to a General Hospital that the allowance of 2 Fanams P. day, directed by the G.O. to be drawn (as Batta is not even agreeable to the Rules of the Service, allowed in Hospital) should be deducted from the Surgeons field allowance, in part, to reimburse the Company for the diet in Hospital, and the amount credited in the Paymasters accounts, the difference to be charged to the Company as at present.—

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The Regimental Surgeon will then have remaining the allowance of 30 Fanams P Month for every man in the Regiment and the stoppage of 1. 16. 6 P day from every patient in Hospital — out of this he is to find to supply the Sick, not only with Bazar and European Medicines but with Hospital Cloathing and Stores, attendances &c. of every kind wherever they may be — but it will be impossible for a Surgeon removed with his Corps at a considerable distance, to supply these Things for every man sent to Hospital, or to keep a certain supply ready in Store at all the Hospitals in case of need — I should therefore imagine it would be preferable to let the Sick make use of the Cloathing &c. necessarily kept up in each Hospital by the Company, under charge of the Purveyor, upon a certain allowance being paid by the Regimental Surgeon for the use of them — 3 Fanams P day P man / the same as charged for Seamen would reimburse this charge, and the Purveyor's Bills, signed by him or his Deputies, countersigned by the Surgeon

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Surgeon of the Hospital to certify the number of
men, to be considered a sufficient Voucher, and
sent to the Camp Paymaster to deduct the A
amount of them from the Contingent Bills
of the different Regimental Surgeons in Camp and
the amount credited the Company by their billing
every month, all altercation would be avoided A
and the Company receive a recompense for the use of those
Horses which they keep up in the Hospitals for the Services
of Corps not in the Field - this mode will be a saving A
to the Company, and the Sick would be certain of a A
proper Supply at all times -

I am further to request your directions with
respect to the Hospital Horses now in the Regimental
Hospitals at Ponamalee Tripasore &c. when Recruits
belonging to the different Corps in Camp are stationed
there and the property of the Company, and if used by the
Surgeon, he no doubt should make a recompense for such
indulgence, as by the G. O. he is directed to provide those
articles for himself - There are but two modes that present
themselves with regard to those Horses - either that they be
withdrawn to the General - Hospital at the Presidency
and the Surgeons provide himself - or - that they be permitted

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to remain, as at present, under my charge
for the Supply of the Patients; and that the
Surgeons be charged 2 Fanams (or whatever you
may deem proper) for every Man in Hospital
Diet — my Bills to be deducted from the
amount of his contingent Bill
Hospitals, the Cooleys and attendants to be
provided by the Surgeons the latter mode, as
being a means of Reimbursing the Company,
I should presume to recommend. —

It is absolutely necessary some
certain and fixed allowance should be
established for charges against Regimental
Surgeons for diet Stores &c. or no settlement
whatever can be made, where it is the Interest
of every man to object to an account, in which
nothing is fixed by authority — as your Board
consists of the number of Surgeons specified in
the G.O. to whom References are directed to be
made, and by whom ultimate decisions are
to be past, I must request that you will
determine if the above, or what other Hospl
or charges, should be made by you and

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allowed of by the Regimental Surgeons, that, this your determination, having been submitted to, and received the approbation of, Government, may pass into a Law.

I have the honor to be,

Fort S George
30th August 1791

Sir & Sr,
/Signed/ Joseph Ganou
Purveyor General —

A true Copy
/Signed/ Andr Berry
Secy W.B.

To James Anderson Esqr
Physician General &c. Member of the
Hospital Board. —

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive a letter from your Secretary, inclosing me a Copy of Lord Cornwallis's order issued in Camp the 27th of July, with directions from Government to have them observed in all Hospitals below the Ghauts, where men belonging to Corps in the Field have been necessarily placed — and the day after (which was the 31st ultimo) I received notice from Mr Toriano

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the Deputy Surveyor, that he had received
a letter from Mr Garrow, informing him that
he was to have no concern with Patients under
the above discription after that period; which
of course has thrown the management of those
people in to my hands for the present, but
hope, that upon a clear Statement of the
difficulties that such a procedure must
subject me to, that you will be pleased to
represent the matter to Government in such
a manner as may induce them not to impose
an engagement upon me, of so perplexing and
embarassing a nature, evidently tending
to involve me in losses, which my circumstances
cannot at present sustain. —

In the first place, Gentlemen, I
submit to your superior opinion, whether
the Table of Diet laid down in the present
seed Regulations is calculated to answer
the purposes intended; or whether it can
be in the Surgeons power to supply it fully,
except in partial situations; or whether
a more salutary one may not be substituted

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and, at the same time, more satisfactory to the patient. —

The interior management of Field and Garrison Hospitals, cannot be guided or supported but by men who have been for a series of years accustomed to that duty; and it is but reasonable to suppose that whenever any change may be deemed necessary in the Medical Department, (especially in a point which so materially concerns the welfare of the Sick), that the most experienced professional men might be consulted. —

I mention the Table of diet, in the first instance, as being one of the first objects I must turn to in the arrangement which must be necessarily adopted by me, respecting the Camp Patients, and you may easily conceive murmurings, and Jealousies, which are likely to follow the introduction of a Diet-table different to that which has been heretofore established, and still in use. — which, in every respect, is certainly the most preferable

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ween for a Field Hospital, and less expensive than that recently established. —

The mode directed for reimbursing the Hospital Surgeons, must unavoidably be attended with perplexity, confusion, and loss, in every situation, but more particularly below the Ghauts. —

The Hospital Servants are under various denominations, such as Mistries, Coniapolly's, Dorjees, Cooks &c., & C and, being particularly classed, receive regular stated Wages. —

I therefore beg leave to ask, under the present system adopted in the Field, how it can be reputed, that a stationary Surgeon is to discriminate, with any degree of accuracy, the exact expence that each Corps may incur, or how each Surgeon can be furnished with a distinct charge? —

There are at present, in this Hospital, Sick, belonging to about fourteen Corps in Camp, and perhaps no more than three of one Corps, five of another, & c. &c. and were I capable, and had time to make calculations

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calculations of this kind, perhaps the Surgeon who had but three patients under my care might think it a palpable imposition to be charged a proportion of the different Servants here. —

I could enumerate many other arguments in proof of the impossibility of supporting the new System upon the principles on which it has been introduced with Justice to the Sick, or Superintending Surgeon. —

I have served the Honble Company twenty four years, I hope with credit, and am now reduced to a more humiliating situation than when I was a young Assistant, — for, even at that period, & whenever I was so situated as to have the seperate care of any Sick, my Charges were referred to my Seniors for approval or rejection: but, upon the principles of the present System, I am, in future, to submit my Charges to the animadversion of three Gentlemen, whose interest it is

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to render them objectionable, and reduce them to their own scale: and it is more than probable that the persons chosen for the Committee may have been but recently appointed to the Stations which they hold, and have never been in charge of an Hospital; which of course disqualifies them to sit as Judges, upon the propriety of the Superintending Surgeon's charges.—

I beg leave to state another very material objection to the mode of payment proposed.—

The person employed to victual, and supply the Sick with every requisite, must be under the necessity of making considerable pecuniary advances, particularly in an out Garrison, which according to the proposed plan, he may never be able to collect from the different Corps in Camp — The Communication with the army from his Station may be cut off for a long period, in any of the European Corps may be detached to different places,

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Sir, the Surgeon of a Regiment may die. His
Successor can be only answerable for the
time he has been in charge of the Corps —
He may be robbed, or otherwise deprived
the means of discharging his just debts. —
It therefore follows, that the Superintending
Surgeon must be always a sufferer.

In justice to the sick, to myself,
and a large helpless family, who look up
to me for Support, I request you will be
pleased to forward this Letter to Government,
with your observations thereon, and to
inform them it will be impossible for
me to fulfil the engagements required
of me, unless they will be pleased to
authorize me to draw such sums as may
have been disbursed, from the Paymaster
in Garison here about the beginning of
every month, and that the Field Paymaster
may be instructed to stop the same from
the Field Surgeons. —

But, in order to avoid subjecting
discretionary charges to any objection, I shall

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be perfectly satisfied with a regular stated allowance for every man under my charge, for Victualling the Sick, and supplying them with Cattle, Cloathing, Wine, and, in Short, every requisite. — and whatever sum you may be pleased to specify for each Patient, I shall most readily agree to —

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c.

(Signed) T. Gahagan

Head Surgeon —

A True Copy

(Signed) Andrew Berry

Secy M.B:

From the Hospital Board recommending that Mr Rollo may be allowed to visit the Residency — that the Bungalow and House be rented at a Reasonable for the Accommodation of the Sick that Mr Wright be removed from the 2d European Regiment to the 73d Battalion Native Infantry and Mr Magentach appointed to the 2d Regiment; that Mr Bain will be attached to the 6th Battalion Native Infantry and Mr Mc Jarvis to the 25th that Mr Mc Arthur be removed from the 16th Battalion Native Infantry to do Duty at the General Hospital Trichinopoly and Mr Samuel appointed to that Battalion in his Room. —

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The Hospital Board have received an application from Mr. Rollo for leave to come to the Presidency for the Recovery of his health. —

as Mr Duncan assistant Surgeon is still at Cuddalore,

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approved.

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Rollo have the permission he solicits—

The Hospital Board have received a letter from Mr. Kincaid Surgeon at Poonamallee, informing them that no Doolies have yet been sent to Poonamallee for transporting to the Presidency such of the sick as he cannot properly accommodate, and that there are two Bangalows and a house in the Vicinity of the Hospital, which have formerly, and may now, be rented for Pagodas 32 or 35 ₱ Month, by the use of which every difficulty will be obviated, and the sick immediately attended to —

approved - and ordered accordingly

The Hospital Board recommend that either the Houses be rented agreeable to Mr. Kincaid's Representation, or Doolies be sent, to remove the sick as before directed. —

The Houses to be rented for the present

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The Hospital Board
recommend that Mr James Wright
assistant Surgeon with the 2d Regiment
be appointed to the 23d Battalion
of Native Infantry, vacant by the
approved removal of Mr Ponton to Bangalore
and that Mr Robert Macintosh
be appointed to the 2d Regiment
European Infantry.

Mr Steele assistant Surgeon
to the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry
having been appointed by the
Commander in Chief Surgeon
to His Majesty's 52d Regiment.

The Hospital Board
recommend that Mr Boswell, attached
to the 25th Battalion of Native Infantry, but who
approved was detached, and has since acted for
several months with the 6th Battalion
on Coimpt, be appointed to that Corps
and that Mr McMorris, ordered
on immediate service by Colonel
Bridges with the 25th Battalion of
Native

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Native Infantry, be appointed to the 25th Battalion.

Mr. John Mac Arthur, assistant Surgeon, having solicited a Removal from the 16th Native Battalion, stationed at Palicaucherry, from the bad State of health he at present labours under, —

The Hospital Board &c recommend that Mr. Edward Samuel be appointed to the 16th Native Battalion, and Mr. Mac Arthur to the Hospital at Trichinopoly in his Room

approved

Jas. Anderson
Physician General.

(Signed) Wm. Raine acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore. —

The Honble Sir Charles Oakely Bart.
acting President in Council

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From the Resident at Travancore advising of the Settlement he has made with the Rajah's Minister for liquidating the Contribution demanded of his Excellency as his Proportion of the Expences of the War — enclosing a Bill in Jaggernaut Tanker for three Lacks of Rupees

Honble Sir,

I have at length the satisfaction to inform you, that I have settled with the &c Minister

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Minister, specific Terms for liquidating the
contribution demanded of the Rajah of
Travancore in your Letter of the 22nd June.

I have used very possible Endeavor to persuade
the Rajah to discharge the amount immediately
in Cash, but every argument failed, and
indeed, such constant causes of inability of an
early liquidation, and such Procrastination
have attended every payment the Rajah has
performed, that I consider myself fortunate
in accomplishing it in the manner I have,
and which I trust will meet with your
approval.

I beg leave to refer you, for the
terms I have entered into, to the Letters which
have passed between the Minister and myself;
Copies of which I do myself the honor to enclose.

I have the pleasure to transmit
you herewith a Bill upon Jagurnaut Sauker
for three Lacks of Rupees - as the sum was so
considerable I could not obtain a Shorter Sight
than Ninety days.

As five Lacks of Rupees of the
Contribution will be discharged in Bills, I shall
only

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only have it in my power to send to General Abercromby the Sums I receive in Cash, which will amount to 270,000 Rupees, but from which must be deducted 40,000 Rupees which I am going to send to Mr. Corbett as soon as his Guards arrives from Palghutcherry to take Charge of it; he having made an application to me for 12,000 Pagodas, but not having any of that Coin, I have advised him, that I should send him Rupees to the amount before mentioned.—

I have the Honor to remain most respectfully.—

Papenaveram
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&c &c
(Signed) George Powney
Resident

Copy of Letter from Mr. George Powney to Khasapillah-Duwan to the Rajah of Travancore, dated 5th September 1791

In the last Conference I had the honor to hold with the Rajah, he acquainted me, that

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that he had vested in you Full Power to settle
the Contribution demanded of him by the
Honble the Governor of Madras, and referred
me to you to adjust this Business.

After the many Conversations we
have had together upon this Subject, and your
representations that the Rajah has not the
means to liquidate immediately the whole
of the Sum I have demanded of him in ready
money, I have agreed to accept of certain Terms, which
I shall now state to you in writing; and, that
there may be no mistakes in this Business,
I desire you will inform me, by Letter, whether
they are not consonant to those, I acceded to in
Conversation.

You have agreed, on the part of
the Rajah, to perform the Contribution which
is required of him by the Governor of Madras
of 10 Lacks of Rupees per annum during
the War, which is stated to have commenced
on the 8th of January 1790.

You admit that 2,70,000 Rupees
are due for last year's Contribution, and 5 Lacks

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of Rupees for six months which are elapsed of this year - that is to the 8th of July last - and that the amount due to the last mentioned period is 7,70,000 Rupees - which amount, you engage shall be discharged in the following manner. -

You are to give me to morrow, undoubted Bills upon Soucars at Madras, for the sum of three Lacks of Rupees, payable at ninety days sight - In five days from this date - you are to give me undoubted Bills upon Soucars at Madras for two Lacks of Rupees more, and you are to pay me in Specie, within forty five days the Sum of 2,70,000 Rupees -

For the growing demand of this year, amounting to five Lacks of Rupees, which will fall due on the 8th of January next, you engage to pay the whole amount in Specie in the month of January 1792. -

/Signed/ George Powney
Resident

A true Copy
/Signed/ G. Powney
Resident

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from the Dewan Kasava Pillah To George Powney Esqr. Resident-

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter, and understand the contents of it

the Honble Company have thought proper to make a Demand upon my Rajah of Ten Lacks of Rupees, to carry on the Expences of the War from its Commencement- The Rajah has therefore directed me to settle this with you. - after many Conversations I have proposed the following Terms, which you have been pleased to accept. - I do engage on the part of the Rajah, to pay annually Ten Lacks of Rupees from the Commencement of the War which the Honble Company is carrying on against Tippoo Sultaun, until that War is over - The following is the Manner in which I promise to perform the payment of this Demand - There were Two Lacks of Rupees due for last year, of which two Lacks of Pagodas have been already advanced

which

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which amount to 7,30,000 Rupees — after deducting this Sum, there remains due for last year 2,70,000 Rupees — and for the present year, for six months which are elapsed, five Lacs of Rupees are due, until July last — all which amount to 7,70,000 Rupees — which I promise to pay in the following Manner — I will & pay you 2,70,000 Rupees in Money in 45 days — and the Balance of five Lacks of Rupees, I have proposed to give you Bills upon Madras, payable in ninety days —

In consequence of what passed & between us Yesterday I now send you a Bill for Three Lacks of Rupees — for the other two Lacks of Rupees, I shall deliver you a Bill for it in five days — The agreement upon this Business was adjusted in this manner — The five Lacks of Rupees which will become due for the other half year shall be discharged in January next.

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(Sgd) Kasava Pillah

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Travancore

The Board feel very sincere satisfaction at the Settlement made by Mr Powney with the Rajah's Ministers for liquidating the Contribution demanded of his Excellency as his Proportion of the Expences of the present War.

The Board entirely approve the Resident's Conduct in the Execution of their Instructions.

Resolved that Copy of Mr Powney's Letter, with the Enclosures to which it refers, be transmitted to the Court of Directors - to Lord Cornwallis - to the Supreme Council - and to Major General Medows.

Ordered that the Bill on Joggunnaut Tauker for three Lacks of Rupees be sent for acceptance.

Read the following Letter from Major George Hart.

To the Honble the acting Governor in Council at Fort St George - Madras &c.

From Major George Hart proposing grant the Batta orders and Decisions of this Board in the Subject of his Appointment as Deputy Paymaster General to the Detachments serving under this Presidency -

Honble Sir,

I have had the Honour of receiving your Letter, by your Secretary Mr Jackson, of the 27th of last Month

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Month, in answer to one I had also the Honour — on
the part of The Crown, whose Agent I am — of sending
to your Board, as Deputy Paymaster General to His
Majesty's Forces serving in India for your +
Exoneration; having been deputed by the Pay office General of
England, (a great Office of the State,) and approved
of by His Majesty to transact the Business of
Deputy Paymaster General to His said Forces in
India according to Instructions legally given me by
their Lordships the Right Honble the Paymasters
General of all the Forces, — framed upon, made in
conformity to, and arranged in consequence of, the
Terms of the Subsidy (it may be called,) that the +
Company are bound in Law to pay The King for the +
Service of His Troops in India, — authorized by +
unrepealed acts of the Legislature, as well as +
conformable to the ancient, regular, uniform, and
established Usage of keeping the Accounts of His
Majesty's army, and of paying and subsisting all
His Forces throughout the World. —

By one of the Honble Company's Govern =
ments, I am already told that the act of the 21.st of
His present Majesty, relative to this Subsidy, is —

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"superceded by precise orders from the Directors, in their Letter of the 9th of April 1788 - By another - or alluding to the new Regulations I am given to understand that "The Kings Subsistence by colonial or Law, I believe all the Troops are held on thought to be retained in His Majesty's Service" - is become a Company's Allowance" - And your Honble Board is now pleased, in the plainest and most unequivocal Manner, to convey to me your Sentiments - and your Resolution thereon - that the Deputation and Instructions which I had the Honour of rending you - sanctioned even as they are by His Majesty's authority, and authorized by ancient Usage and the Solemn acts of the Legislature, do not conform to some Rules which your Honble Board have been pleased to impose me were "established by - I presume by some Servants of the Directors - / "in India" - Rules which operate in positive contradiction to those which the Right Honble the Paymaster General by His Majesty's Authority & sanctioned by Law, direct to have observed in keeping the Public Accounts of the State, and in subsisting all the His Majesty's Land Forces - And to enforce observance

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to those Rules or Regulations, — from it would of
appear, by a former Government of the Company to the
prejudice of The Crown's Rights, — you are pleased to
refuse — in fact, conforming to, or to fulfil, on the part
of the Directors or yourselves, the Terms of the Subsidy, —
as stipulated by the Laws of Parliament between the
State and Company. —

Your present Resolution therefore, I +
humbly conceive, is evidently taken with a View
of rendering my Appointment, — though by His
Majesty's particular Approbation and authority, —
legally directing and authorizing me to receive His
Subsidy and to pay His Troops, — as not valid. — +
And you are pleased to refuse or decline paying
any part of this Subsidy due the Crown, now required +
as necessary to subsist, recruit, and cloathe the Troops, — +
to me who now am the only Person legally authorized to
demand, receive, or pay it. —

I must therefore, and of course I do, with +
every possible Submission to your Power, and all +
Obedience to your orders, consider myself, — my +
Office, and my Situation, as Agent for The Crown +
in a distant Country, — part of the British Empire,)

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at present under Government. – Endeavouring hower to conduct this remote Branch of that Office of the State entrusted to me, – which I should ever study to do to the utmost of my Abilities for all Parties, – with Integrity, Disinterestedness and Honour! – As now quite suppressed by your Power. –

Trusting, with perfect Confidence, on the Justice, Liberality and Candour of every Member of your Honble Board, to an Individual, unfeignedly, of and sincerely respecting them! But yet disinterestedly endeavouring to act, as in Honour and in Good Faith bound, – to the best of his humble Judgment and of opinion, in his Station, and officially, for his Employers, to whom he is also held in large Securities, to answer minutely for his Conduct and Fidelity. – I am contrained thus reluctantly to Protest, and do so solemnly, against these your orders or Decisions – so injurious to my Situation as tending to a Breach, on your Part, of the Terms of the Subsidy agreed to be paid The King, and as being subversive of Regularity as well as of tending to destroy the Legal Rights and authority of the Crown in one of its great Offices sanctioned and established by ancient Customs and the Laws of Parliament.

With

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With the utmost possible Respect and Deference, - still with firm and confident Reliance - trusting to your Candour, and the Liberality of your Sentiments to a Person acting only with strict adherence to his Duty -

I have the Honor to be, with perfect Sub-mission, now on my Part, to your Power and orders. -

Yrs &c -

(Signed) George Hart

minute on the foregoing Letter from Major George Hart

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted a Number in the Swallow's Packet, and that the Honble Court's Instructions be requested on the Subject. -

Mr Petrie reports to the Board that Major Burr has refused to comply with the Requisition of the Collector at Ongole for Military Assistance to quell Disturbances in the Palnaud District

Mr. Petrie lays before the Board two Letters from the Collector at Ongole dated the 23^d ultimo and 8th Instant, addressed to the Board of assumed Revenue advising of some disturbances in the Palnaud District occasioned by the refractory and insolent Conduct of Raminjisporam, and reporting that Major Burr, the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar, had declined a Compliance

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with the requisition of the Collector, preferred through
the Channel of the Committee at Guntoor, for two
Companies of Sepoys to quell the Disturbances
under the Pleas "that they could not, with Propriety,
be spared."

Resolutions of the Board in consequence of Mr Petrie's Representation

Resolved to inform Major Burn that
the Board disapprove his Conduct in withholding
the Assistance which it was his Duty to have
given, and which, if it had been given, would,
in all probability, have removed the Danger
that has since risen to an alarming Height
- that two Companies of Sepoys must be
immediately attached to Palnaud, and the Officer
Commanding them directed to attend to such
requisitions as the Collector may have occasion
to make. -

Read the following Letter from Mr
Samuel Johnston -

From Mr Samuel Johnston - Has taken no part with the Committee's Conduct in the Disturbances - Reflections on his Character and Conduct of Mr Petrie - Asserts that Pleas could not be the Motive - is surprized and desires that the Balance due to him may be thankfully -

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

Sir,

I am honored with your's of the 11th August
with

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with Sundry inclosures, amongst which is an account Current Stating a Balance to be due by me, to the honble Company the 26th July last of Pag 19516..11..4. In that account I am debited for Pags 2290..10..13 as a refund for overcharges on the Wastage of Grain, and for beating Paddy into Rice, upon which I beg leave to observe that had my people been allowed to attend the Measurement, and had not notorious frauds been practised by Mr Garrow, in changing the Measures, and using those he had made for his own purposes, and which were neither publickly examined or Stamped, a Profit, instead of a Loss, would have been found; Mr Garrow dismissed my Servants, so that they might not be witnesses to his designs, and rejected the Measures by which the Grain had been received into the Stores, he alone of therefore ought in justice to be answerable for the Supposed Loss of Pags 928..7..16, which however I will readily agree to allow, if Government will interfere with their

authority

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authority, and order Mr. Garrow to pay me
what profits he has pocketed thereon. With
another, a declaration upon honor would be
satisfactory upon such an occasion, but
in the present instance, that Duty forfeited,
cannot be resorted to, so I shall hope for the aid
of Government in order to get the fact ascertained
by such means as their Knowledge of the party,
shall point out as most effectual.

The extra Coolly hire upon Boating
out of Rice, arises from the emergency of the occasion,
and from the perfect and immediate demand
made for it, Mr. Kingsgate knows this fact, and
so does General Musgrave, who, I am persuaded
will speak to it, for they well both remember
that I was hourly told the Army would be
detained for it, and the Consequence of seven or
days detention, are not to be calculated upon,
therefore any extra charge ought not to become
a Consideration. The usual allowance was
no Standard by which to judge in a case of
such urgency, I will admit the Charge to be double
or more, of what it would have been at any other
Moment, but am I, for that Reason, to lose Money
which

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which I paid to forward the publick Service, is so essential a point? No, I do not believe Government will, under such an explanation, sanction the Trichinopoly Report, but rather refer to General Musgrave and Mr Ringrose, who know with what uncommon expedition the Rice was got ready. —

I am called upon to refund certain sums as over-charges on the price of Gunnys; this circumstance I will venture to say has been misrepresented to Government, — You will be pleased to lay before them the enclosed Malabar Certificate signed by Ismael Rowal and three Gunny Merchants at Trichinopoly; this paper proves that the price charged by me, for the first sort of Rice Gunny Bags, was the Bazar price at the time of purchase, such also is the fact in regard to the Bengal Gunnies; and had the Trichinopoly Committee examined those people, instead of giving their own ideal opinion, I presume they would not have made that unfounded Report, — I will however meet the accusation in another shape, and declare, that if it shall be found, Mr Garrow has furnished any Gunnys for the army after

may

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may, (when the demands for the articles was less urgent, as the army had marched) at a cheaper rate than 2 fora Pagoda, I will please guilty to the charge, and agree to the demanded Refund, or, if it shall appear that both have overcharged, I shall trust to the Justice of Government, in suspending Garrow for the same offence, with which I now stand accused, and for which I now stand suspended. —

I am debited Pay.s 1259. 8 29 under this words "Mr Johnston has charged Pay.s 4741. 8. 29 for "Clothing Certificates, when he has only been able "to produce Vouchers for Pay.s 3482. 10, he is now debited "for the difference, or overcharge" It was the pleasure of Government to appoint a Committee at Trichinopoly for the express purpose of examining, and receiving from me, certain Vouchers, under that appointment it appears to me that it was the duty of Mess.rs Andrews and Woolly to have examined the clothing Vouchers, when they were delivered over to them, with the same degree of accuracy with which they examined the Temporary allowance Certificates, and they should, before they took charge of them, have observed upon the alledged deficiency — I am confident

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Confident I did deliver over to the Trichinopoly Committee, Clothing Vouchers to the full amount charged of Pags 4741. 8. 39, what became of them, between December and May, is no Concern of mine, perhaps they may yet be lying in the Military Paymaster General's Office where the disputed Bounty Chitties were at length miraculously discovered, or, in the Secretary's Office, along with the Strayed Vouchers for the Repairs of the Jumba Kistna Quarters. —

I am not allowed a charge of 1050 Pagodas for Dooleys, even as the Trichinopoly Committee agree that the Store Serjeant's Receipt for the delivery of 86 dooleys into the Store was produced to them, I shall hope Government will take this into Consideration, and not insist upon a deduction being made for Store, of which the absolute delivery is most particularly specified. —

The Comptroller does not allow of any charge for Country Wood, supplied for the use of the Store, for what Reason he strikes off this, I have not learnt, Mr Pelly always found the charge necessary, it never was

Objected

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objected to in my account till lately, and is yet
Continued by Mr Garrow, I shall therefore hope
for Orders on the article, from the Board
of Government.

It appears to me, that the Comptroller
General, seems to make a Calculation, (upon
what data I know not,) that upon Certain
Charges, the proportion to be allowed must
be drawn from a Rule of 3 Question, for on one
of my Charges of Pagodas 1791 he allows Pag.s 1000,
which amounts to the moderate deduction
of 11 ¾ Cent. I have endeavored to search for
this System in the Book of Regulation, but I
find Nothing that applies; I therefore Submit
it to Government, whether my Calculation
upon charges of such and such descriptions,
are to be regulated by that Ratio.

On the 3d ultimo I wrote to the Comptroller
at Trichinopoly who made out the accounts, (whether
to this hour, Strange as it may appear to you,
I declare I have never seen,) concerning an
error in addition to the amount of Pag.s 2777.28.
but such is the Mystery of Office, that I have not

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as yet been able to learn from the Black of accountant, how the fact stands; —

Government are pleased to say, in general Terms, that when I produce Vouchers to the Satisfaction of the Board, I shall have Credit for them; with this I am Satisfied, and shall avail myself of this marked piece of their indulgence. —

I had the honor to transmit an account Current making a Balance due me the 15th July last of Pagodas 54,031.22.10, I shall be much obliged to you, if you will inform me in what manner Government have directed the amount to be discharged; —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c,

(Signed) Saml. Johnston. —

Tranquebar
7th September 1791

The foregoing Letter is couched in Terms so disrespectful and improper, that the Board think it unnecessary to take every further notice of it than to transmit a Copy to England by the Swallow — and to remark on the Injustice of the Reflections thrown out on Mr. Garrow. —

Minute in the foregoing Letter from Mr. Johnston

Read the following Letter from Bombay

Sir

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member of Council

Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

From Bombay. Draught sent to this Presidency in the Shah Ardaseer to complete the three Battalions under Captain Little. —

Having received Instructions from His Lordship the Governor General to complete the three Bombay Native Battalions under Captain Little who is attached to Purseram Bhâo's division of the allied army, and to transport them to your Presidency, we have accordingly embarked them, under the command of Captain Elmes Forster, on board the Ship Shah Ardiseer, which we have freighted for the purpose; and as, from the tenor of our Engagement with the owner, a daily Demurrage of Seven hundred Rupees will be incurred if the Detachment is not landed in five Days, we are persuaded you will give the necessary orders for its Speedy disembarkation, and we presume you will have been apprized before its arrival of Lord Cornwallis Wishes in respect to the disposal of it afterwards. —

We beg to inclose a Packet to His Lordship addressed, and one for Captain Little. —

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Bombay Castle
29th August 1791

D. Carnegie
Geo. Dick
Agreed

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about 600 Native Draughts to complete
the Battalions serving with Cornwallis &
Abercrombie's army. The Troops have been disembo
and will be detained at Madras until we are
apprized of your Lordship's Wishes in regard
to the Disposal of them. —

We have the Honor to be,

with great Respect and Esteem. —

Dr. My Lord

Fort St. George
16th September 1791.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council.

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

My Lord,

In consequence of the Desire
expressed by your Lordship in your Letter
of the 19th ultimo, we have directed five
Companies of the 8th Battalion, the most
we could possibly draw from the Northward,
to march, by the shortest Route, to Amboor,
where they will receive Instructions from
your Lordship for their further proceeding. —

In conformity with your
Lordship's

Lord Cornwallis
Five Companies
of the 8th Battalion
sent to Amboor
advice of the Gra-
-tuity granted
to Lieutenant
Chalmers, of the
Arrival of His
Lordship's Dispa-
-tches for Europe
and of the Battering
Train and Cattle
from ..... Bengal
on the Henry. —

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14th A Duplicate Indent for Medecines for the year 1792 to be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors by the Swallow.—

15th Received two Letters from the Nabob/ as entered in C.C. Fo. 221. 222/

Substance of two Letters from the Nabob.— the former expressing his Surprize at the Acting President's observations and remarks upon his Accounts, and asserting the Correctness of the Statement already delivered in by His Highness — the latter enclosing Copies of Letters from his Servants, in which they state that the Collectors at Madura and Trichenopoly have refused to give them Access to the Accounts of the Country.—

Sent the following Letters to Lord Cornwallis.—

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

To Lord Cornwallis advising of the Arrival of the Draughts to complete the Bombay Battalions serving with the Maratta Army.—

My Lord,

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that a Ship imported last night from Bombay, with a Detachment of

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Received a Petetion from Mr. Daniel Murra[illegible]

Petetion from Mr. Daniel Murray.

esentered in M.B./ Mark A/ between F.69 and 70/ requesting that the Board will order Mr. Rindersley to sum Subroy Braming/ who is indebted to the Estate of the late John Stevenson in the Sum of Pagodas 2265. 21. 52/ under a Guard within the Jurisdiction of the Mayor's Court, in order that he may procure Payment thereof by legal Process.-

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. F. 70. 71. 72.-

From Viede Nadeh Pilly/ vide Trichinopoly/

From Viede Nadeh Pilly- requesting that orders may be sent to the Person who acts for Mr. Garrow to discharge the Amount of Certificates for Grain delivered into Store at Trichenopoly on account of the Company.-

From the Paymaster at Angole.-

From the Paymaster at Angole requesting to be allowed to draw the Monthly Sum of Two Pagodas on account of House Rent.-

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board.

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board- forwarding the Proceedings of that Board from the 28th Febry to the 5th Instant, and;

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Received Letter from the Nabob as entered in 66. N° 29/ advising of his having sent positive orders to his Servants in the Chittoor District to provide large Quantities of Grain for the Bonjarries sent from the Army and desiring to be informed what Duties should be charged upon the Grain as disposed of.—

Sent Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry and Venkatagherry and to Bomrauze/ as entered in 66 N° 220/ directing them to give every Assistance in their Power to Captain Macaey in procuring Horse keepers and Grass Cutters from their Pollams for the Service of the Army.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mlb. N°. 68. 69.—

To Captain Macaey enclosing the abovementioned Letters for the Rajahs of Calastry and Venkatagherry and Bomrauze, and desiring him to exert himself in procuring as many Horse Keepers and Grass Cutters as possible—the whole of them to be at Arcot by the End of the present Month.—

To the Collectors at Trichenopoly in the Arcot Province and the Jaghire—specifying the Number of Horse keepers and Grass Cutters that must be collected from the Districts under their Management, and the Time they must arrive at Arcot—stating the Encouragement to be held out to induce them to enlist voluntarily, and the steps to be taken in order to prevent their deserting.—

Received

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.—

Substance of a Letter to the Rajahs of Calastry Venkatagherry and Bomrauze.

To Captain Macaey & Chandernaghery

To the Collectors at Trichenopoly the Arcot Province and the Jaghire.—

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Contractor for Cloathing be permitted to furnish the Half-mounting for the Revenue Corps upon the same terms as it was formerly supplied by the agent for Military Cloathing. —

General Letters to go by the Swallow read and approved

The General Letters in the Military and Political Departments to go by the Swallow are now read and approved — ordered that they be copied fair. —

" Chas Oakeley.

" Wm Petrie

" J Hudleston

George Parry Esqr

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Read the following Letter from the Contractor for cloathing the army. —

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

Honble Sir,

from the Cloathing Contractor requesting permission to furnish the half mounting for the Revenue Corps. —

The half mounting for the Revenue Corps was formerly supplied by the agent for Military Cloathing; and, as it is not inserted in my Contract, I hope Government will give me leave to supply them on the same terms, having received Indents in which it is included with the Cloathing. —

I have the honor to be,

Fort St George
13th September 1791

Honble Sir,

your most Obedient

humble Servant,

(Signed) James Brodie
C.C

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Resolved, on the Recommendation of the Board of Sjurnal Revenue, that the Collector be divested of all communication with the Palace, and that every matter requiring Discussion be decided at the Presidency. -

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper. -

The Honble Major General Medows

President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St George -

Honble Sir,

From the military Storekeeper - enclosing an account of cash required for the use of his Employ. -

I have the honor to lay before you an Estimate of Sundry articles Specified in the accompanying Indents, and request you will be pleased to direct the amount being Star Pagodas 2,310.21 - to be advanced. -

Fort St George
14th September 1791

I am, &c &c,

(Signed) Jos. du Pré Archer
M.y Storekeeper.

Minute thereon

Ordered that an advance of two thousand three hundred and ten Pagodas, & twenty one fanams (2310-21) be made to the military Storekeeper for the use of his Employ. -

Read

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be written to Earl Cornwallis advising his Lordship of the arrival of the Draughts from Bombay.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommending that the Collector at Tanjore be divested of all Correspondence with the Rajah. —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your commands under date 11th. instant. In reply we beg leave to explain that when we recommended the Collectors at Tanjore should be divested of all communication with the Palace, we did not mean to except the mediation of Mr. Swartz; but to confine them solely to the Duty of Collectors, upon the same footing as the Collectors in the Nabob's country. We beg leave to remark that all matters of discussion with his Excellency must ultimately be decided at the Presidency, no time can be saved, and it appears, at the same time, inconsistent, that our collectors should be allowed to discuss matters which we have no authority to decide. —

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) " Wm Petrie.
" David Haliburton.
" Wm Balfour

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Resolved

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Lordships Recommendation we have presented
Lieutenant Chalmers with the Sum of Five
hundred Pagodas for his gallant Defence
of Coimbatoor. —

Your Lordships Dispatches
for the Swallow have been received, but those
from Bengal are not yet arrived. —

We have the Pleasure to
acquaint your Lordship that the Ship Nancy
has imported here from Bengal with Eight
18 Pounders and Carriages, one hundred and
forty Five Bullocks, and a considerable
Quantity of Military Stores. —

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

Fort St. George
15th Sept. 1791.

Received the following Letters. —

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts enclosing a Letter from Major Bowen of his Majestys 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, respecting Arrears of Gratuity due to them. —

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting Governor in Council &c

Honble Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to lay
before you, an application from Major Bowen of
His Majestys 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons
for

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for the Revenue Money due to him, from the
4th of October 1787 to the 1st of September 1789.

Major Brown is lately returned from England
which is the reason he did not apply for it
before. This Claim is founded on the General
Order of October 1789 which states that "in
"the absence of the Colonel and Major, the
"Lieutenant Colonel being present, the
"senior Captain is to succeed to the Major's
"share, and the Colonel's share is to be a
"saving to the Company." Major Brown,
during this period, was Senior Captain of
the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons &
Lieutenant Colonel Floyd the only field
Officer present in India Commanding, and
Colonel Sir William Howe and Major
Affleck the other two field officers both
absent in England.—

Major Brown has applied
to the Accountant General, but finds
that by some mistake, during his absence,
his name has not been inserted. He therefore
requests you will be pleased to give the
necessary

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necessary Order for the Payment of his Arrears —

I am with great Respect

Do. Do.

(Signed) J. Kapsher

C. G. Do.

Fort St. George

11th September 1791.

Sir,

I perceive I am not taken notice of in the Acct. Genl. books for a portion of Field officers Gratuity from the date of the Order in October 87. to the Arrival of Major Affleck in September 89. I have to request your interposition that I may receive a proportion adequate to the rank of Major in which Capacity I acted with the 19th L.D. —

I have the Honor to be,

Do. D.A.

(Signed) Geo. Brown

Major 19th L.D

Camp

Tuesday 6th Sept. 91.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council —

from Major Maule forwarding a Packet containing 30 ots — = genl Plans to be transmitted to the Honble Court of Direction by the Swallow. —

Sir,

In Conformity with the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors Communicated to

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Sir

Some by Government I have the Honor to enclose you a List of 30 Original Plans, Copies of which are made and deposited in this Office. The Plans are carefully packed in a Box, in order to accompany the Packet of Government by this Dispatch.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Engineer's office
Fort St. George
15th Sept. 1791.

(Signed) Geo. Maule,
Chief Engr. at the Presidency

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16 Do. Do. Ramanada poram
17 Do. Do. Vigenagrum
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23 Plan of the Black Town Wall and Western Environs
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25 Plan of the Factory at Palicole
26 Do. Route of the Detachment Commanded by Lieutenant Colc. Edington
27 Do. Environs of Chicacole
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29 Do. the Passes
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Engineer's office
Fort St. George 14th Septr. 1791.

(Signed) Geo. Maule
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Engineer's office
Fort St. George 15th Sept. 1791.

(Signed) Geo. Maule
Chief Engr. at the Presidency

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council

From Major Maule forwarding a Plan of the Fort and Pettah of Bangalore &c. and a Sketch of the Action near Seringapatam on the 15th May.—

Sir,

I have the Honor to lay before you, and request you will be pleased to transmit Numbers in the Packet, a Plan of the Fort and Pettah of Bangalore with the attack &c. Sketch of the Action between the English Army and that of Tippoo Sultan on the 15th of May last.—

Engineers Office
Fort St George
16th September 1791.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Geo: Maule
Chief Engr: at the Presidency

16th

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Br. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Military Board directing them to comply with Sr Richard Strachan's Indent for Ordnance Stores for the use of His Majesty's Ship Phoenix upon the Stores being paid for.—

To

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To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — informing them that the Board consent, on their Recommendation, that the Collector at Tanjore shall be divested of all Communication with the Palace, and that all Matters requiring Discussion shall be decided at the Presidency.—

To the Commandant at Arnee

To the Commandant at Arnee — enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee, and desiring him to reply immediately to the Complaint therein preferred against him.—

To the Officer Commanding the 1st Regiment of Bengal Cavalry

To Captain Frith — enclosing a Petition from the Bullock Drivers employed by him; and desiring he will pay such Attention to it as the Case of the Petitioners may seem to deserve.—

To the Hospital Board.—

To the Hospital Board — desiring them to afford the necessary Medical Aid to the Sick of the Detachment arrived from Bombay, and to station an Assistant Surgeon with them until further orders.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Military Board — desiring them to employ the Services of Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Gaels, in assisting in the Preparation of
Artillery and Stores for the ensuing Campaign.—

To the Military Board. directing

to the Military Board.

them to comply with the Indents of the Officers
Commanding Troops or Regiments of Cavalry
for Iron; for the purpose of making up Imple-
-ments for cutting Grass.—

To the Deputy Paymaster General

to the Deputy Paymaster Genl of the King's Troops.—

of the King's Troops directing him to pay to
Captain Reinbold the usual Allowance of
Passage Money, and to advance him the Amount
of three Months Pay.—

To Do. directing him to advance

to Do.

three Months Pay to one Private of His
Majesty's 15th Hanoverian Regiment ordered
to embark for Europe on the Swallow.—

To the Sub Secretary at Bengal

to the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Commander
of the Private Ship Eliza advising of her
having been obliged to put into Corunga
in great Distress.—

To the Commandant at

to the Commandant at Tricheinopoly.

Tricheinopoly directing him to furnish, upon

the

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16th the Requisition of Major Cuppage, two Brass 6 Sex Pounders for the Equipment of the Detachment in the Field under his Command.—

To Do informing him that 6

To Do Captain Hope's Battalions must proceed 6 immediately to Dindegul, and be held in 6 Readiness there, at the Requisition of Major 6 Cuppage, to join him at Paliganteherry.—

To the Collector in the Tinnevelly

To the Collector in the Tinnevelly District.— District directing him to inform Major Cuppage of the probable Time of the Bullocks being to collected, in order that he may provide for their safe Conveyance from Dindegul to Paliganteherry

To the Commandant at

To the Command-ant at Paliganteherry.— Paliganteherry informing him of the 6 Instructions given to the Commandant 6 at Trichenopoly and the Collector at Tinnevel-ly—respecting the Bullocks collecting for 6 the use of General Abercromby's Army.—

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Fort St. George the 7th September 1791

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General

Meadows absent upon Service.—

Friday 16. Sept.r 1791.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from Paupiah.—

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Paupiah requesting to know upon what Grounds the Board require him to give Bail for his Appearance and for what Time it is to continue.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 27th Ultimo acquainting me that you had been pleased to direct the removal of the Guards placed over me, and you was also ready to deliver up my property now in the Company's Possession on my Condition

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Condition that I would grant my own Bond
and Security, for Pagodas 50,000 to appear when
called upon to answer any charges that may be
brought against me.—

In reply to which I beg ℔
leave to observe that I presume it cannot ℔
have escaped the Notice of your Honble ℔
Board that my Fortune is chiefly invested in
Houses and Public Securities in this Place
of course it is not likely that I would ℔
withdraw myself from the protection of
this Government when I have so considerable
a property at Stake. I therefore humble ℔
submit to your Honble Board if it be not
unnecessary to give Bail for my appearance,
when it is obvious that my quitting the ℔
Jurisdiction of the British Flag will ℔
subject both my Family and myself to ℔
inevitable ruin. However should your ℔
Honble Board still be pleased to call upon
me to give Bail for my appearance I take
the liberty to acquaint you that I am ready
to do so by Two Securities, respectable ℔

Inhabitants

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Inhabitants of this place to the amount required, or, should you think it necessary, by a Deposit to the amount of Pagodas 30,000 and Two Securities in 10000 Pagodas each agreeably to your orders. but I hope your Honble Board will inform me on what grounds you are pleased to call upon me to give bail, and for what time it is to continue.—

I am sorry I have been prevented by indisposition / brought on by the length of my Confinement / from sending an earlier reply to your Secretary's Letter, which I should otherwise have lost no time in doing.—

I have the honor to be,

Madras
5th September 1791.

&c. &c.
(Signed) A Pacpeia Brahmin

Pacpeiah called before the Board.—

The acting President proposes that Pacpeiah be directed to attend the Council—

Ordered accordingly.—

Conference with Pacpeiah and Result thereof.—

Pacpeiah attending and being asked by the acting President what Security he has to offer, replies, that the Company have

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"have already in their Hands all his Property that he
"is ready to assign over any part of it for his future
"appearance that the Board may think proper, but
"that, he wishes to know how long the Bail is to
"continue" — He is answered, "for three years — that the
"Security to be deposited must be either in
"Company's Bonds — Money or Jewels and that no
"other will be taken." —

Punjiah requests that the Board will allow him a Fortnight to provide the Security required — The acting President informs him that he will be allowed Eight Days, upon which he withdraws. —

Read the following Letter from the accountant General. —

To W.m Secretary Jackson
Sir,

From the Accountant General enclosing a Statement of the Nabobs Kistbundy Account Current and the separate account ordered to be drawn out — also an Abstract of such Parts as relate to the Public and private Condition. —

Be pleased to lay before the Honble the Governor in Council the enclosed Copy of the Nabobs Kist bundy Account Current, and of the Seperate Account as directed by their orders of the 6th Instant. —

I think it proper at same time to Submit to the Board, the annexed Abstract of that part of the Nabobs Kist bundy Account,

which

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which relates to the Public and Private Creditors, to which Head the Dividends paid to the private Creditors in the Consolidated Funds have been charged, and to a seperate head, are charged the Dividends made to the Creditors in the new Cavalry Loan, which, by orders of the Honble Court of Directors were paid out of the Company's proportion of the 12 Lacks Stipulated by Treaty.—

It seems requisite that an adjustment should be made in the General Books for the Company's proportion, because, as it now stands, the whole balance of the Head, Public and Private Creditors appears a Debt against the Company, altho' a part of it is their own property— It also deserves consideration whether the amount paid to the Creditors in the new Cavalry Loan should stand on our General Books, as it now does—

Being on the Subject of the Nabob's Accounts, I thought it proper to bring forward every Article that has a Connection with them, although the Honble the Governor in Council may not deem it necessary at present to pass orders on the above mentioned points.— I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
16th Sept. 1791.

[Signed] Geo. Monbray
Act. Genl.

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The Amount Charged to the Debit of His Highness the Nabob on account of his Public and Private Creditors for five years, that is, from the date of Mr. Davidson's Treaty to 12th July 1790			60,00,000
Amount of Dividends paid on account of the Private Creditors in the Consolidated debt	29,24,102.26,22		
Ditto Received from His Highness, but still remaining in the Company's Treasury undivided	2,56,111.1.53		
	31,80,213.27.75		
For the Amount paid out of the Company's Share to the New Cavalry Loan Creditors	4,27,894		
Ditto their Share remaining in the Company's hands	91,331.8.5		
There remains for the Company's Proportion of the amount actually paid by the Nabob, but not carried to account in the General Books	11,00,561 —		
		16,19,786.8.5	48,00,000
Amount that is due to the Private Creditors by His Highness the Nabob for his fifth year's Kist of 12,00,000	738,389.19.14		
Ditto out of the Companys Share, to the New Cavalry Loan	187,005.9.17		
The Company's Proportion	274,605.7.49	4,61,610.16.66	12,00,000
			60,00,000

(Signed) Geo. Moubray
Acct. General

Dr

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob Walaujah His First Honorable

Pay. F. C.

1789
november 30th. To Ballance due from His Highness the Nabob this day as P Account delivered to him by the Governor John Holland Esq. 8,50,245.12.43

To the Amount of Charges Collections, Revenue Troops and the extra Charges for Expeditions against Rajahs Polygars &c. which are charged to His Highness's in conformity to the 14th. Article of Treaty Sign.

Taken from the Superintendants Books.

From Oct. 1785. to 30th. April 1786. . 21,223.2.64.

From Oct. 1786. to 30th. April 1787. 22,999. " 61.

From May 1787. to 30th. April 1788. . . 1907.9.16.

46,129.12.61.

Taken from the Military Paymasters Books

From 1st. May 1787. to 30th. April 1789. . 75,966.20.58.

From 1st. May 1789. to 30th. April 1790. . 72,877.33.2

From 1st. May — to 31st. July 1790. . . 13,515.12.11.

162,359.29.71. 208,489.6.52

To the Amount due to His Highness's Public and Private Creditors for the Third year of the Treaty Sign.

First of 31st. January 1790. . . . . 50,000. " "

To the Amount due from this Highness on account of Subsidy for the Third year agreeable to the Treaty Sign.

First of 31st. March 1790. . . . . 60,000 " "

To the Last First due on 12th. July 1790 on account of His Highness's Public and Private Creditors agreeable to the Treaty. . . . . 70,000. " "

Carried forward. . 28,58,734 4.15

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Kistbundy Account Current with the Company . . . . . } . . . Cr.

1789
Novr. — 30th By the following Articles Omitted in the Account Current of this date Vizt.

The amount which appears to the Credit of the Nabob in the Military Paymaster's Books. —

1788
June Received at Trichinopoly . . 30,000 " "
Decr. Do. at Palamcotah . . 3,000 " "
1789
Jany Do. at Trichinopoly . . . 20,000 " " 53,000 " "

From which Deduct the sums that have been carried to the Credit of the Nabob in the Kistbundy account Current

1788
March Received at Madura . . 3,000 " "
May Do. at Trichinopoly 10,000 " "
June Do. at Do. . . . . 20,000 " "
Decr. Do. at Palamcotah . 3,000 " "
1789
April Do. at Do. . . . . 6000 " " 42,000 " " 11,000 " "

The amount that is carried to the Credit of the Nabob in the General Books, for Cash paid into the Treasury in September 1787 . . . . . 102,488.4.49

Deduct the amount already carried to the Credit of the Nabob in the Kistbundy account Current in Septr. 1787 . . . . . 102,448.4.49 40 " "

Received from the Nabob into the Treasury on the 18th May 1788 . . . . . 490 " "

Received by the Paymaster at Pallamcotah in May 1789 . . . . . } 3,000 " "

Do. . . Do. — in June 1789 . . . . . 3,000 " " 17,530 " "

Carried forward . . . . . 17,530 " "

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Dr.

His Highness the Nabob Walaujah Ally Honorable

Brought Forward			28,58,734. 19. 15

Carried Forward 28,58,734 19 15

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Kistbundy Account Current with the Company } Cr

1789		Brought forward	17,530 " "	
Decr.	31st	By Cash received from the Nabob at Madras this Month	99,434 " "	
1790 Jany	31st	By Ditto ... Ditto	52,241. 32 8	
Feby	28	By Ditto ... Ditto	48,087 " "	
March	31	By Ditto ... Ditto	32,287 " "	
		By Peishcash from the Rajah of Tanjore for which it was agreed to Credit His Highness under this date in part of the March Kist	220,000 " "	
April	30th	By Cash received from the Nabob at Madras this Month	1,26,396 " "	
May	31st	By Ditto ... Ditto	4,160 " "	
		By Military Paymaster General for cash received by the Paymr. to the Southern Army for a Bill drawn on Ummajee Pundit	43,103. 18. "	
		By Do. ... Do. on Boudeyee Soucar	20,000 " "	
		By Do. ... on Boudeyee & Nottojee Soucar	12,000 " "	79,263. 18. "
June	30th	By Cash received from the Nabob at Madras	29,405 " "	
July	31st	By Ditto ... Ditto	10,727 " "	
		By the Amt. which appr. in the Military Paymr. Books for Paddy received at Pallamcotah from the Nabob's Managers	5215. 16. 40	15,942. 16. 40
		By Cash received from the Nabob into the Treasury at Madras but not brought to his Credit till August 1790	900 " "	
		By Ditto ... Ditto in September	250 " "	
		By Ditto ... Ditto in Octr.	474 " "	1,624. " "
		By Military Paymr. Genl. for Cash received by the Paymr. at Trichinopoly from Wootunjee Trevandy Soucar on account of a Draft for 50,000 Pagodas in December 1790	31,000 " "	
		Carried forward	7,53,210. 30. 48	

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob Walaujah His Honorable

Brought forward . . 28,58,734.19.15

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His Highness Account Current with the Company } Cr

	Brought Forward	7,53,210. 30 68
By Commissary General of Grain and Provisions The Amount of Grain delivered to the different Stores as is acknowledged by him	85,265.12. 9	
For the difference between the above and what is claimed by the Nabob for which Credit is Ordered to be given him as per Order of the Board dated 6th Sept. 1791	4749.13.6	
For the Amt. of Grain delivered to Mr. Pallk at Trichinopoly in the year 1787 for which His Highness has not yet had Credit	431.35.20	90,446. 24 35.
By the Amt. of the following Items for which Credit have already been given in the Books of Assigned Revenue; but which agreable to an Order of the Board dated 6th Sept. 1791 is now transferred from his old Acct. to His Highness Acct. Curt.		
1785 July 31st At Mellore	84.11.20.	
" At Madura	2247.16.70.	
" At Palamcotah	11,606.33.60.	
Augt. 31st Ditto	2397. " " 14003.33.60	17,070. 25.70
		8,60728. 8 73
By Balance due from His Highness for the year ended 11th July 1790		199806. 10 22
	Pags.	28,58734. 19. 15

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E.E.
/Signed/ J. Pearce
Dy Acct. Genl.

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Sais
made up in conformity to the orders of Governor

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1785
April 30th To Balance due by His Highness as p
General Books ending this day 287988 15.53

June 30 To Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements, for the Amount of disbursements made on account of his Highness for this and last Months 84,973 21.32

Augt. 31 To Import Warehousekeeper, for Cloth delivered to the Nabob by order of Govt. 2,325. 19. 40

Sept. 30 To Ditto delivered to Mr. Thomas Kingsale for making 1000 Jackets for His Highness's body guard 1123. 25. 32 3,449. 8 72

1786
Augt. 31 To Import Warehousekeeper for Cloth delivered for Cloathing 3,890 4 30

1788
Jany. . . To Import Warehousekeeper for Cloth as above . . 4,279. 13 70

1789
Jany 31 To Military Storekeeper for Sundry Military Stores delivered for the use of the Nabobs Troops as p Indent 591. 12. 60

Feby 28 To Ditto . . . . Ditto 1454. 16. 11 2,045. 28. 70

April 30 To Revenue General Books for the Arrears of Rent for the Jaghire and Pourmanelle remaining due on the 1st October 1780 . . . . . 234180 " "

To Loan to the Nabob for the Payment of his Cavalry. For the amount advanced him for that Purpose in the Month of August 1780 which is referred to in the general Letter from the Court of Directors dated 5th March 1790 Par 30th and is, in consequence, charged to his Highness, in this Seperate account 21913. 6. 14

Carried Over 840119. 23 61

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Seperate Account Current with the Honble Company . . . Cr
per Counsail of 6th. September 1791.—

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1786 April	30	By Superintendant for the Amount over Charged on t'other side for the disbursements in may & June last, which was Rectified in adjusting Accounts with the Military Paym.r	724	25	56
		By Assigned Revenue for the Balance of this head carried to the Credit of the Nabob in the General Books, after allowing for the Subsequent adjustments made in the Accounts of the Military Paymaster General and Superintendant	259,610	2	0
1788 May	31.	By Cash received from His Highness for the Building of the Barracks at Arnee	5000	"	"
1789 april	30th.	By Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements for an over charge in Bullock hire &c. by Mr. Light Paymaster at Palamcotah in the year 1781, for which, the Executor of Mr. Light has been Debited, and His Highness the Nabob Credited in the books of the Superintendant for the year	2907.	23	47
Nov.r	30	By Military Storekeeper for Stores received by him from His Highness the Nabob this Month	375.	"	"

Carried Over 2,68,617. 16 4

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob Wauluujah Ass

made up in Conformity to the order of Governor in

Brought Over 8,40,119. 23 41

1790
July 28th. To Military Storekeeper for the amount of
Military Stores delivered by the Military
Storekeeper on Account of His Highness 2761 19 58
March 31st. To Ditto .. Ditto delivered by Ditto for the use
of the Ship Success Galley 772 13 39
Nov. 30th To the Amount of arrears of Office Charges due to
Mr. George Mowbray Superintendant of
the Nabobs Accounts with the Company paid
by Order of the Governor in Council 2385. 34 55

1791.
April 30th To Military Charges being for Pay &c allowance
to the Nabobs Troops paid by Messrs. Sulivan
and Shippesby at Aavanda for 2m and 4
Tripatore, which is referred to by the Honble
the Court of Directors in their Letter of 5th
March 1790, and is, in Consequence, carried to the
Nabobs Account. —

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The Amount paid by Mr. Sulivan from
Decr. 1791 to Jany 1785 ..... 1,37,732. 36. 7
Do. paid by Mr. Shippesby at the
above Garrisons to June 1785. ... 5400. 1 8
1,39,133. 1. 15

Deduct the Amount Overcharged in the
above, which was afterwds. Refunded by
Colonel Martins and others. ... 49,784. 7. 13 1,39,348. 30 2

To assigned Revenue for the Amount of three Receipts
of Mr. Irwin dated in 1785 after the Commander of the
assignment, which, by order of the Governor in
Council dated 6th. Septr. 1791, is now transferred
to the Nabobs Credit in his Hirathumby account
Current, and the Debit of this Seperate Account ... 17,070 25. 71

Pagodas 1,00,459 3 15.

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Seperate Account Current with the Hon.ble Company . . . . Cr.

Council of 6th. September 1791.—

Brought Over . . .	2,68,617.	16 4
By Balance	7,33,841.	23 21.
	Pagodas 10,02,459.	3 25

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E.E. (Signed) Pearce

Dy. Sec.t Genl.

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Minute on the foregoing Papers received from the Accountant General.—

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing be transmitted Numbers in the Swallow's Packet, and that the Determination of the Honorable Court be requested on the Points referred to in the Accountant General's Letter.—

Read the following Letters from Captains Beatson and Allan of the Guides.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Madras.

Honble Sir,

From Captain Beatson of the Corps of Guides stating the Circumstances which have prevented the transmission of the Surveys to the Court of Directors by the present opportunity, and requesting that his Plan of the Routes & Encampments of the Army may be sent home a Number the Swallow's Packet.

About fifteen months ago I had the honor to receive three Paragraphs of a General Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors, transmitted to me, by your Secretary. to the instructions contained therein, relative to Original Observations being sent to England, I certainly should have paid the earliest attention, had not constant official duties in Camp, and my absence from Madras, deprived me of an opportunity, and of leisure to arrange them and lay them before Government.—

It is probable I may not, for some time, have an opportunity of preparing these

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these materials, because my original Field Books, of which there is no Copy, were left at Madras; and as the Surveys which they contain, extend over the whole Coromandel side of the Peninsula; it may be proper here, just to mention the routes which have been measured, that some idea may be formed of the additions and improvements to the Geography of the Peninsula to be expected from them.—

By the following Surveys I have been enabled to determine the position of the most remarkable peaks and hills on Coromandel; of which there is a great number well adapted for principal stations in a Survey; and to extend a connected chain of Triangles, over almost the whole Country, from the River Kistna, to Cape Comorin — Some of the sides of these Triangles are very extensive, being from 20 to 60 miles in length.—

N.1. A route from Madras, by Nellore & Condacoor, Angole and Ardingy to the District of Palnaud.—

N.2. A Survey of the District of Palnaud—

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No. 3 Route from Palnaud, by Bellumconda and ⁊ Condapilly, to Masulipatam.—

No. 4 Route from Masulipatam, along the Eastern and Southern boundaries of the Guntoor Circar, to Ardingy—thence along the Western boundary of the Ongole and Nellore districts, to Rampoor, Vencataghere, Chundergheri, Nagery and Madras.—

No. 5 Route from Madras to Trichinopoly, by Wandewash, Gingee, and Tiagar.—

No. 6. Route from Trichinopoly, by Madura and Pallamcotta, to Cape Comorin.—

No. 7. Route from the East Cape of Comorin to Manapar, Alver, Tinevelly, and Pallamcotta.—

No. 8. Route from Pallamcotta to Papanaussum, along the Western boundary of the Tinevelly and Madura Countries, through Nattam, Manapar and Terriore, thence, along the hills, to the ⁊ attoor Pass to Tiagar, Raeetnellore, Trinomallee Changamah, Carnatic Gur, Vellore, Amboor Cuddapauattam, Sautgur, Goriattam, Chittoor, Damalcherry, Munglapenta, and Chundergheri thereby conecting my Southern and Northern Routes.—

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No. 9. From Chundergheri to Sholangur, through Bomrauze's Pollam, thence to Madras.—

No. 10 Route from Vellore, to Chittore, by the Domacul Pass; from thence to Muglee, Pallamanair, Cudda-pauattam and Pedanaigdoorgam Passes; being a minute examination of the state and nature of these Passes, in August 1790.

No. 11. Route of the Western Army, from Vellore, to Amboor, Vaniambady, Tripatore, & Kistnaghery and Cavripatam and to & Poolampully &c.—

No. 12. The Marches of the Grand Army, under the Command of Earl Cornwallis.—

No. 13. Route from Ossoor to Daukanicotta, Anchitty and Allambady.—

Captain Allan's Surveys are as follows.

No. 1. The Coleroon and Caveri Rivers, from & Devicotta to Trichinopoly, and to the boundary of Carroor.—

No. 2. From Raujahnagur to Trichinopoly.—

No. 3. From Trichinopoly, to Vellore and Tanjore.

No. 4 From Trichinopoly, by the anicut, to & Tanjore.—

No. 5. From Tanjore to Pattecotta, Manarcode and Needamungalum.—

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N.6. Surveys about Nagapatnam.

N.7. Surveys about Chellambrum and Porto Nova.—

N.8. From Cuddalore, along the Sea Coast, to Porto Nova and the North bank of the Coleroon River.—

N.9. From Pallamcotta, to Tutacorine.—

N.10. From Tutacorine, along the Sea Coast, to Point Jonitory, and the island of Ramiseram

N.11. From Point Jonitory to Ramnad and Madura

N.12. From Madura, to Calarcoile and Trichenopoly.

N.13. From Trichinopoly to Manapar, Dindigal Madre, and back to Trichinopoly.—

N.14. A Survey of the Route of the Army, commanded by Major General Medows.—

N.15. A Survey of the Route of the Army under command of Lord Cornwallis.—

Conceiving that an early communication of the Marches of the army would be acceptable to the Honble the Court of Directors, Captain Allan and myself have laid down our respective Surveys; at least as much of them as fully represent the Routes and Encampments, which we did ourselves the honor to send yesterday with Lord Cornwallis'

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Cornwallis's Dispatches, and which we request may be made a number of the Packet by the Swallow.—

Much more might have been added to the Maps, but the hurry of the Dispatch, did not admit of time to lay down every minute observation, which hereafter may be easily added, when the Field Books, are sent to England, because nothing has been inserted but from actual Survey.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.—

Camp at Beyoor
11th Sept: 1791.

&c: &c:
(Signed) H: Beatson
Captain of Guides

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Governor &c: &c: &c:
Madras—

From Captain Allan of the Corps of Guides requesting that his Plan of the Routes and Encampments of the Army may be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the Swallow advising of his Intention to deliver in some original Surveys as soon as his official Duties will admit of his collating the necessary Materials.—

Honble Sir,

Concluding that a communication of the route of the Army under Major General Medows, may not be unacceptable to the Honble Court of Directors, I have laid down as much of my surveys, as represent

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the marches, dates and encampments of the Army, from the time it took the field in May 1790, until Lord Cornwallis assumed the command in Feby 1791. shewing also the marches, dates, and encampments of the Enemy's Army, during the same period, which I had the honor to transmit, with Lord Cornwallis's dispatches on the 2d instant, and request it may be made a number in the packet by the Swallow.—

As the minute parts of the survey, have not, for want of sufficient leisure been noticed in what is now laid down, it is my intention, as soon as my official duties with the Army will admit, to prepare and arrange all my original materials and field books, for the purpose of transmission to the Honble Court of Directors, from which every requisite addition may be inserted at pleasure.—

I cannot close this letter without observing, on the subject of an extract from par. 100 of the general letter from the Honble Court of Directors, dated the

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the 5th. March 1790, noticing the omission of the bearings from various stations, in the book of roads formerly delivered in by me) that Sunderbook & the compilation of that book, at the instance of Sir Archibald Campbell, without any idea of it's being intended for transmission to Europe; and that the bearings he were omitted by his express desire and direction. —

The materials for annexing these bearings to the book of roads, are lodged in Madras, and in such a state of preparation, as to be easily arranged at a short notice. But my duties with the Army, having prevented all access to these papers, since I have been made acquainted with the wishes of the Honble Court of Directors on this subject, (to which it is equally my duty and my inclination to pay every possible attention) I can only, for the present, assure your Honble Board, that I shall embrace the first practicable opportunity of complying with their commands. —

I have the honor to be, with great respect, —

Camp Bayoor
September 12th. 1791.

Lt. Col.
(Signed) A. Allan
Captain of guides

Ordered

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Minutes on the foregoing Letters from Captains Beatson and Allan.—

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters, with the Plans referred to, be transmitted Numbers in the Packet.—

Resolved to inform the Honorable Court that the constant official Duties of Captains Beatson and Allan in Camp leave prevented them from having their Surveys in sufficient Forwardness for the present dispatch—that they will be transmitted hereafter—and will doubtless contain much useful information regarding the Geography of the Peninsula.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Hydrabad further reference respecting the Issue of Grain to the followers of Captain Andrew Read's Detachment and the Price at which they are to be charged for the same.—

I duly received your Letters of the 26th July and 10th Instant: the former enclosing the 3d and 4th articles of the Regulations published on the 25th May 1790 concerning the persons to whom Rice is to be served, the latter forwarding Extract of a Letter from the Governor General, and a Copy of the Board's orders

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orders to the Commanding Officer of Angole &c concerning Mehdey ali Khan.—

Copies of the first and its Enclosures, were immediately forwarded to Captain Read, and I have now the pleasure to enclose Extract of his reply. To enable the Board to decide on that part of Captain Read's question which relates to Dooly Boys, I have the pleasure to forward a Copy of a Letter from the acting Chief and Council of Masulipatam, stating the terms on which, I apprehend, the Boys of the present Establishment were engaged.—

In reply to the Board's intimation contained in your Letter of the 10th August, I beg you will inform them, that by the latest accounts I have received from my Hirkarahs stationed with Mehdey ali Khan, it appears that he had determined to travel the direct road to Seringapatam, which I always recommended, and hope he will persevere in.—

Paangul
30th August 1791

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Kennaway
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Extract of a Letter from Captain Andrew Read to Sir John Kennaway Bart. under date 18th August 1791

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th Instant, covering Copy of the Board's Answer to your reference of my Letter of the 5th Ultimo, respecting Rice being allowed to the private followers of the Detachment: but as these orders of the Honble Board convey & none to me authorising the difference of the Bazar rates to be made up to the prices specified in the regulations, have to request to be furnished with instructions on that head, specifying the particular descriptions of men that are to & receive it, whether it is meant to extend to the Servants of Native Commissioned officers, non Commissioned Europeans of the Native corps, non commissioned and Private of the artillery, to the Dooley Bearers, Civil Lascars, Bullock Mastries and Drivers, or not, or meant merely to be confined to the fighting men."

True Extract

(Signed) Graeme Mercer

Actg Asst.

To

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To Captain John Kennaway

Resident at the Court of his Highness

Sir,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Instant with its Enclosure, and of informing you that 60 Dooley Bearers have voluntarily engaged to serve with the Detachment under the command of Captain Read; which, at the rate of 6 Bearers for each Dooley, agreably to the Regulations for this Establishment, make up the number you have applied for.

Those men have agreed to serve for the pay of 7 Rupees pr. Month each, in lieu of all allowances whatsoever, which appears to us moderate, considering the distance they will be removed from their families, the whole to be paid to themselves in Camp. One Month's pay will be advanced to each, and they will be sent off, without delay, under charge of two Company's Peons, to join the Camp, wherever it may be, as you have pointed out.

We are,

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Dobbyn

Saml. Statham

Masulipatam

26th February 1791.

A true Copy

(Signed) Graeme Mercer

Actg. Assist.

agreed

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Agreed to desire Sir John Kennaway to acquaint Captain Read that the Regulations transmitted on the 26th of July last must be his Guide. But that, if any Deviation therefrom shall, at any time, become indispensable either in regard to the Price, or to the Issue, of Grain to the fighting Men, or to any description of Public Followers, such as Dooley Boys, Bullock Hastries &c. he Captain Read must duly report the Circumstances of the case to the Resident, and regulate his conduct by the Opinion which may be given on the occasion.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.-

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kyd.-

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Hon'ble Sir.

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts Remarks upon a Charge in Mr. Colt's Accounts for a Premium on Bills granted on the Presidency.-

I have Examined the Accounts of Mr. Colt Paymaster of the Grand Army from May to December 1790, in which I have found but very few trifling Irregularities; excepting those which I had the honor to Report to you respecting the Contingent Bills of

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of the Commissary of Stores, and Captain Lynmus Charges for the Bazars in the Field, and which are now before your Honble Board for your Decision. But in the Disbursements for April and May, I find a charge of Pagodas 826. 21. " for Bills granted upon the Presidency; and for which Mr. Cobb pleads precedents of many years standing in the Accounts of the Paymasters of the Southern Stations, who drew bills at the same Rate, and without which, he says Money was not to be procured when wanted. The usage of the service is unquestionably in his favor, and it has even been sanctioned by the authority of Government, but as the rate of Exchange is fluctuating, I do not think it would be proper to authorise its being made a regular charge, at the same time it may have been necessary in this instance, from the Difficulty of procuring Money in time of War; but it not being in my power to pass this charge without your permission, I request to be honored with your Commands on the Subject. —

I am, with great Respect,
&c &c
(Signed) J Capper
C.G. &c
as

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As the Nature of the Charge which is the Subject of the foregoing Letter is not sufficiently explained to enable the Board to come to any decision upon it — It is agreed to desire Colonel Kapper to ascertain from M.r Coll a particular Account of this disbursement, stating the origen of the Practice mentioned by the Auditor, and upon what Principle a Premium is charged on Bills granted by the Paymaster. —

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from the Commander of the Private Ship Henry. —

William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Sir,

As I learn that Government want a Vessell to carry Troops to Tellicherry I take the liberty to offer the Ship Henry for that Service, and to land them at 25 Arcot Rupees for each non commissioned, Private, and Woman — Provisions to be put on board by Government for the officers I understand Govt allow 2 Rupees each pr Day. —

As Government will not probably have occasion for the spare Tonnage of the Ship

From the Commander of the private Ship Henry making a Tender of the Ship under his Command to convey Troops to Tellicherry. —

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Ship, I hope, in that case, they will permit me to put on board Rice on my account sufficient to fill it up which will not exceed in Quantity 5000 Bags.—

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I have the honor to be.—
&c &c
Signed/ Wm. H. Wheatley

N.B. As it is my opinion the Henry can accommodate 600 Men, having had on board before on account of Government 280 Bullocks and 170 Men. —
Signed/ W. H. Wy

Agreed that Captain Wheatley's Proposal be accepted and that he be allowed to take on Board his Ship Seive Thousand Bags of Rice, provided they do not incommode the Troops, and that he make a Tender of the Same to General Abercromby on the chief of Tellicherry on his Arrival at that Place.—

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Captain Forster commanding the Bombay Detachment.—

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member &c. Council

Madras

Honble Sir,

I think it a Duty incumbent upon me to represent to your Honble Board, the state of the Detachment under my command.—

Most of the Men are recruits, of three, four, and five months standing—

By the returns you will observe how very inadequate I am in officers and non-commissioned to the number of Men; and without a Drum or Fife, it is impossible, Sir, discipline can be enforced, order preserved, or desertion &c. prevented, with such a disproportion.—

From the absolute necessity of the Service, I have appointed one of my Lieutenants to act as Adjutant, and the only Serjant I have to act as Dr. master Serjant; I hope you will confirm these appointments, and permit me to draw the add^l Pay and allowances for them.—

My

From the officer commanding the Detachment arrived from Bombay applying for an Advance of Cash and requesting permission to make some appointments and to engage the followers &c. allowed by the Regulations—represents the great want of Medical Assistance and desires to know who is to take Charge of the remaining Stores and Provisions landed from the Ardesser.—

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My Sick increase fast, and no medical assistance has been rendered them to this hour. –

I have no Hospital Established, nor a single waterman, no Orders in what manner to act I am to obey those of your Honble Board, which I shall receive with pleasure, and execute to punctuality. –

The Number of Men I have the honor to Command are equal to a Battalion; but without the necessary assistance. I therefore beg leave to lay before you, the Established allowance for each Native Battalion as settled by the latest Military regulations and approved of by Government. –

"Extract of Military Board's regulations

"Par. 67. One Buccally bullock to "each company of native Infantry, and one "Waterman to be allowed, in addn. to those "already attached to the different companies" –

The Board of Bombay allow me to attach one to each; but at the moment of March the addl ones cannot be got, it is therefore necessary

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I should be allowed to entertain them in time.—

Extract of Government Orders Octr. 5th 1788.

The Board have adopted the following establishment for the Regt. and Battn. Hospitals.—

Each Native Battn.

	Pagd. Pmth. R.	Dr.	rau	Batta. Mth. R.	Dr.	R.
1 Black Doctor	15.	0.	0.	15.	0.	0
1 Compounder	10	0	0.	3.	0.	0
1 Dresser	8.	0	0.	3	0	0
1 Hallalcare	6.	0	0	3	0	0

Country medicines, Bandages and fomentation cloth, lamp oil and other necessarys 20 rupees pr month.—

I request that the aforegoing allowances may be granted me, I then may be able, in some measure, to alleviate the distressed state the detachment are in, particularly my sick.—

As our mode of Discipline differs from the Madras Establishment, if you can furnish me for the time, with a few good drums and Fifes, I shall rest satisfied on that head, and do my utmost endeavours to execute the trust committed to my charge, in the best manner

possible

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possible for the good of the Service.—

I have to request a proper Person may be ordered to receive the remains of the Company's Provisions, Stores &c. which are landed on the beach.—

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect.—

Madras
September 16th 1791.

&c. &c.
(Signed) Elmes Foster—
Capt. Commdg Bombay Det.—

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Captain Foster.—

Agreed that Cash for the use of the Bombay Recruits to be advanced Captain Foster, on account, by the Military Paymaster General.—

agreed to inform Captain Foster that he must transmit to the Governor in Council at Bombay a particular account of his Disbursements, and that the Board give their sanction to him to act as he may judge expedient for the the good of the Service committed to his charge, in regard to the appointments and allowances mentioned in his Letter.—

Ordered

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Ordered that the Hospital Board be directed to afford every medical aid necessary for the Detachment, and that the remaining Provisions and Stores landed from the Avon be taken charge of by the Garrison Storekeeper—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council—

Sir,

From the Military Board with a List of additional Workmen wanting for the present Month recommending the Execution of some Repairs to the Barracks occupied by the 24th Battalion presented by Captain Parr for Work executed at 6 above recommendation thereon.—

Having examined the enclosed Estimate of the Expense of Materials and additional Workmen, wanting for the present Month towards Completing the Works detailed therein, We beg leave to submit the same for your approbation.—

The Commanding Engineer has also laid before us an Estimate of Repairs required to the Barracks upon the Island, occupied by the 24th Battalion, in consequence of a representation from

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From the Commanding Officer, amounting to Pagodas 167. 40. 28. and, as it is necessary to put them into repair before the monsoon, by reason of the Barracks being chiefly built of Mud, We accordingly recommend that their repair be immediately undertaken.—

The Committee of Works at Triechinopoly has transmitted to us the accompanying Bill, with its Vouchers, amounting to Pagodas 114. 22. 64. presented to them by Captain Parr, for Works executed at Karoor, previous to the receipt of your Resolution of the 20th. ultimo; in which are included charges for extinguishing a fire that broke out in the Fort,— and, as the Works specified, appear to have been expedient, and the charges of no great amount, and entirely reasonable, We are induced to submit the propriety of permitting the Bill to be discharged.—

We have the honor to be,

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(Signed) Thos. Musgrave
J. Casper
Geo. Maule
George Hall
Agreed

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.—

Agreed to approve the [illegible]
Recommendations contained in the foregoing [illegible]
Letter.—

" Chas Oakeley.

" W. Petrie

" J Huddleston

George Parry Esr

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Received the following Letter from the Private Secretary to the Governor General.

William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Private Secretary to the Governor General advising of the Dispatch from Camp of His Lordship's Letters &c. &c. Europe to be forwarded &c. &c. &c.

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to acquaint you that the Letters which his Lordship has written to the Honble Court of Directors were sent from Camp this Morning under an escort to Venkatagherry from whence they will be transmitted to the Commanding Officer at Arnee, and by him to the Presidency.

His Lordship desires that you will be pleased to communicate this information to the Government of Fort St George, that the Cornwallis Packet may not be detained, after the arrival of his dispatches at the Presidency, longer than the Honble Board may think absolutely Necessary.

Lord Cornwallis's dispatches consist of one Square box, and two round cases, containing plans addressed to the Honble Court of Directors, and to Sir William Fawcett KBB.

Camp near Bangalore
Sept. 10th 1791.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Signed Henry Haldane
Private Secretary to the
Governor General

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16 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters vizt Mc. B. No^s 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92.—

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Asia

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Asia — directing him to land immediately all the stores now on board his Ship for the use of his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — desiring them to take the first opportunity that offers, by Sea, of having the stores now at Tranquebar, that were intended for the Nizam, transported to the Presidency.—

To the Contractor for clothing the Army

To the Contractor for clothing the Army — permitting him to furnish the half Mounting for the Revenue Corps upon the same Terms as it was formerly supplied by the Agent for Clothing.—

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar — disapproving his conduct in withholding the assistance applied for by the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts and directing him to dispatch two companies of Sepoys to Palnaud, and giving Directions to the Officer Commanding there to pay attention to the Requisitions of the Collector.—

To the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts

To the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts informing him of the order given to the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar.—

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To the Resident at Travancore —
communicating the Board's approbation of his Conduct
in the Arrangements he has made with the Rajah
of Travancore for liquidating the Contribution
demanded of him. —

To the Resident at Travancore

Recieved the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M.B. 93. 94. 95. 96. —

From Captain Macfey —
enclosing Copy of a Letter from Bomrauze in reply
to his order to take away the fire Arms from the
dismounted Troops and previous to their Dismission
from his Service — and advising of the promises
made him by the Nair in the Cowkall District
of the future good Conduct of the People under his
Authority. —

From Captain Macfey at Chandernaghery

From the Commandant at Ongole —
enclosing a Letter from the Officer Commanding at
Timmicotah, in which he applies for leave to
issue Grain from the Garrison Stores to the Troops
under his Command, and requests to be furnished
with a Supply of Serviceable Arms. —

From the Commandant at Ongole

From the Commander of the Hon.ble Company's Ship Asia —
stating that the
want of Boats prevents his landing the Stores
now on board his Ship for His Majesty's 19th.
Regiment of Light Dragoons. —

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

From the Military Paymaster General,
requesting to know in what Manner he is to pay the
Dooley Bearers engaged by Mr. Tudor. —

From the Military Paymaster General

Received the following Letters

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To
The Honble Major General Medows
Pres.t & Hond Governor in Council Fort St George.

Honble Sir

From the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Hon.ble the Rajah of Tanjore respecting the Jaghire with a List & valuation of Military Stores captured during the first campaign

We are honored with your Letter of the 12th Inst. through Mr Secretary Jackson, and should in consequence be fully prepared to send in our report; as but not having received from the Military Board any List or valuation of Military Stores captured during the first Campaign, to which, it appears, by your Letter of the 3rd May, they were directed to furnish us with, we request to be favored with your instructions whether the List and Account enclosed in your Letter & signed by Colonel Monhouse may be taken as the valuation, and inserted in our Report, or that we shall delay sending it in, till we are furnished with a List and valuation from the Military Board.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St Geo.e
16 Sept.r 1791.

Sir &c.
Sir &c.
Signed J. Dalrymple
" William Lord
" Robert Wood

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

Fort St George

From the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country advising of the several Demands in the Cash Chest at Tanjore and desiring to know how he is to proceed for the Money ordered to be advanced to Captain Pugh.

Sir,

I received your Letter of the 25th Inst. Acquainting me that the Reverend Mr Swartz had been desired to take the necessary measures for terminating the Disputes between

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4/ Between Tondiman and the Tanjore Collectrs

I have since received your letter of 30th September desiring me to advance to Captain Pugh such Sums as he may require for the Provision of Battle Wn and to be aiding with my best Exertions on this occasion, as the Service is of a very important Nature.

In answer to which you will be pleased to assure the Honble Board that no Exertions in my power shall be wanting on this Occasion.

That having been previously informed by Mr. Torin at Palamcotah, that such an assistance would be expected, I had applied to Captain Pugh, whose demand is for Star Pagodas 5000, with which I hope to be able to furnish him.

But on account of Several Demands on the Cash & that at Tanjore Viz.

For 4000 Star Pagodas monthly from Mr. Dashwood for the Investment at Cuddalore.

For 1750 monthly from the Rajah, in lieu of what he formerly received out of the Tanjore Sunneeon.

From the Tanjore Paymaster for the Families of Sepoys in Camp - and for arrears of Pay to this Garrison.

For Civil Paymasters under the Head of Charges Extraordinary

From the Paymaster of Trichinopoly for the payment of that Garrison.

I request to be informed of the order of Preference which should be given to these Demands, as, in the present unproductive months of the Collection, the State of Cash in the Cash Chest is insufficient for the greater part of these - & whether I may be permitted, in case of Emergency, to borrow at the rate of twelve p Cent p Annum to answer the more urgent of these Demands, to be paid in the ensuing Months December and January.

I have the honour to be
Wn Wn
Signed G. Burn

To

Tanjore 14th Sept. 1791.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From the President & Treasurer inclosing a Bill on Bengal Sunkonah Chadjee & Lucka Pauper and his Security Cannot Bill to be Negotiated at present

I was yesterday honored with your Secretary's Letter of the 5th Instant. 4th
My Letter to you, under date the 6th Instant, will have acquainted you that I was under the necessity of Accepting Drafts from the Rajah for the payment of the Contribution demanded of him; and that they admitted of a large proportion of the demand being liquidated in Bills, I am therefore precluded from obeying, in toto, your Commands respecting the remitting what I might receive from the Rajah to General Abercrombys after providing for the Drafts that might be made on me by the Paymaster at Palighautcherry.
I beg leave to assure you that I made use of every Argument to prevail upon the Rajah to an immediate Compliance, and acquainted him previous to the receipt of your Secretary's Letter, that the Money was wanted for the re-equipment of General Abercrombys Army, and I should not have been induced to have taken Bills, if I had discovered the least probability of an early advance, but having only the prospect of procrastination and delay, I considered it, as the best mode of ensuring the payment, by accepting them.
The delay of payment the 270,000 Rupees arose, from the Dewan having stated me the

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the Coin of this Country, which are called Puttons, and which bear the value of 112 for a Pagoda; these I absolutely refused, as the quantity offered, was so considerable, that it would have taken me many Months to have got them exchanged - I therefore proposed the Dewan should engage to exchange them himself, & pay me in Rupees within the time limited.

In my letter of the 6th Instant I did myself the honor to enclose a Bill for 3 lacs of Rupees on Jagurnaud Tawker - and I have now the Satisfaction to transmit you a Bill on Bowanny Sunkura Pettah for 2 lacs of Rupees - I also enclose a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore.

I shall be prepared, as I before advised you, to send Mr Corbett forty thousand Rupees as soon as the Guard from Palghautcherry arrives to take Charge of it.

I do myself the honor to transmit you herewith an Account Current of my receipts & Disbursements to the 31st of last Month - The particulars of the Charges, with the Vouchers, made by the Rajah of Cochin, I shall do myself the pleasure of laying before you in a day or two - By mistake I have left this Account at Cochin as soon as it arrives I shall transmit it.

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully &c &c
(Signed) George Powney
Resident

Papenaveram
10th September 1791

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To the Honble the Governor
in Council
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ship on this Station, having approved of a Demand for Ordnance Stores for the use of his Majesty's Ship Phoenix, previous to her Sailing — and directed

From the Commanders of His Majesty's Frigate Phoenix stating that the Delay in complying with the Indent for Ordnance &c. Stores amounts this preceding to Star Pagodas.

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directed me to order the Gunner to apply to the Ordnance Board for the Stores wanted — I have the Honor to inform you, that since the 12th Instant the Gunner of His Majesty's Ship has been on Shore, waiting to receive the Stores — and after various difficulties and delays, has returned to me with a Message this Evening — that the Demand cannot be complied with until it is laid before the Govern- -ment — and that it is necessary I should make application to the Government for the Stores wanted — The Gunner, though he wanted to have the Demand which the Commander in Chief had approved of, returned to him, could not procure it from Mr Jackson, the Military Secretary — and therefore it is not in my power to lay it before you — But I beg to request the Government will please to take this matter into Consideration, and to order that the Supply of the Stores, according to the approved Demand of the Commander in Chief, now in the hands of Mr Jackson, be com- -plied with; and I am particularly solicitous to get supplied as soon as possible, as His Majesty's Ships under my Command must shortly proceed to Sea.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your

Signed R Strachan —

Patrick
Madras 2d
11th Sept 1791

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The Secretary begs leave to inform the Board that the Indent came officially to him from the Secretary to the Military Board, and that as Government had ordered it to be returned to that Board, it could not, he conceives, with any propriety be delivered up by him on the verbal requisition of the Gunner of the Phœnix. —

The Secretary's explanation thereto to the Board of the cause of the Delay complained of by the Right Honble.

Signed/ G. C.
" W. B.
" J. H.

Sent the following Letter to the Commander of his Majesty's Frigate Phœnix. —

To Sir Richard Strachan Bt.
Commander of His Majesty's Frigate
Phœnix —

Sir,

To the Commander of his Majesty's Frigate Phœnix informing him that the Indent will be complied with, and explaining the cause of the Delay the has complained of

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant, and to inform you that orders have been given to the Military Board to comply with your Indent of Ordnance Stores for the use of his Majesty's Ship Phœnix. —

I am further directed to inform you that the Delay of which you have complained was occasioned by an Informality in the Transmission of the Indent to Government. —

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I have the honor to be
Sir, &c.
Signed/ W.C. Jackson
Secretary

Recd

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Recd Letter from the Nabob
/as entered in C: C: No 223/ enclosing Copies of
his Letters to the Honble Mr Stuart, and Mahajee
Scindia, on the Subject of enquiring some Mos=
=ques in the City of Darul Kheir.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Recd Letter from the Rajah
of Travancore as entered in C: C: No 224/ Com=
=municating the arrangement settled with
Mr Powney for liquidating the Demand made
upon him as his Proportion of the Expences
of the present War.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore

Sent the following Letters

To Major General Musgrave
Wa: Wa: Wa:

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Presi=
=dent in Council to acknowledge the Receipt
of your Letter dated the 25th Ultimo, and to in=
=form you that altho he felt the readiness
disposition to accommodate you, yet, as he was
in doubt whether you stood in the situation
alluded to by the Honble Court of Directors in
the 19th Paragraph of their Letter dated the 15th
of December last, he resolved to take the opinion
of Lord Cornwallis and Major General Medows
on

To Major General Musgrave communicating the opinion of Lord Cornwallis and General Medows on his Claim to an Increase of allowance

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[illegible] on the Subject, which has been given and the follow-
-ing Words —

"That Major General Musgrave
"does not fill the Station alluded to in the Paragraph
"of that the Honorable Court of Directors would
"probably not approve of praying two Commanders
"in Chief at the same time, — and that the Board
"General Musgrave's present allowances — but
"that as they are by no means equal to his
"Situation the Board may with great propriety
"refer to the Honorable Court of Directors for what
"addition they would be pleased to make" —

In consequence of the above,
the Board will embrace the opportunity, by
the Lovalloe, of Recommending your Claim to
the favorable Consideration of the Honorable
Court of Directors.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed J. H. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St George
16 Sept. 1791

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

To Lord Cornwallis
Major General &c.
Madras and the
Supreme Council
Bearing of the Terms
settled with the Rajah
of Travancore for re-
-quidating the Loss
Tributes demanded
of him —

My Lord,

We feel very sensible Sales faction
in communicating to your Lordship that Mr
Powney

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Powney has at length settled with the Minister of the Rajah of Travancore specific Terms for liquidating the Contribution which we had demanded of his Excellency as his proportion of the Expences of the present War

We have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's Information, a Copy of Mr. Powney's Letter, with the Enclosures to which it refers, and we think it incumbent on us to mention that the Resident's Conduct in the Execution of the Instructions which he received from us merits our entire approbation

We have the honor to be,
with great Respect and
Esteem, Sir, Your
Most Obedient Humble Servants
Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
Wm. Brown
Wm. Page
Council

Fort St. George
16th Sept. 1791

The same to the Supreme Council and to Major General Medows

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor Wm. Wm. Wm.

To Major General Medows respecting Captain Leighton's application for the Command of Calicut

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the honor to submit to your Consideration the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Captain Leighton, soliciting to be appointed to the Command of Calicut, vacant by the Death of Captain Everett, who had been

Appointed

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V appointed to it, are presume, by the Native Authority previous to the Company's assumption of his Highness's Country.

We have the honor to be,
with Esteem &c &c &c
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c Council

Fort St George
16th September 1791

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

Hon'ble Sir,

To Major General Medows requesting the Removal of Assistant Surgeon Steele from the Company's to the King's Service

Having been informed by the Hospital Board that Mr. Steele, an Assistant Surgeon in the Company's Service, has been appointed Surgeon of his Majesty's 52d Regiment, by the Commander in Chief, we beg leave to request you will acquaint us whether his appointment be considered permanent, that we may, if it be so, strike his name out of the List of the Medical Establishment of this Presidency.

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27th Sept. 1791

We have the honor to be,
with Esteem, &c &c &c
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c Council

To the Honble Major General Abercromby

To Bombay with Advice of the arrival of the Draught to complete the Corps under the Command of Col. Littler — enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Officer commanding there

Governor in Council
at Bombay.

Hon'ble Sir,

Col. Wallace

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 23d Ult.

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The Draughts to complete the Corps under the Command of Captain Little were landed here a few days ago, and we have requested of Lord Cornwallis to inform us of his wishes in regard to their further Proceeding.

We have received a Letter from Captain Foster, stating the wants of his Detachment, which we shall Comply with, and direct him to account with your Presidency for the Expenditure of such advances as we may deem it necessary to make to him — We enclose a Copy of his Letter for your Information, and have the Honor to be.

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Wa: Wa
/Signed/ Ch: Oakeley
Wa: Council

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nos 97. 98. 99.

To the Resident at Hydrabad

To the Resident at Hydrabad

requesting he will represent to the Nizam, in
18 favorable Terms, the Situation of Basker
Naig, and, if proper, proceed for him a
restoration of his former Possessions.

To the Paymaster at Ongole

To the Paymaster at Ongole — informing him that it is the Board's
Intention to remove immediately the Lines

now

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18 more at Sricondah — and enclosing the abovemen=
=tioned Letter to the Resident at Hydrabad to
be delivered by Basker Naig.

To the Commander of the Sr.
Privateer Ship Henry — informing him that
the Board have agreed to accept his Proposal
for conveying Troops to the Malabar Coast.

To the Commander of the private Ship Henry.

Received the undermentioned
19 Letters as entered in Mr. B. No.s 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105
106. 107.

From the Collector in the
Northern Division of the Jaghire — requesting to
know if he is to use compulsion in procuring
Housekeepers and Grass Cutters for the Cavalry
Stationed at Arcot.

From the Collector in the
Southern Division of the Jaghire — advising of
his having given Directions for assessing the
Villages, in proportion to their Means, for the
supply of Housekeepers and Grass Cutters.

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Jaghire.

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire.

From Mr. Charles Stockwell
late Lieutenant in the
Hon.ble Company's
Service — representing the peculiar Hardship
of his present Situation, and requesting that
Government will be pleased to grant him
some pecuniary assistance.

From Mr. Charles Stockwell late a Lieutenant in the Hon.ble Company's Service.

From

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From the Officer Commanding the 2d Regiment of Bengal Cavalry — stating that the Representation of the Bullock Men lately employed by him, is intirely false, and the Complaint they have made, perfectly groundless.

From the Secretary to the Government General — forwarding a Letter addressed to the private Secretary to Earl Cornwallis, and a Small Box containing Musters of Sugar for the Army.

From Ditto — stating that the Dispatches of the Supreme Council, to be forwarded to England by the Swallow Packet, have been sent on board the Ann and Eliza in Charge of Ensign Ambrey.

From the Assistant to the Collector in the Trichinopoly District — is of opinion that Lieutenant Campbell will be able to procure Sufficiency Bullocks from the Trichinopoly District without Materially injuring the Cultivation.

From the Officer Commanding the Detachment arrived from Bombay — requesting that immediate attention may be paid to the applications made in his last letter.

Received the following Letters

From the Officer commanding the 2d Regiment of Bengal Cavalry

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From the Assistant to the Collector in the Trichinopoly District.

From the Officer Commanding the Detachment arrived from Bombay

From the Secretary to the Government General

Wellesley

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William C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary Fort St George

From the President at Trivanconr sends a Copy of the Cypher he will use with Major Cuppage

Sir,

I request the favor of you to inform the Honble the President in Council, that by the desire of General Abercromby, I have sent a Copy of the Cypher No. 11. — to Major Cuppage at Palghautchery — that there is no kind of danger between that place and Travancore, but to have, nevertheless taken every necessary precaution that it shall arrive safe.

Encumbrance 14th September 1791.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Conway
President

To Wm C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary Military Department

Sir,

From the Deputy adjutant General Orders to be sent to Ambore.

I have the honor to signify Lord Cornwallis's desire, for the information of the Honble Board, that a considerable supply of Tents of every description, but particularly of European Private Tents, which are most immediately wanted, may be forwarded from the Presidency to Ambore, so as to be in readiness there, provided with Carriages to accompany the next Convoy that leaves that Garrison for Coimpr.

Head Quarters Camp at Bagoor 7 Miles East of Bangalore 13th September 1791

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex Close
Dep. Adjt. General

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To
W.m C. Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary
Fort St George.

From the Collector at Madura - completes the Collection of the Number of Bullocks applied for by the Collector at Tinnevelly

Sir

I am favored with your Letter intimating the Concern of the Board that the Provision of Bullocks for General Abercrombie's Army was not in greater forwardness, and directing me to use every Exertion to procure Cattle in time to arrive at Pulagautchurry on or before the 20th of Sept.r Month.

Do me the favor to inform the Board that immediately on Receipt of orders to furnish Bullocks for the use of the army under General Abercrombie, I made the utmost Exertions in my power to Collect the Number required.

I have now the Satisfaction to acquaint you, for the information of the Board, that these Exertions have been attended with the desired Success, and that I have completed the Collection of the whole Number of Cattle, which Mr. Torin directed me to furnish.

I have the honor to be,
W.m W.m
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Collector.

Madura
16th Sept.r 1791.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary.
Fort St George.

From the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army advising of the Adoption of the new Regulations respecting the carriage of Dust by Individuals and applying for Instructions respecting the Lascars who did the Account of Employ in consequence.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 24th & 31st July last, with their enclosures; copies of which have been furnished to the

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19 the Commanding Officer for his information and guidance. Captain Dalrymple has also been made acquainted with the directions of Govern= =ment in what regards him in particular; in consequence of which I am led to expect an explanation from him, which I am induced to believe may merit the attention of the Government.

The G. O. for the carriage & full management of the Tents in the Field by Indivi= =duals, which Government must certainly have received information of having for several Months been in force with the grand Army, I have & received & issued in our Camps on the 1st Instant= and the proposals held out have, I understand, been universally received & adopted. In consequence of which many of the Lascars not required by Individuals have already been turned over to me, and the Number, I have reason to think, will be still increased; and I have therefore to request I may be favored with the Instructions of Government respecting them. I propose, in the first instance, to make as correct a Register of them as my information on the Spot may enable me; by which means I may be prepared, either to discharge such as should be found

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19. Found to have no claim on the Service, or to adopt any other Method I may be directed by the Orders which Government may deem the honor to furnish me with on the Subject.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Brown

Govr.

Camp Grammendah 7th Sept. 1791

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C. C. No 225 informing His Highness that the Gaptaindar of Chittoor must pay strict attention to the Instructions he may receive from Mr. Rendersley respecting the Duties to be levied upon Grain passing through that District

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr. B. Nos 108. 109. 110. 111. 112 113. 114. 115. 116.

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

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Swallow - enclosing a List and Obligation of a Charter Party Passenger ordered to embark on his Ship for Europe.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - enclosing Copy of a Letter received from the Nabob, and desiring them to make enquiry into the Complaints therein preferred against the Collectors at Madura & Tinchinopoly.

To the Commander of the private Ship Henry

To the Commander of the private Ship Henry desiring him to land immediately

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19 the Guns on board his Ships belonging to the Com=
=pany; and informing him that the Troops to be
proceed on his Ships to Tellicherry will embark on
the 26th Instant.

To Major General Musgrave &c=
=forming him of the Board's having taken up the
Ships Henry to convey Troops to Tellicherry; and
desiring him to hold the Recruits in Readiness to
embark on the 26th Instant.

To Major General Musgrave

To the Hospital Board - desiring
them to furnish immediately every Medical aid
requisite for the Sick of the Detachment arrived
from Bombay under the Command of Captain
Foster.

To the Hospital Board

To the Garrison Storekeeper - directing
him to take charge of the Provisions and Stores
landed from the Avon, and grant a Receipt for the
Quantity delivered over to him.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Officer Commanding the
Detachment arrived from Bombay - informing
him that advances of Cash on Accounts of said
Detachment will be made by the Military
Paymaster General - and that the necessary
orders have been issued for furnishing Medical
assistance, and taking Charge of the Surplus
Stores and Provisions.

To the Officer Commanding the Detachment arrived from Bombay

To the Military Board -
approving Major Mouat's Estimate of Materials
and

To the Military Board

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and Additional Workmen for the present Month — and the Execution of Repairs to the Barracks on the Island occupied by the 24th Battalion — desiring them to give orders for the Payment of Captain Carr's Bill for Work done at Carroor —

To Ditto — inclosing a List of Ordnance and Stores which Lord Cornwallis has desired may be dispatched to Amboor for the Re-equipment of the Grand Army — directing them to forward, as soon as possible, that part of the Equipment which is to be furnished from Vellore. —

20 Received the following Letter from the Board of Accounts Revenue. —

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

From the Board of Accounts Revenue — detailing their Proceedings from the date of their last Report — inclosing the Accounts Collections &c. from the Nabobs Country for the Fasly year 1200 and explaining the Cause of the non transmission of a Similar Statement of the Tanjore Collections &c. —

Honble Sir,

In our last report dated 14th July, we have had Ten Subjects under our Consideration of sufficient importance to be pointed out in a general Report — our attention has been principally engaged in making a

Settlement

To Do

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Settlement of the several Districts of the Carnatic and Tanjore for the Current year of Fusly 1201.

Though a Settlement for the greatest part of the Districts has already taken place, yet, as the general Regulations for our Guidance require that the Settlement should be compleate, previous to our laying it before you, we shall, as soon as our Materials will enable us, submit it to you, with such remarks as may be necessary in explanation.

At present we have the honor of laying before you a Statement of the Settlement, Collection, and Balances of the Revenue in the Country of his Highness the Nabob for the whole year of Fusly 1200, ending 12th July last, together with the nett Revenues and Charges of Collection.

By this account it appears, that from the Settlement concluded last year, amounting to Star Pagodas 22,80,513.13, which, after remissions granted out of it for Inams and the losses occasioned by the Enemy, is reduced to Star Pagodas 17,96,017.5. There have been Collected to 12th July, Star Pagodas 15,77,562.25.10.

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The amount of outstanding Balances upon that
Settlement, therefore, is Star Pagodas 3,6,8,454.15.40
which (with the exception of Star Pagodas
55,709.13.22. due from the Timmevelly Poligars)
is in a train of realization, and will, we have
no doubt, be Collected in a Short time, because
several Heads, upon making the original
Settlement, were, from Local Circumstances, pro-
-tracted beyond the expiration of the year, In
regard to the Balance due from the
Poligars, we have little hope of recovering
it until the State of affairs will admit of
the usual number of Troops being Stationed
in the Southern Districts.

You will observe that a
considerable Sum was, at the close of the
Accompanying account, in the hands of the
Collectors; but it is necessary we should men-
-tion that before the end of July the balances
from Palnaud, Ongole, Nellore, the Northern
and Center Divisions of Arcot, were remitted to
the Presidency - at Trichinopoly, though the
balance is brought to Account as Cash, yet
it actually consisted of Grain, laid up in
Store

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Store by your Commands, and since ordered to be sold &c.— As Generally it is requisite that there should always be a considerable Sum in the Collector's hands, to answer the orders in favor of his Highness the Nabob— The Collector at Madura has been ordered to remit the Balance in hand to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

The Charges of Collection amount to Star Pagodas 1,97,596.28.54. in which are included Salaries to the Members of this Board, and to the Collectors; Pay to Lebbondy Lepoys; Repairs of Tanks, and all other incidentary Expences, amounting to about 12 p.c. but we beg to remark that of this amount the sum of Star Pagodas 62,258.31.6. has been expended in pay to the Revenue Battalions, which are Troops raised, on the Assumption of the Country, for the protection of the Revenue, in consequence of the Regular Troops having been withdrawn for the invasion of the Enemy's Country.

As the Company are, by Treaty with the Nabob, obliged to protect his Highness

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Highness's Country, for which he gives up a Considerable part of his Revenue, we do not think that the above Sum should in justice be considered a charge on the Revenue of his Highness's Country. We are sorry that we are unable to make any report upon the Tanjore Revenues, for the reasons assigned in the Accompanying letter from our Accountant.

Fort St George
19 Septr 1791

We have the honor to be,
&a &a
(Signed) Wm Petrie
" David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

To William Petrie Esqr
President &a Members
of the Board of Assumed Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to lay before you a Statement of the Settlement, Collections and Balances of Revenue in the Countries of his Highness

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Highness the Nabob for the whole
year of Fusly 1200, ending 12th July
last, together with the Charges thereon,
Nett Revenue, and the Amount of His
Highness's one fifth part — what
relates to Sumbadoo and Madura extend
only to the 30th June, that being the
date of the latest Accounts received
from the Collectors of those two dis=
=tricts — but I must further observe,
on the Madura Accounts, that the
want of some information regarding
certain points which have been
already referred to Mr. Macleod
obliged me to draw them out in
such a manner as may be found
not perfectly Correct when the in=
=formation arrives — although I can
imagine they may not differ Materi=
=ally, unless it should be in the
Article

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articles of Bullocks furnished for the use of the Army, which I have Credited the Renters for, upon the Supposition that the proper Vouchers will be in Sent.

In the Calculation of His Highness the Nabob's one fifth, I have followed the directions given to me, previously to deduct the Collections & outstanding Balances of Fasly 1199, as more particularly appears in the Note Subjoined to the Statement, & shewing the mode in which the Calcu= =lation is made.

I have added another Note, to shew what might probably have been the Amount of the Revenue of Fasly 1200 had not the Enemy entered the Country. - and a third shewing the disposal of the Nett Revenue.

The Amount of Remissions to be allowed to the Renters on Account of Lagars given up to the Nabob, you will perceive

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To William Petrie Esq.r

President & Members of the Board
of Inquired Revenue.

Gentlemen,

In my letter of Yesterday I omitted to
Mention my Reasons for not sending in a Statement
of the Revenues of Tanjore, similar to that of those of His
Highness the Nabob's Countries. The Accounts of
Mess.rs Ram and Lally sailed up to 30th April last &
were received only on the 6th Instant, a late time on
which the business for the Dispatch was particu-
=cularly pressing, and would not admit of my
examining them.

I have the honor to be,
Wa: Wc:
Signed/ Lio: Place
Accountant to the Board of
Inquired Revenue

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Fort St George
17th Sept.r 1791

A true Copy
Signed/ J Webb/
Secretary

At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
acting President
William Petrie & John Huddleston Esq.rs
The Hon.ble Major General M.r

Tuesday
20th September
1791

Members absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

Read.

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Fort St George 20th September 1791.

Read the following Letters from Lord Cornwallis.

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Wa: Wa: Wa:

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis — orders respecting the Departure of Stores from the Presidency — further supply of Cash required — advice of the Situation of the Enemy's army — Battering Guns Wa sent from Bangalore for the Siege of Gurumcondah — intends detaching Major Gowdie's Brigade to attempt the Reduction of the Hill Fort of Rhimabad

Captain Williamson will arrive at Oussore on the 16th with the Convoy from Amboor, and I propose within a very few days sending another Escort to that Place, which, considering the time of the setting in of your Monsoon will be the last that we can trust with safety, to bring up every thing that is ready, and that is within the power of our Carriage: whatever remains in the Carnatic, after the Departure of the Next Convoy that is intended to be sent to the Army, will come up with the Cavalry, and the recruits and recovered men for the European and Native Regiments; this latter detachment should not move till the apprehension of the Change of Season renders it & prudent for them to quit the lower Country.

The Marattas received six lacks of Rupees, of the sixteen that were brought up by Captain Rattray, for which we have

received

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received bills on the Peshwa, payable at Bombay, at the rate of Exchange between Madras and that place; they will expect to receive six Lacks more on the same terms, before we march; and, by that time, I should imagine, with the pay-ment of the Troops, Bullock Masstries &c. &c. we shall have very little left of the twenty eight Lacks which have been already sent from the Presidency.

The necessity which I shall be under of Continuing to give the Troops only half allowance of rice, and of paying the Bullock drivers regularly paid, to prevent their desertion, will render our Monthly disbursement considerable; and I therefore think that we should not, on any account, begin our March with less than twenty four Lacks, in our Treasuries, and, that if we could get a few more, it would be very desirable.

Tippoo, by our last Accounts, was encamped on the North bank of the Cavery River, about three or four Cos to the Westward of the Hennasandy Ford, which

Situation

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situation I believed he had chosen for the conve=
=nience of forage and of receiving supplies of
Grain from the Bednore Country: We have
not learned, with certainty, whether Cummer
ud-deen had joined him; there are considerable
bodies of the Cooly horse about Magree=
=bad

I have dispatched four
Battering Guns and two Mortars to Gooramcondah,
and have heard of their safe arrival at Colar; I
have reason to hope, from the Letters that I
have received from Captain Andrew Read,
that this ordnance will ensure the capture
of the lower Fort; and, as the Garison will
then be much straightened, it is not pro=
=bable that the upper Fort will make
an obstinate Resistance.

The Hill Fort of Nundy
has been troublesome to our Northern Com=
=munication, and has been much complained
of by the Maratta and the Nizam's Officers;
I have therefore determined, as the great
distance of Lipgur's Army renders it less
hazardous to make Detachments, to send
Major Gowdie, with his Brigade and four
twelve

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twelve Pounders and one Mortar to endeavour to
reduce it.

My Dispatches for Europe, which
were sent away on the Morning of the Tenth, we
will I hope reach the Presidency by the 17th or
18th and I should wish that the Swallows may
sail as soon after their arrival as possible.

Camp near Bangalow
Sept. 12th 1791

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

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

From Lord Cornwallis
with a List of Ordnance
and Stores wanted from
the Presidency for the
Equipment of the Army

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose a
List of Ordnance and Stores of different kinds which
I request may be dispatched from Madras to
Ambour for the reequipment of this Army; and,
should any other Articles occur to your Military
Board as being necessary to render the equipe-
-ment more Compleat, I beg that you will
give directions for their being added to those
Mentioned in the List.

I reckon upon it's being almost
certain that the Eight Eighteen Pounders with
Carriages

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Carriages, which have been ordered from Bengal, will arrive at Madras before the expiration of this Month; But as it will be highly expedient that all the supplies that are to be furnished from Madras should proceed from thence on or before the 1st of next Month I request desire, in the event that the Guns shall not arrive before that day from Bengal, that you will be pleased to send, in their room, Eight of the Eighteen Pounders now at Madras, with one spare Carriage / that shall appear to be best calculated for the Service for which they are wanted.

A Considerable Number of Lumbrils and Six pounders have also been ordered from Bengal; and, should they not arrive in time, I wish that the whole of the Lumbrils should be forwarded to the Army; but that the Six pounders should remain at Madras.

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
/ Signed / Cornwallis

Camp near
Bangalore
15th September
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Lieut

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List of Ordnance and Stores wanted from Madras.

18 Pounders - Eight - and one spare Carriage -
12 Pounders - Two - with dismounting Carriages -
5½ Inch Shells ... 600
4½ - do ... 600
18 Pound Shot ... 2,000

Intrenching Tools

Pick Axes	1500
Broad Axes	100
Felling Axes	100
Hand Hatchets	1500
Mamotis	2,000
Lap Hooks	50
Bill Hooks	1,500
Shovels	200
Spades	300
Sand Bags of Sort	6000
Iron Crows	100
Miners Tools	1 Sett
Carpenters Tools	1 Sett
Whip Saws	2
Rattan Baskets	3,000
Sledge Hammers	3
Files	10

/Signed/ Cornwallis

Sir

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Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

acting President and Council

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

From Lord Cornwallis Captain Bannerman to be called upon for copies of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Hollond relative to the purchase of Jacottah and Cranganore.

Much discussion having taken place in Parliament relative to the origin of the present War, and some Members having expressed their doubts of the justice or expediency of the Measure, I conceive it to be our duty to throw every light in our power on the Subject.

I must therefore request that you will be pleased to call upon Captain Bannerman for the whole of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Hollond relative to the Rajah of Travancore's purchase of Cranganore and Jacottah from the Dutch, from the time that Captain Bannerman was sent into the Travancore Country by Sir Archibald Campbell, till the arrival of Mr. Powney, and that you will transmit a copy of that correspondence to the Honorable Court of Directors by the first opportunity.

Camp Near Bangalore September 13th 1791

I have the honor to be,

Wa. Wa.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Resolved

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Fort St. George 24th September 1791.

Minutes on the three foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis

Resolved to inform Lord Cornwallis that twelve Lacks of Rupees will be sent to Amboor in the course of every five days, in part of the sum required by his Lordship; and that the Remainder will follow as soon as it can be procured from the Mint.

Agreed that Captain Bannerman be called upon for the whole of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Shore Holland relative to the Rajah of Travancore's purchase of Tyacottah and Cranganore; and that a Copy of it be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by the first Opportunity.

Ordered that a list of the Ordnance and Stores required for the Re-equipment of the Army be immediately sent to the Military Board with directions to complete it with all possible Expedition.

Read the following Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council

From the Board of Assumed Revenue — Ordered required in regard to bringing to account the Collections made by the Nabob from the Commencement of the Fasly year 1200 to the Date of the Assumption.

Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

Several orders having been lately granted to his Highness the Nabob on Account

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account of his fifth share of the Revenue, we have found it expedient to come to an adjustment of his proportion; in doing this, a circumstance has occurr'd, which required your decision. The Sums, which we have collected from the outstanding balances of Fusly 1199 are, by your orders, to be carried to the Nabob's Credit in his general account; and we have hitherto debited his fifth for such money, as he appears to have received from the commencement of Fusly 1200 or 13th July 1790, to the time of when the assumption was carried into execution in August following: those receipts amount to the Sum of Pagodas 62,106.24.79; we now beg to be favoured with your order whether this Sum is to be carried to his Highness's debit in his general account, or whether it is to be set off against his fifth.

We have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
(Signd) David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

Fort St George
15th September
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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George -

From the Board of Revenue - recommending Rates & Remissions to be made of the Tax upon Weavers on a new Village built by Mr Scott

Honble Sir,

We have received a letter from Mr Erskine informing us that Mr Scott has lately built a Village upon a Strip of land hitherto considered the Boundary between the Districts of Nizampatam and Ongole - as Mr Scott appears to have done this with a view of encouraging the Manufactures of the Country he has remitted the Motapha or Tax upon Weavers for three years - as the Weavers of Ventapollam and Ammanalla two weaving Villages Dependant on Ongole will doubtless take Cowle in the new Village, & where they will be exempt from all duties, Mr Erskine states that a loss of 2000 Pagodas Annum will be left in the Revenues of Ongole, arising from the abovementioned Tax - on this matter we feel somewhat embarrassed; for though we cannot object to Mr Scott's Plan for encouraging Manufactures, and for Relieving the Weavers upon whom too heavy a Tax is already levied through the Carnatic yet

while

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would entrusted with the Management of the Nabobs Revenues we cannot submit to this Step without your previous Sanction.

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We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Board of Inquiry Revenue

Resolved that four fifths of the Collections made by His Highness the Nabob from the Commencement of the Fusly year 1200 to the time of the Assumption be set Against his one fifth.—

The Board cannot but approve, for the reasons assigned, the Remission of the Tax upon the Weavers in the new Village to built by Mr. Scott, and the consequent encouragement held out to that ingenious Class of People to take Cowle.—

Read the following Letter from Captain Haldane Private Secretary to Lord Cornwallis.—

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

From the Private Secretary to the Governor Genl. expressing the disappointment experienced by the Members of the Supreme Council on not receiving the Dispatches for England expected to have arrived on the Diptford.

Sir,

By a letter on which Lord Cornwallis has

received

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Received from Mr. Stuart he is informed, that the Gentlemen in Bengal have experienced considerable disappointment in not receiving by the Phœnix or Kent the packets, either public or private, which they expected by the Deptford; as they would have had an opportunity, by the Swallow, of returning answers to Europe, and tho' the Phœnix and Kent sailed from Madras after the arrival of the Deptford.

His Lordship has desired me to request of you to inform him whether there were in the Deptford any packets for Bengal; and, if there were, in what manner they have been disposed of at Madras.

I have the honor to be
Wa: Wa:
Signed Henry Hasledine
Private Secretary
to the Governor General

Camp near
Bangalore
September 11th
1791

Read the following Letter from the Post master General

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary

From the Post Master General - explaining the cause of the Bengal Dispatches for Deptford having been carried on that Ship to Fort Malbo's

Sir

I am concerned to acquaint you that the Bengal Packet by the Deptford has thro' a mistake been carried to Bencoolen; For, thinking it

was

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was only intended I should take out of the Bengal
Packets such Letters as were addressed to Lord Cor=
nwallis and the Officers of the Bengal Establish=
=ment serving with the Army, and then seal up
the Packets again, and send them on board the
Ships on which they had been brought from
England, I did so with the Dept for the Morning
that an order had been given to the Captain
to tranship his Packet on board some other
Ship; nor was it till the Purser, three or
four days ago, applied for the receipt for
the Madras Packet for Deptford that I
knew the Bengal Packet had been carried
to Bencoolen. I am exceedingly concerned that
such an accident should have happened, which
has been entirely owing to my ignorance as to
the intentions of Government. I am now
assured you, that such Letters as were addressed
to Lord Cornwallis in the Dept ford's Bengal
Packet were taken out; and, as I examined all
the Packets myself, I am quite certain as to
this point. The Master being about
to sail for Bengal, I request to be informed as
whether I am to send the Packet of this day by her,

or ..

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or if it is to go on the Asia. I have already taken out the Letters for Lord Cornwallis by that Ship, and sent the Packet on board again.

I have the honor to be,
Sir. Sir.
Signed/ William Jones
P.M.G.

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters

Resolved that the Explana=
=tion given by the Post Master General be
communicated to Captain Haldane, for the
information of Lord Cornwallis, which, it is
hoped, will Convince his Lordship, that it
could not have been the intention of this
Government to detain the Bengal Packets.

Agreed also to state that there
is reason to suppose, from the Letters received
by this Government, that the Deptford
brought out no dispatches of Consequence.

Resolved, that a Similar Com=
=munication be made to Bengal.

Read the following Letter from
the Board of Revenue.

To The Honble Major General Medows
Governor and Council

From the Board of Revenue advising of their having authorized the Collector at Canoor to raise as new Revenue Troops for Temporary Service

Honble Sir,

The Collector in the Districts

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Sharoor Wa: having represented the absolute necessity of an additional force for the protection of the Revenues, and to give confidence to the Inhabitants, we authorized him to raise a few Revenue Troops for temporary Service — and he has, in consequence, requested to be informed if he may indent to the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly for their Arms and Accoutri= =ments, which we beg leave to submit to your Honble Board.

We have the honor to be
Wa: Wa: Wa:
(Signed) " T. Oakes
" George Maubray

Fort St. George
13th Sept. 1791.

The Board cannot approve of Authority being given to the Collector at Sharoor to raise Revenue Troops for temporary Service — If Troops be wanted for the Purposes of Collection or Protection of the Revenues, Mr. Wynch should apply, in Writing, to the Commanding Officer at Sharoor, who will furnish the force required

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Francis Capper.

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Barrack Master in the Center Division — respecting the prosperity of the Cotts at the Expiration of their contract period of Service — and the Emolument of the Barrack Master upon that article —

Understanding that some doubts have arisen with your Honble Board — respecting the prosperity of the Cotts at the expiration of the Contract. I have the honor to enclose you the copy of a Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell in answer to one addressd to him by the late former Barrack Master on that Subject. I have likewise the Honor to enclose the copies of two letters, which shew, that this System was ratified by Mr. Holland, as Governor in Council — anxious to convince the Honble Board that this Contract is not unfavorable to the interests of the Company, but even extremely prejudicial to the Barrack Masters without it being prolonged beyond the term of three years — I have the Honor to enclose a Statement of the expences upon each Cott at the most moderate Calculation, and which I pledge myself to prove whenever called upon by the Honble Board.

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I have the Honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Fras. Capper
Barrack Master Center
Division

His

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His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell KB
Governor Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Government, by their Regulations for the Barrack Department dated Fort St George 27th September 1786 –, having directed Claims &c to be made for the European Troops at 4 &c Pagodas each Cott, including all repairs, and to last three years – after which period I conceive the old Cotts becomes the property of the &c Barrack Masters who furnished them – but as some doubts have of late arisen on &c this point. –

I request your Excellency will be pleased to honor me with your opinion &c respecting the old Cotts, in order to prevent &c any disputes hereafter.

I have the honor to be
With greatest Respect
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Jas Campbell
Captain 72d Regt

Fort St George
26th January 1789

Captain Jas. Campbell

Sir,

When the Regulations were &c framed for the Barracks Master's Department, I considered the Original Expence incurred by the &c Company

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Company compleatly discharged, on the Barrack Masters having engaged that the Cotts should be upheld 3 years in the Service by that Engagement the Company could not fail to save 18,000 Pagodas on the Article of Cotts, in the Course of 3 Years, upon 6000 Men — and, as the Barrack Masters were bound — to keep the Cotts in good Repair for that Period, I considered the old Cotts the entire — perquesite of the Barrack Master. —

Sam Wa. Wa.

Government Gardens 25th January 1789

Signd Archd Campbell

Statement of the expence of each Cott as delivered by the Barrack Master. —

The original price of a Cott is	Pags Fs C 2.33.60	
The interest upon 2750 Pagodas advanced upon a thousand Cotts for three Months	is	3.37
Each hire to Yellow and Canoe at 120 Fanams each Cart the price established by the Company's Regulations —	is	30. —
	Pags	3.22.37.

The Repairs of each Cott
For the term of three years not included

N.B. It is only lately that the Barrack Master has been able to procure Cotts at this price — Major Gowdie can testify that each Cott formerly Pags Fs C
made up cost the Barrack Master 3.11.20. —
original Cost. —

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The Honble J. Holland Esqr.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you an Estimate of the Number of Barrack Cotts required for the Troops in Garrison and at the Mount delivered to me by the Barrack Master in consequence of your Orders that an Estimate should be laid before you in Council previous to the Amount being issued from this Office. The sum required for the Payment is Pagodas . I shall be glad to be informed if I am to include that Sum in my next Indent.

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) J. Turing
M. P. G.

11th December 1789

To John Turing Esqr.
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

In addition to the information contained in your Letter of the 11th Instant, the Board desire you will deliver in a Statement shewing what sum has lately been issued on Account of Cotts and what further sum

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Sirs it will be necessary to issue Conformably to existing Regulations.

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16 December 1789

Jam Wa: Wa
/Signed/ John Chamier
Secretary

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross, Military Secretary to Lord Cornwallis.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Wa: Wa: Wa

From the Military Secretary to the Governor General — advising of the Escape effected by Mr. Drake and four Seamen from the Fort of Chittledroog.

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Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has directed me to request that you will inform the Board that he has this day received a letter from Mr. Wh Moffat, Paymaster of the Bombay Detachment serving with Purseram Bhow's army, acquaint=ing him that Mr. Drake, formerly Mid=shipman in the Hannibal, three Seamen of the same Ship, one of the Chaser and one of the Fortitude, have had the good fortune to make their escape from Chittledroog to a Fort in possession of Purseram Bhow and would soon join the Bombay Detachment — The names of the Seamen are not mentioned,

But

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But his Lordship desires that you will communicate his Wishes to the Board that this information may be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the Swallow Packet, as it may afford great Comfort to the Relations of Mrs. Drake.

Camp near Bangalore 12th September 1791.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) A Ross

Ordered that the above be communicated to the Hon'ble Court of Directors by the present Dispatch.

Minute thereon.

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

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

From the acting Agent for spirituous Liquors requesting Permission to purchase some Bengal Arack now offered for Sale.

Hon'ble Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that in consequence of your order to I have made enquiries of different people, and have agreed with Chintadry Venkatachellum for 200 Leagers of Batavia Arack, equal to Muster which I have approved of, at the rate of 35 Pagodas per Leager: provided the Terms meet with your approbation - This Liquor will come at least 20 per

Cent

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Cent % cheaper than what is sent from Bengal & it is equally good; I have the honor to be,

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&c. &c.

/ Signed / Benj.a Roebuck
acting for the agent for
Portuguese Liquors.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Roebuck be directed to purchase the 200 Leaguers of Bengal arrack, at the rate of 35 Pagodas a Leaguer.

Read the following Letter

From Cauyniah.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From Cauyniah - requesting the Security he offered to Government when called before the Board on the 16th Instant - stating the Objections he has respectfully made to complying with their orders, & requesting that a part of the property now in their hands, may be accepted as a Deposit for the Security.

Having, in obedience to the orders of your Honble Board, communicated to me this day your Secretary, waited on your in Council on the 16th Instant, you were pleased to inform me, that the deposit you required, in part of the Security for my appearance, was either Pagodas 30,000 in Cash, or Company's Bonds to that Amount, &c. answer to which I requested you would inform me on what Account I was to give Bail and how long it was to continue. To the

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the first you were not pleased to favor me with
any reply— To the latter you said it was to re-
commence for three years— I then took the Liberty
to acquaint your Honble Board, that I had neither
Cash nor Company's Bonds, nor other property,
except that in the hands of Government—
That, if Agreeable to your Honble Board, I sh
would leave the Title deeds and bills of Sale of
my Houses and Gardens, which had been valued
by order of the late Government, and Reported to
them to be worth Pagodas 40,000 for the
deposit required— But this proposal not meeting
with the approbation of your Honble Board
I then offered to leave in
your hands the new Consolidated Bonds of
his Highness the Nabob now in possession of the
Government Amounting to Pagodas 40,270 and
Interest due on the said Bond from 1st April
1788. These Bonds to be valued at the Discount
of the day, and to make them equal to the
Deposit required by any other part of the
property in your Hands, that you might
think proper— This proposal likewise not
meeting with your approbation.—

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I mentioned, that amongst my Property seized by Government, there was a decree against Mr. Samuel Johnston, late Paymaster of Trichinopoly for Pagodas 50,000 with Interest from the 25th of January 1790. as a Security for the payment of this Sum, he had assigned over to me all his Grain in the Southern Countries, which Opinion I understand has been received by the Honble Company's Collectors I therefore begged that you would take Security out of this property to the amount required: on this you were pleased to observe that the Company had a large Demand against Mr. Johnston and that they would seize his property wherever they could find it. To this, I answered that the property was no longer Mr. Johnston's as it had been regularly assigned over to me as a Security for the before Mentioned Debt, and of course could not be seized by any other. This objection, you were also pleased to overrule, and likewise to disapprove of the proposal. I then observed that there was amongst my Papers in the hands of Government, a Bill or Slip drawn by Lobaroo Gopaulroo on account of Shevegunga for Portonovo Pagodas 100,000 on which there was a Balance owing to me of Star Pagodas 21,355.10 which became payable in a few days after I was confined by Government, that I, of course, concluded this Money was received, when due, by them; that it

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it might remain in part of the Security required: to this you answered, that no such Money had been received; but that you would deliver up this Bill when you gave up my other Property. I was much surprized at this information, as I hoped the Amount had been recovered, and I have great reason to fear that your not applying for it when due will be attended with considerable Loss.

your Honble Board was then pleased to desire me to sell the Consolidated Bonds in the hands of Government, and to Mortgage the Bills of Sale of my Houses and Gardens, in order to raise the sum wanted. I took the Liberty to observe, that it would be attended with much Inconvenience and great Loss to me, if I were obliged to carry these orders into Effect & that it required time and consideration to enable me to give an Answer to your Honble Board on so Serious a Subject. But however, that I would use my endeavours to conform to your wishes, and that I hoped you would allow me a Fortnight for that purpose you were pleased to allow me a Week only.

In obedience therefore to your orders I have since been exerting myself amongst my Friends to raise the Security required but owing to the Severe Stab my Credit & Reputation
have

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have suffered from the proceedings which have
been carried on against me - I fear it will be
impossible for me to succeed - I therefore humbly
hope your Honble Board will reconsider the
Matter and be pleased to Accept of some part of
the property belonging to me now in the
hands of Government as a Deposit for the
Security required. -

I have the honor to be,
With respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) A Paupiah Brahmeny.

Madras 18th
September 1791.

The Board observe with surprize
Minute on the Foregoing Letter from Paupiah. - that Paupiah has not only misrepresented the Questions
that were put to him in the Council Chamber on
the 16th Instant, but has been equally deficient in
point of accuracy in his replies. -

Resolved to inform Paupiah
that if he do not provide the Security required
Do by the 15th Day of October next, his Person will be
again placed under Restraint. -

Read the following Letter from
the Military Board -

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet.

Acting President and Governor.

Sir,

We take the Liberty to lay before you an Indent preferred to us by Lieutenant Colonel Gills for the Service of the Grand Army, althó signed only by the Commissary of Stores in Camp. — But as we conceive that the Signature of the Commander in Chief is necessary to authorize so considerable a Supply of Military Stores, we request to be favored with your Commands; at the same time we think it our Duty to inform you that, in order to avoid any delay, We have directed the Commissary General of Stores at this Presidency to cause the necessary Preparations to be made for complying with the Indent, as soon as you shall think proper to direct.

From the Military Board with an Indent preferred by Colonel Gills for the Service of the Army — Have ordered Twenty Executive Tumbrils to be sent from Vellore to the Presidency.

The Military Paymaster General having applied for 16 Tumbrils to convey Treasure to the Army, We have directed them to be supplied, but as many Gun wells, in consequence, be left in the Arsenal, We have deemed it necessary to direct the Commissary of Stores at Vellore to take the

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the first opportunity of the returning Draft of Bullocks for transporting hither, Twenty of the Twenty nine Tumbrils, which Lieutenant Colonel Gils informs us have been collected at that place and are not immediately Employed.

We have the Honor to be.
&c. &c. &c.
/Signd/ J. Capper
" Geo: Maule
" Wm Tutt
" George Hall

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Military Board that the Cadets preferred by Lieutenant Colonel Gils for the Service of the Grand Army must be complied with, as far as may be practicable and consistent with the List of Ordnance and Military Stores sent down by Lord Cornwallis.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President Fort St George.

From the Military Paymaster General with a Statement of Reckonings due to the Officers formerly in Command of the Revenue Corps.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Statement of the Amount of Reckonings due, to the 31st December 1790, to Officers Commanding the Revenue

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Revenue Corps

I have the honor to lay
before You
Pay Office
Fort St George 12th
September 1791

Signed B Roebuck
A. P. G.

Ordered that Bills on Masulipatam,

Minute thereon

Officers Commanding Revenue Corps for the secur-
ities to them in lieu of Rockonings amounting
to Pagodas 6216-21-18- and that the Necessary
orders be given to the Military Paymaster General

Read the following Letter from

Lieutenant Ufield.

To
The Honble Governor
in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sirs

From Lieutenant Ufield requesting to be furnished with Instructions in regard to the time of his proceeding to Madras.

I beg leave to inform you I
arrived here on the 2d Instant with the Garland
and Liberty in Co., the Harriett parted from me
a few days before I arrived, that I expected her to
hourly, but I have no account of the Mackerel
since she parted from me in the Gale of Wind
on the 22d of August, I sailed from Nagapatam
twice

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twice before I was able to get here, owing to the unsuitableness of the Vessells, and the Winds and Currents being Contrary.

On my arrival here I found a Letter from the Honble President in Council &c. dated the 27th of July respecting the Number of Divers being accommodated in the Victuallers. I hope you will pardon my not being able to answer that Letter, all the Vessells not being arrived, and those that are, not got into the River; nor will they be able to get in untill the tides rise, which I expect will be to-morrow; but as soon as I am able to give a Satisfactory answer, I will have the honor to transmit it.

As our being forced past our port, has made it so late our getting here, I will not send over being ready by the time expected, as the Mackerel is not arrived, I request the favor of being Honord with Information how I am to proceed, whether it is your pleasure I should quit this place as soon as the Vessell now here are ready, which I expect will not be before the latter end of

October

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October / or if I am to remain the Chief of the Monsoon, as I am informed Madras Roads are dangerous, and that it would be difficult to Embark troops during the ensueing Months I will take particular care no time shall be lost in Expediting them.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Aza. Ugald.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Ugald that he must remain at Coringa with the Victuallers until the opening of the Season will enable him to proceed to Madras in Safety - and that it is hoped he will arrive here by the 25th of December at furthest.

Coringa
25th Sept. 1791

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Acting Deputy adjutant General

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Political and Military Department
Fort St George.

Sir,

From the Acting Deputy adjutant General - communicating the Recommendations of Major General Musgrave in regard the mode of completing Captain Mahabs Battalion and the Detail of artillery attached thereto - also in regard to the removal of the Head Quarters of the 12th Regiment Battalion and the Disposition of that Corps.

I having been signified to Me,

Major

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Major General Musgrave & the wish of Earl Cornwallis and Major General Medows that the 41st Battalion of Native Infantry at present on the Malabar Coast, and very much in want of Men, being 267 Privates deficient of its Compliment, should be immediately compleated without reducing the Effective Strength to the Southward, together with their opinion that it can be done with most advantage to the Public Service by drafts from the Bengal Battalion at Palamcotah, and those drafts being marched to Anjenga, and from thence embarked for the Malabar Coast - I am directed by Major General Musgrave to request you will submit the same, (with his Recommendation of its being carried into effect,) to the Hon'ble Board, as likewise his intention, in the event of the measure being adopted, of ordering Captain Wahab, who is now on leave at Madras and about to return to his Station, to proceed immediately to Palamcotah in order to his being on the Spot at the time the Draft is made, and to his taking immediate Charge of the Drafts and marching them

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shown to anyone — It is further the General's intention, should it be approved by the Honble Board, to order from the Southern Division of the Army, a Subaltern Officer, and a proportion of Artillery Men and Gun Lascars sufficient to compleat for Service the Detail already serving with the Guns attached to the 14th Battalion to proceed to the Malabar Coast with Captain Makab, he having represented that there are now only 5 Matrosses and 13 Lascars, doing duty with the Guns attached to his Battalion.

I have it also in Command from Major General Musgrave to desire you will lay before the Honble Board his Recommendation that the Head Quarters of the 12th Regiment Battalion, and of course the Officer Commanding it, be removed from Vellore to Cuddalore, the General Order for raising it so having specified that the Corps was for the Service of the "Southern and Coast Division of the Arcot Provinces", and in consequence of which, 2 Companies have been stationed and are constantly employed at Cuddalore with the

Company

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Company's Collector, one at Nagore, and the remain-
-ing one, with the Commanding Officer and
Staff at Vellore — whereas the General is of
opinion that the Commanding Officer Wa.
being Stationed with the largest Division
of the Corps would be more to the advantage
of the Battalion in General, than as at
present, with the Lesser at Vellore. —

Head Quarters
Sept.r 20th 1791

I have the honor to be
Wa. Wa.
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Actg Dep.y Adj.t Genl.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the
Recommendations contained in the foregoing
Letter — Ordered that they be carried into
Execution. —

Half the Grain stacked on the Glacis of Pondamalle and the Old Grain at Tripasore to be sold off.

The Acting President Recom-
-mends that half the Grain stacked on the
Glacis at Pondamalle, and the Old Grain
stored at Tripasore, be sold off by the
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Ordered Accordingly

The

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The General Letters to go by the Swallow having been Signed — ordered that the Packet be closed.

The Swallow's Packet to be closed

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Lithow Monsell of the 28th Battalion Native Infantry at Trichinopoly, on the 16th Instant.

Death of Lieutenant Lithow Monsell of the 28th Infantry

" Chas. Oakeley

" Wm. Petrie

" Thos. Hudleston

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned letters as entered in Mr B Nos 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122.

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Manship

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Manship enclosing a Return of European and Native Troops ordered to embark on this Ship for Bengal under the Command of Captain Frith.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing a Return of the Troops embarked on the Manship.

To the Commandant at Amboor

To the Commandant at Amboor with a Letter for Lieutenant Robenson, accompanying a small Box containing Quarters of Sugar to be forwarded to Camp by the first safe Opportunity.

To the Commissary Hompsh &c Genl of Army Accounts

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts desiring him to furnish the Board with further Information respecting the Charge made in Mr Colts Account of a Premium upon Bills.

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave desiring him to hold a sufficient Escort in Readiness to proceed to Amboor with 12 Lacks of Rupees.

To the President at Hydrabad

To the President at Hydrabad informing him that any Deviation from the Regulations of the Service, either in respect to the Price or the Issue of Grain to the public or private

followers

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20th followers of Captain Read's Detachment must be supplied by Mr Brown to him—

21st Sent the following Letters—

To Captain Henry Haldane

Secretary and Aid de Camp to the Governor General

To the Private Secretary to Lord Cornwallis explaining the cause of the Bengal Dispatches per Deptford having been sent on that Ship to Fort Malbri—

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 14th Instant and to desire you will be pleased to inform the Governor General that the Packets for Bengal arrived on the Deptford were landed at Madras and that after the Letters for his Lordship and the Bengal Officers in Camp had been taken out the Packets were reclosed and inadvertently returned to the Deptford—

The Board feel much concern at the disappointment occasioned by Mr Brown's not delivering this Letter to Lord Cornwallis; but they hope the Circumstance complained of, which was purely accidental, will not be attended with any material Inconvenience as there is reason to suppose from the Letters received by this Government that the Deptford brought out no dispatches of consequence—

I have the Honor to be
Your Lordship's
Most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy

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20th September 1791

To

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To Edward Hay Esqre

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort William.

To the Secretary at Bengal explaining the cause of the Bengal Dispatches Deptford having been sent on that Ship to Fort Malbro—

Sir

Lord Cornwallis having informed the Board that he had received a letter from Mr Stuart, stating that the Supreme Council had experienced considerable Disappointment in not receiving by the Phenix or Kent the Packets, either Public or private, which they expected by the Deptford, as they would have had an opportunity, by the Swallow, of returning answers to Europe, and tho' the Phenix and Kent sailed from Madras after the Arrival of the Deptford, I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to request you will communicate to the Supreme Council the following Explanation which has been given to his Lordship, and which it is hoped will convince them that it could not have been the intention of this Government to detain the Bengal Packets—

"That the Packets for Bengal arrived on the Deptford had been landed at Madras; "and that after the Letters for His Lordship and the "Bengal Officers in Camp had been taken out, the "Packets were reclosed and inadvertently returned to the Deptford — That the Board felt much concern at the Disappointment expressed by Mr Stuart, but that they

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25 "they hopes the omission complained of (which was
"purely accidental) would not be attended with any
"material Inconvenience, as there was reason to
"suppose, from the Letters received by this Government
"that the Deptford brought out no Despatches of
"consequence"

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I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) W.m. L. Jackson Secy.

To The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G
Governor &c &c &c

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Lordships Letters dated the 12th 13th and
15th Instant.

Agreeable to your Lordships desire
we shall call upon Captain Dannerman for the
whole of his correspondence with Sir Archibald
& Mr Holland relative to the Rajah of Travancore's
purchase of Cranganore and Jyacottah, and shall
transmit a copy of it to the Court of Directors by
the first Opportunity.

We shall send to Anjengo, in the
course of a very few days, twelve Lacks of Rupees
for the use of the Army, in part of the sum required
by

* To Lord Cornwallis
Due Attention will be
paid to his orders rela-
tive to the Correspondence
with Captain Dannerman
on the Purchase
of Jacottah and Cranga-
nore - Treasure Bramanum
and Stores intended to
be sent from the Presi-
dency with the first
Escort Advice of the
Departure of the
Swallow.

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by your Lordships — the remainder will follow as soon as we can get it from the Mint —

We have directed the Military Board to complete, with all possible Expedition, the Ordnance and Stores for the Equipment of the Army — Your Lordships has been already advised of the Arrival of the Bellerophon from Bengal, which will proceed from hence with the first Escort, excepting the Six Pounders, which we shall detain at Madras in conformity with your Lordships wishes —

We have the pleasure to inform your Lordships that the Bengal Dispatches for Europe arrived here on the 15th Instant, and that the Swallow sailed last Night —

We have the Honor to be,

Your &c &c

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c Council.

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in the Rect. Book Nos 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. —

From the Commandant at Dance —

From Captain Mackay — stating his Reasons for levying a Fine upon certain People for Permission to live in the Fort of Dance, and the Purpose to which the Amount so collected has been appropriated — and representing that the Conduct of the Jaghiredar is equally oppressive to the People and injurious

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injurious to the Interests of the Company—

From the Resident at Ingeram

From the Resident at Ingeram — desiring to know in what manner he is to replace the Cash disbursed in Account of Freight paid to the Commander of the Brig Minick—

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board— stating that every possible Attention has been paid to the Sick of the Bombay Detachment under the Command of Captain Foster and enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr Duffin to the Hospital Board, on the Subject—

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions reporting the Number of Bullocks arrived on the Henry — and the Number of Sheep he has received charge of—

From the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Duplicates of the Dispatches of the Supreme Council to the Honble Court of Directors to be sent on the Swallow in Case the originals should not have come to hand—

From Do with further Dispatches to be transmitted by Swallow, under the Circumstance above mentioned—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MTB Nos 129 130 131 132.

To the Secretary at Bengal informing

From the Resident at Ingeram —

From the Secretary at Bengal —

From the Secretary at Bengal —

From Do

To the Secretary at Bengal —

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21 him that the original Dispatches of the Supreme Council were forwarded on the Swallow, and returning the Duplicates agreeably to his orders—

To Do enclosing, for the Information of the Supreme Council, an Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis dated the 13th Instant &c—

To the Board of Assumed Revenue directing them to set off against the Nabobs ⅝ the Amount of ⅘ of the Collections made by His Highness from the Commencement of the Fasly Year 1200 to the Date of the Assumption.—and approving Mr Scott's Remission of the Tax upon the Weavers in the new Village built by them upon the Boundary between the Districts of Nigampatanu and Angole—

To Major General Musgrave—

To Major General Musgrave approving the Mode suggested by him for completing the 14th Battalion of Native Infantry, and the detail doing duty with the Guns attached to Captain Mead's Battalion—informing him, that the Quarters of the 12th Regiment will be removed to Cuddalore agreeably to his Recommendation—

Received the following Letters—

W. C. Jackson Esqre Military Secretary Fort St George—

From the Collector at Madura—Information respecting the Quantity of Grain in Store at Madura claimed as private Property.—

Sir

In obedience to the Orders of Government I have made

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Made every possible inquiry Relative to the Grain Seized by the Storekeeper of this Garrison on account of the Honble Company — Herewith I have the honor to inclose Copy of a Letter and other Papers which I received from the Storekeeper when I applied to him on the above Subject —

It appears clearly to me that the 162. 2/6 of Grain Stated, in the endorsed Paper No 1, are the Property of Sitteram a Considerable Merchant, and some time an Inhabitant of this Place —

The 32 Pcos 356 Maunds mentioned in the same Paper are the Property of Jagnaut Tanker a Banker at Madura —

The 27. 55. 2 G M M inserted in the same Paper, belong to His Highness the Nabob

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Alex. Macleod
Coll.r

Madura
9th September 1791

Alex.r Macleod
Collector of Madura &c
For

I have received your Letter, under date the 4th August 1791, covering Copy of a Letter from the Military Secretary, I have now the Honor to send Extracts of my Letters on the Subject of the Grain in

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in Question to the Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions Total of Pardy. Received 222 287 2 all of
which except 27 55 2 was Claimed as private property.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Madura
16th August 1791

(Signed) H. Vaughan
Storekeeper.

A true Copy
(Signed) Alex. Macleod Colr

Extracts of Letters to Thos. Cockburn Esqre
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

I Ordered the Godowns to be forced Open
in the presence of the Renter who pointed them out
to me, as Containing Coarse Pardy, but that it had
lately been Mortgaged by the former Renter, Company's
Guard, are at present over it; I beg you to inform
me (such being the Case) if it is to be Considered as
private Property, or how I am to grant any Receipts:
a Black Man has been since with me informing me
the Pardy has been Mortgaged to his Master.

The Claimants were all here about
3 Months since, and, with me, and Agreed to the following
Divisions of the Pardy —

	Q	M	M
Rama Swamy late Renter	27.	55	2
Jagnath Taucker	32.	356.	—
Sellevam	162.	276.	—
Total	222.	287.	2.

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Received into Store by me as directed & informed you in August last.

A true Copy

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Coll.r

W.m C. Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary

&c &c

From the Commandant at Dindigul recommending that two Companies of Sepoys be, for the present, stationed at Cullumbaum —

Sir

I have the Collector of Tinnevelly, in a Letter under date the 14th Instant, informs me, that he intends sending 1000 Bullocks to Paligautchery by the way of Dindigull & Pyny — In answer thereto I have acquainted him that at present there is no danger to be apprehended; and that, for the convenience of Forage, the Bullocks should be sent in three Divisions, but in order to ensure the free communication between the Inhabitants of the Barramahal District & our Frontiers, & particularly to recommend, that two Companies of Sepoys should, for the present, be stationed at Cullumbaum a Mud Fort on the Banks of the Ambrayer River, and on the direct route to Paligautchery I am well convinced that no danger could possibly happen to the Two Companys of Sepoys, even were a large Body of the Enemy to appear, because the situation of the Place is such that a secure retreat

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can at any time be effected to a range of Mountains only a few Miles from the Fort; and no Additional expence will be attended, only Full Batta to the Officer — Commanding: the Two Company's of Sepoys may be ordered from Karrore, and no doubt, when stationed as pointed out, will likewise ensure Regular Collection of the Revenue — I must beg you will apologeze to the to the Board for the liberty in suggesting this, but really it appears to me, for the good of the Service —

Dindegull
16th September 1791.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) T. Bowser
Capt Comg

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Received Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in C.C. No. 226 requesting to be furnished, without delay, with a Wasoolbaky — Account of the last Year's Revenues of his Country. —

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Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. No. 227 (requesting he will send positive orders to Mahomed Ally to deliver to Captain Massey, on his Highness Account the Arms of the dismounted Troopers about to be dismissed from Bomrauze's Service

Sent the following Letters. —

To Captain Bannerman
at Paligautcherry —

To Captain Bannerman to furnish copies of all his Correspondence with J. A. Campbell & Mr. Holland relative to the Rajah of Travancore's Purchase of Ayacotta and Cranganore —

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council

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Council to desire you will send him a Copy of the whole of your Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr John Holland relative to the Rajah of Travancore's Purchase of Cranganore and Cyacottah from the time that you were sent into the Travancore Country by Sir Archibald Campbell to the Arrival of Mr Powney.

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I am
&c &c
(signed) W. Co Jackson Secy

To Avanadum Paupiah Brahmeny

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to express his surprize at the Letter which you addressed to him under date the 15th Instant in which you have not only misrepresented the Questions that were put to you on the Council Chamber on the 12th but have likewise in point of accuracy, in your Replies

You were first asked by the Hon'ble President what Security you had to offer to which you replied - that the Company had already in their Hands all your Property - that you were ready to forfeit over any part of it for your future appearance that the Board might think proper - but that you wished to know how long the Bail was to continue - You were told - for Months and that

his Vakeel name Paupiah stating the Security that must be procured for his personal appearance before the 7th day of October - on Default thereof his person to be again

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the Security to be deposited must be either in Company's Bonds, Money or Jewels and that no other would be taken.

You were requested that the Board would allow you a Fort Night to provide the Security required you were told that Eight Days would be allowed upon which you were directed to withdraw

I am now to inform you, by order of Government, that if the Security above stated be not provided by the 7th Day of October next, your Person will be again placed under Restraint—

Dated in Fort St George,
the 22d September 1791,

By Order of the Hon'ble
the Governor in Council,
Signed J. C. Jackson Secry.

Received the undermentioned Letters

From the Commander of the —

From Captain Foster — Detachment Arrived from Bombay requesting — Permission to entertain Drums and Fifes for the Service of his Detachment

From the Collector in the Districts

From the Collector in the Districts of Carroor &c — of Carroor &c will use every Exertion in his Power to collect Bullocks for the use of General Abercromby's Army—

From

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From the Acting Deputy Assistant Genl

From the Acting Deputy Assistant Genl

communicating the Recommendation of Major General Musgrave, that the Detachment of Bombay Sepoys under the Command of Captain Foster should proceed to Amboor in charge of the Treasure ordered to be sent to that Place.

23 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 156.

To the Commander of the private Ship Henry

To the Commander of the private Ship Henry desiring him to account for the short delivery of Bullocks shipped on the Henry in Bengal—

To the Commander of the private Ship Hercules

To the Commander of the private Ship Hercules desiring him to land as soon as possible the Bales and Boxes of Cloathing arrived on the Hercules belonging to the Company—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board desiring them to take Charge of, and forward to the Army with the first Convoy, the Bengal Cloathing arrived on the Hercules, enclosing a Bill of Lading—and four Letters to accompany the Cloathing—

To D°

To D° desiring that Colonel Gaitskell's Indent of Stores &c for the Service of the Army may be complied with—and approving the orders issued by them to the Committee of Stores at Vellore for

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for sending to the Presidency by the returning Draft Bullocks the Tumbrillo at that Place —

To Do desiring them to furnish

the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money with a List or valuation of the — Military Stores captured the first Campaign; and to

To Do use every Exertion in expediting the Preparation of the ordnance and Stores to be sent to the Army —

To the Acting Commissary General

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

of Grain and Provisions desiring him to sell off half the Grain stacked on the Glacis at Poonamalee to the best advantage for the Company —

To the Collector in the Eastern

To the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country —

Division of the Tanjore Country — informing him that the Sums of Money required by Captain Pugh for the purchase of Cattle for General Abercromby's Army must at all Events be awarded — and desiring him, if necessary, to stop the Remittance to Cuddalore on Account of the Investment —

To the Collectors in the Jaghire

To the Collectors in the Jaghire

informing them that the Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters wanted for the Cavalry at Arcot must at all Events be procured within the Time prescribed —

To the Paymaster at Cuyde —

To the Paymaster at Cuyde

informing him that the Troops in the Palnaud District must be served with Grain from the Garrison Store, at

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the established Price, in case such a Measure should be deemed absolutely necessary.

To the Commandant at Bingole.

To the Commandant at Bingole — communicating the orders given to the Paymaster and approving the Recommendations contained in his Letter of the 12th Instant respecting the mode of supplying the 1st and 4th Battalions of Native Troops with Arms.

To the Commandant at Arnee.

To the Commandant at Arnee — directing him to restore the Money collected for the Privilege of residing in the Fort of Arnee to the Persons from whom it was taken.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — enclosing Copy of Captain Mackay's Reply to the Complaint preferred against him by the Sayhindar of Arnee and desiring them to enquire into the oppressive Conduct said by that Officer to be observed by the Sayhindars towards the Inhabitants.

To the Board of Revenue informing them that the Board cannot approve of their giving Authority to the Collector at Cavoor to raise Revenue Troops for temporary Service.

To the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

To the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors directing him to purchase the 208 Leaguers of Arrack mentioned in his Letter of the 19th Instant, at the Rate of 35 Pagodas a Leaguer.

To

To Lieut Uzuld of His Majesty's Navy

To Lieutenant Uzuld - desiring him to remain at Coringa with the Vakeel &c until the opening of the season will enable him to proceed to Madras in safety —

To the Officer Commanding the

To Captain Foster

Detachment arrived from Bombay - authorizing him to enlist the Drums and Fifes required for the Service of his Detachment -

To Mr Daniel Murray - informing

To Mr D. Murray

him that the request contained in his letter of the 14th Instant cannot be complied with

To Mr Charles Stockwell —

To Mr Charles Stockwell

informing him that the Board cannot comply with his request for pecuniary Assistance —

To the Resident at Ingeram

To the Resident at Ingeram

expressing the Board's entire Approbation of his conduct regarding the Cattle and Stores landed at Coringa from the Ship Elgin —

To the Paymaster to the Detachment

To the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army informing him that such of the Lascars with the Detachment as shall be found to have no claim on the Service must be — immediately discharged —

To the Master Attendant specifying

To the Master Attendant

the Cargoes of the Mary Ann and Elgin & Hercules and desiring him either to proceed himself or send his

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her Deputy on board each of the Ships to superintend their Dismantlation, in order that it may be ascertained that their Tonnage has been wholly appropriated to the public Service —

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr's Ab. 15 & 150. 159 Vols. 161. 162 163 —

From the Collector in the Western Division of the Tanjore Country

From the Collector in the Western Division of the Tanjore Country — will render every Assistance in his Power to Captain Pugh in the Collection of Carriage Cattle for the use of General Abercromby's Army —

From the acting Deputy Agutant General — From the acting Deputy Agutant General advising that a General Court Martial for the Trials of Captain Parr and Captain Lieutenant Brudenell is ordered to assemble at Trichinopoly on the 28th Instant —

From Lieutenant Shipton of the this Bengal Artillery — advising of his Arrival at the Presidency with Instructions to take charge of the Artillery and Magazine Lascars, Public Bullocks Sirdars and Drivers which have been lately sent from Bengal for the Service of the Army —

From the Commandant at Chandernaghurry — From the Commandant at Chandernaghurry stating that no Exertions on his part shall be wanting to procure the Number of Hackeries and Grass Cutters ordered to be entertained for the Service of the Army —

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From the Assistant to the Collector in the Trichinopoly District

From the Assistant to the Collector in the Trichinopoly District requesting to be informed of the Pay &c. is to allow the Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters —

From the Collector in the Northern Division of Arcot Province

From the Collector in the Northern Division of Arcot Province stating his Apprehensions of the impossibility of engaging Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters, unless they can be ensured a small weekly Quantity of Grain —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions —

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — inclosing Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Changlepat in which he recommends that the Grain laid up in that Garrison in the Year 1788 be sold off &c —

Received the following Letters —

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary —

From Captain Andrew Read — advice of the Progress made in erecting the Batteries before Gurramcondah — inclosing Copies of Intelligence received of the approach of a large Body of the Enemy —

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council, that I have been made acquainted with the dispatch of the Battering Train from Bangalore on the 6th Instant, by Order of Lord Cornwallis; and, by a Letter from Captain Alex^der Read, that they were expected to arrive at Colar on the 10th — Hafiz Jee dispatched on the 11th a Paty under Syd Mahomed consisting of 500 Horse and 500 Pyadas Peons, as an Escort to meet the Guns — I have also been able

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were able to procure on hire to send off 200 fresh Bullocks and an Elephant to assist in bringing them on as fast as possible.

I have the Honor to enclose Copies of two Letters of intelligence which I have received, two from Captain Alexr Read, and the other by order of Lord Comwallis On receipt of Captain Reads, I directed the Commissary to procure 10 days Rice for the Sepoys, and recommended to the Officers to lay in a like supply for their followers- this I deemed necessary, as in the event of an Enemys Approach at this period unable to obtain us to relieve, might very easily have cut off our supplies, which I am happy to say are not now so precarious as formerly many of the people who used to supply the Camp having got in to the Bangalore Road.

All the Materials for constructing our Batteries are in readiness. A Party from the Detachment consisting of one European Artillery Man 2 Havildars 2 Naicks and 44 Sepoys have been employed on this Service for some time past at the request of Kistnajee, and I purpose that the Batteries shall be constructed, and every thing in readiness by the time that the Guns arrive.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter by order of the Hon'ble the President in Council, under date the 28th August. I have the honor &c

Copy before
Guerrain Coondale
15 September 1791

(Signed) Alexr Read
Capt Commg Horse
Detachment

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Report of Askey Coor an Hircarrah of Captain Read's

1st September 1791 - Recived at Gurramcoondah the 3d Sept. 1791

On being dispatched to bring Intelligence of the Enemy, I went first to Nundy Droog, where I have a Brother, and a Brother in law who is a Havildar in Tippoo's Service; I went with them up the Hill, and attended the Katcherce, where I heard a Letter read which the Killedar had received from Tippoo commanding him to send daily Intelligence of Captain Read's Detachment - and I heard him dictate an Answer, informing Tippoo that it was - constantly moving about from place to place, and consisted of only two weak Battalions and two Guns - the - Amildar going afterwards to Tippoo's Camp at Cundakairy Chickany ganpilly I went in his suite, and after my arrival, he sent orders to his Brother Caroo Saib at Seringapatam, to send his Family to Chittaikull and his Baggage to Mauggery - He also ordered his Son to Goolty with a Detachment, Cameron Dire to Nagamangalum, and marched himself for Pain Koonda - An Uncle I have is a Servant to Ram Row, a Mounshee at the Katcherce, gave me this last Intelligence, and it was the prevailing Opinion that Tippoo was to march against the Nizam's Army before Gurramcoondah, whence he intended making a sweep on returning by Colar -

Signed Alex.r Read -

A true Copy
(Signed) Alex.r Orr
Majr & D.C

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Report of Bungar Naig one of Captain Reads Harcarrahs
Colar 2d September 1791 – Received at Gurramcoondah
4th September 1791

I went from Colar to Nundy Droog to procure Intelligence, on my arrival there I learnt that there was a Body of the Enemy at Tippagerry two Coss to the Westward of that place; I went to their Camp, they consist of 4000 plundering Horse and it was the current report among them that they were to advance in a few days to Rumabad to cut off the supplies advancing from the Northward –

I learned the following particulars at Nundy Droog which may be depended upon

Tippoo with his son and Cummer ee Din have returned to Seringapatam where they are to remain during the Mohurrin, after which he intends sending off his Family and Treasure to Chittrikulla – he has ordered all Sowars and People of property to quit his Capital, in which nothing is to be left, but the Troops and Stores necessary for its Defence –

A Considerable Force with 12 Guns have advanced toward Gooty; their Objects are said to be the relief of Gurrumcoondah, besieged by the Soubah, the cutting off the Communication with the Northward, and returning by the route of Colar and Hooskottah

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to lay waste those Districts after the Army shall have advanced—

I signed J. Geo: Graham
Aqcot—

A true Copy
I signed Alex. Orr
2nd
Acting A.D.C.

Copy of Intelligence received from Captain Robinson Aid de Camp to Lord Cornwallis—dated Camp near Bangalore 3d Sept. 1791 which arrived at Gurramcondah 6th September 1791—

Four Deserters from Tippoo's Army left the Army at Nagalmungul four days ago, arrived last night—

Tippoo went with the whole Army, except a Detachment with Cummer u Din, to — Seringapatam, the same day these men made their Escape—Cummer u Din was also expected to come back—He advanced towards Sera with 5 Cushoons Cavalry not known how many—Tippoo went within 3 Cose of Sera—They say that Meer u Hussein is at Seringapatam—Tippoo's Son went to Mangery—Tippoo is employed in Seringapatam in fortifying it, and adding to its Magazines of Grain—his Supplies come from Bednore and Simoga—The news had arrived of the Defeat of the Party said to have been two Cushoons at Coimbatore—Meer Mahomed Ally Bukshy

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commanded them, and remains with a few of his Party at Dunagunetta about 3 Cos from Sattumunglum, not venturing, after his Defeat, to return to Tippoo — His Cavalry is numerous but in bad condition —

A true Copy
(Signed) Alex.r Orr
D.Master
& acting A.D.C.

To W.C. Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary —

From the Commissary Comptroller General of Army Accounts — referring, for the Board's Decision, Mr Wright's Claim for Medical Servants —

Sir,

Mr Wright, Assistant Surgeon of the 2d Regiment of European Infantry, has applied to me by the enclosed Letter, for an Allowance of Ten Pagodas per Mensem for Medical Servants. By the Hospital Regulations of September 1786 every Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon on duty seperate from a General Hospital is entitled to this Allowance; but I have always considered them not entitled to it, when in the Vicinity of a General Hospital. In support however of the Claim it is proper to observe that it has been granted, by a Special Order from Government, at Vellore. I therefore request you will submit this application to the Honble Board and favor me with their Answer as soon as possible, as he is under Marching Orders —

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I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed J. Capper
C.G. &c

Colonel Capper
Commissary General
&c

Sir

As my Bill for Medical Servants has not met with your Approbation I request you will state to Government the Expediency of them — I have seldom less than 30 sick in the Barracks and frequent punishments to attend; those men if Servants are not allowed me must be sent to the General Hospital which will be an expence to the Company tenfold the Amount of Servants Wages

The Surgeon at Vellore so long ago as October 1786 when the present Arrangement was established set forth the expediency of Medical Servants being allowed tho' in the Vicinity of a General Hospital and Mr Secretary Chamiers answer to the Paymaster gives the Sentiments of Government Viz^t "Mr Rollo is to have Medical Servants wherever the Regiment lie stationed" — since that period the Regimental Surgeons have drawn 15 Pagodas per Month for Medical Servants throughout the Coast —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed James Wright Assist Surgeon
to the 2d Regt N.I.

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

acting Governor in Council

From the Executor to the Estate of the late Captain Lovett requesting the Interference of Govern.t to obtain the Liquidation of a Bond from the Nabob for pay and allowances due to the late Captain Lovett.

Honble Sir.

By the will of the late Captain Lovett of His Highness the Nabobs service, he left me his executor in charge of his Effects, the principal part of his estate appears to be a Bond of the Nabobs for Pagodas 3919-8½ Annas. A copy of which I have now the honor to inclose you: it is for pay and Batta due to the deceas.d with the permission of the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley acting Governor, I waited on his Highness, and obtained an Audience, when I was given to understand that if your Honble Board would put the Bond in a train of liquidation and give your assent; His Highness would discharge the debt at an early period, having no other fund for the maintainance and education of the Children aforementioned, I have to request the Assistance of your Honble Board to assist me in the accomplishing the point in View. –

Madras
23d September 1791.

I have the Honor to be
with the most profound Respect
&c. &c.
(signed) Tho.s Leighton.

Memorandum

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Memorandum Vizt

The Sum of Star Pagodas 3919-8 Annas
and ℔- the half of which Sum is Pagodas 1959 12 Annas
and ℔- on Account of Hay Battoo and yearly allowance,
with Interest at the rate of 6 per Cent per Annum,
from the 2d May 1782- corresponding with the 8 Jumad
ul awal 1196 Hegra- shall be paid to Captain John
Everett in three Years.

Pagt 3919.. 8¼

Dated this 6th Jemad ulsaney 1196 Hegra.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

Friday
23d September
1791

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esqrs

The Honble Major General Medows
Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis - the Stores to be sent to camp to leave the Presidency before the 1st October - dismounted Troopers to be sent to Trichinopore & to join Captn Allen's Detachment - three Companies of N.I. to be sent from Arcot to join Captain Read

Sir,

I have the great Pleasure to learn yesterday,
that

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that the eighteen Pounders were arrived from Bengal. I expect to see Mr Cockburn in Camp tomorrow who will give a State of our battle below the Ghauts, and enable me to make my Arrangements for putting the whole of our Supplies in motion the eight Guns and the spare Carriage and all the Stores destined for Bombay Madras by the 1st of next Month at latest but if they can be sent away sooner it will be very desirable

In order to ensure the success of our future Operations every precaution must be taken that can tend to establish a safe communication for constant supplies of Grain for it is not possible that we should be able to carry a sufficient quantity with us to feed the multitudes of men and Horses that will compose the force of the three confederate Powers, when we move towards Seringapatam

With this View I shall endeavour to reduce as many of the Hill Forts that are likely from their situations to afford Protection to Parties of the Enemy, as I possibly can: But besides the Garrisons that will be required for these Forts it will be also necessary to leave several detachments of the Army in the Country thro' which the Supplies are to pass. and I shall be desirous of rendering Capt. Read's Corps as respectable as I can

Wishing

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Wishing to effect this Purpose, without
essentially weakening the Infantry of the Army, (for
which we shall have sufficient Occasion in the —"
difficult and complicated operations of reinforcing
General Abercromby, investing the Island and —"
attacking the Fort of Seringapatam) it has occurred
to me that we may avail ourselves of a part of the
dismounted Cavalry, which will be of very little use
in the Carnatic —

I recommend therefore, that one —"
hundred and fifty of them should be sent to take Post
at Tripatore, where Captain Crain's Battalion is
now stationed, to protect the Country in the —
Neighbourhood of Amboor, and that two hundred
should proceed to Colar, to act under the immediate
orders of Captain Read: as Major of Cavalry can
be employed on this occasion as he would interfere
with Captain Read's Command; and I should be desirous
that the Lieutenants: and especially those who go to
Tripatore should be junior to Lieutenant Cuppage
who commands at Amboor in Capt.n Read's absence
and of whose Ability and Attention to his Duty I have
a very favorable opinion —

I have further to request that
you will, if possible, spare three Companies from
Angole, where there cannot be the most distant —"
apprehension

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Apprehension of an Enemy, and order them to march immediately to join Captain Read, with whom I cannot conveniently leave a Battalion of this Army, as I must put one into Ouscoore, and the Forts near the Pass.

I was glad to hear that my despatches for the Swallow had arrived at Bombay on the 14th and that consequently the dispatch of that Ship will not be delayed on my Account.

I am, with much Esteem

Gentlemen

Your &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp near Bangalore
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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President and Council

Fort St George

From Lord Cornwallis
Stating that the Board's explanation of the steps taken for the Provision for an Investment is perfectly satisfactory &c.

Gentlemen

I was this morning favored with your Letter dated the 13th Instant and am perfectly satisfied with the Explanations which it contains of the steps taken by your Honble Board to comply with the orders of the Court of Directors for the Provision of an Investment from your Presidency.

The uniform and earnest zeal which you have manifested on all occasions to afford me every Assistance in your power is a warning

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convincing proof to me that you had no design to impair the resources intended for the Public Service.

Although the terms of 36 are — undoubtedly high, yet I think it of so much importance that you should be able to obtain the money required for the payment of your Investment, that I entirely approve of your Accepting the offer of 30,000 Pagodas at that rate of Exchange —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(signed) Cornwallis.

Camp near Bangalore
18th September 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President and Council

Fort St George.

From Lord Cornwallis with an Estimate of the Number of Cattle that will be required for the transportation of the Guns and Stores to be sent from the Presidency — Stores Carts to be drafted from the Garrisons in the Carnatic and sent to Camp — the Bombay Detachment to march with the Stores from the Presidency —

Gentlemen,

Having been informed by Mr Cockburn that three thousand draft Bullocks have been ordered to the Presidency, I have thought it proper to send you a calculation that we have made of the number of Cattle, that will be required for the transportation of the Guns, Stores &c contained in the List which I enclosed in my letter of the 15th instant, and to request that you will refer it to the examination of the Military Board —

As soon as you have ascertained what Cattle you shall have occasion for, I request that you

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you will order the remainder to proceed immediately, by the road on which they are likely to be best supplied with forage, towards Vellore and Ambor, in order that they may be ready to assist if wanted to bring up the Guns and Stores that are to come to the Army from the former place —

The want of Bullock drivers is likely to be one of our greatest distresses on our future March, and as Lascars can act occasionally as Substitutes for them, I should wish that as many stout Lascars as can possibly be spared, may be sent to the Army from Fort St George and the other Garrisons —

I am very glad to find, by your letter of the 4th instant, that about six Hundred Draft are arrived from Bombay to complete the Corps serving with Purseram Bhow's Army: they may march with the Guns from the Presidency; and I shall be obliged to you if you will order them to be supplied with Camp Equipage or any Articles of which they may stand in need —

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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Cornwallis.

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Statement of the Number of Draft and Carriage Cattle which will be required at Madras for the conveyance to the army of those Articles coming from thence, which are necessary for the equipment of the Army —

	Draft	Carriage
8 Eighteen Pounders at 58 Bullocks each	464	
1 Spare Carriage		58
2 Twelve Pounders		84
20 Tumbrills		240
100 Platform Carts		500
3000 - 18 Pounder Shot		500
600 5½ Inch Shells		88
600 4⅘ do do		70

Intrenching Tools

Pick Axes 1500		110
Broad Axes Felling Axes } 100 of each		12
Hand Hatchets 1500		35
Bill Hooks 1500		35
Mamotes 3000 Saj Hooks 50 }		117
Shovels 200		20
Spades 500		50
Sand Bags 6000		35
Iron Crows 100		15
Carried over	1356	1087

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	Draft	Carriage
Brought Over	1356	1087
Miners Tools 1 Set Carpenters Tools 1 Ditto Whip Saws 2 } One Cart		5
Rattan Baskets 5000		98
Mogo Hammers 3 Files 10 }		1
Total	1361	1186

The above Calculations supposes that the Tumbrells will be required for the Treasure that may be coming up, in the proportion of half Gold and half Silver, and that the Carts may be required to convey the Bengal Cloathing, and other Articles which may be coming up specified in the above List.

Minutes on the three foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis

The Board are extremely happy to find that their Explanations of the Steps taken for the Provision of an Investment is satisfactory to Lord Cornwallis.

Agreed that General Musgrave be desired to make the necessary Arrangements respecting the dismounted Troopers, and to attend to his Lordship's wishes in regard to the rank of the Cavalry Officers to proceed with the Troopers, that there may be no interference

interference with the situation of Captain Read and Lieutenant Cuppage —

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis that the Board hope by the 1st of the ensuing Month every Article will have left the Presidency which may be required, from hence, for the Equipment of the Army.

Agreed that a Copy of the Statement of the Number of Draft and Carriage Bullocks transmitted by Lord Cornwallis, be sent to the Military Board, with orders to prepare the Stores required for the Army with all possible Dispatch —

Resolved that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be directed to employ Hired Carts for transporting such of the Military Stores to Vellore as cannot be conveyed by the Carriage Bullocks now at the Presidency —

Read the following Letter from Captain Hunt

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President —

From Captain Hunt is of opinion that the Fort of Arroor cannot be taken without 4 Guns —

Sir,

Captain Stuart with his Detachment from Trichinopoly and the Party from Dindigul met at Nanjanoor, a Village on the frontier, about 15 Miles from Arroor, on the 13th in the Afternoon, the disturbed

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Situation of those from Trichinopoly for provisions, required the next day to provide Rice, this delay was attended with no bad consequence, as the Killedar had previously collected people from all quarters, and made every preparation for our reception: conceiving it possible, notwithstanding, to carry the place we moved to the Fort the 15th, and yesterday took possession of the Pettah, which is within 200 Yards of the place, prepared for the Assault; Captain Stuart had offered to force the Gates with Pick Axes, while others applied the Ladders to the Walls, on a close inspection the fortification proved to be of a much superior order, than had been represented to me, and the Walls so high that we could see no prospect of success in the Attempt. To reduce it Cannon appears to be absolutely necessary, in consequence have desisted in any thing further, but will remain close, to take advantage of any opportunity that may occur till I receive Instructions from you, or the movements of any body of the enemies troops render it necessary to Attack.

close

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) H Flint
Capt.

Camp near Attoor
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As the Board have not the means of furnishing Cannon it is resolved to Direct Captain Flint

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Flint to retire, if he sees immediate Prospect of getting Possession of the Place — and, in that Event, to send back the Force which had been drawn from Trichinopoly —

Read the following Letter from Major General Meadows

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

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

From Major General Meadows — Capt. Wahab's application for double Batta — and Capt. Delmonta's request for leave to exchange appointments with Lieutenant Grant — cannot be complied with —

Hon'ble Sir & Gentlemen,

I had the honor of yours of the tenth only this day; inclosing Captain Wahab's — application for double Batta, which by no means can be complied with, and an application for an exchange between Adjutant Grant and Quarter Master Delmonta of the Native Cavalry, which I think should not be complied with, as it would lead to numerous applications of the same kind —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) Wm. Meadows

Gov &c &c

Camp near Bangalore the 17 of September 1791 —

Ordered that the necessary —

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Communication be made to Major General Meadows and to Captain Wahab, agreeably to the Contents of

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of the above Letter

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Board of Revenue. the Nabob applies for Bills to the amount of 40,000 Pagodas on the Collector at Arcot. Remarks upon the sums already advanced - recommend that three companies of Sepoys and a Gun be stationed in the Madura District - apply for Instructions regarding the amount collected by the Nabob from the Nellore District in part of the Revenue of Tasfoly 1200.

Our President having received from us two Bills granted on account of the Nabobs fifth of the Revenue, has laid before us a note from his Highness's Son Omdat Ul Omrah - which we do ourselves the honor of inclosing to you, as we have no immediate intercourse with his Highness the Nabob. We shall in future give you information whenever the Bills, which may be granted to his Highness the Nabob by your orders, shall be discharged by our Collectors, in order that the necessary entries may be made -

Our President has also informed us that his Highness's Son Omdat Ul Omrah has applied to him for Bills upon Mr Hoyer, the Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot to the Amount of Pagodas 40,000 payable in March next on Account of the Nabobs one fifth, over and above what he has already applied for on

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Annually to that period. This demand we are aware, will exceed the sum due to his Highness on Account of his one fifth according to the expected progressive state of Collections to the 1st March next, but as we conceive that it will be a convenience to Government to pay the Nabob from the Collector's Treasuries, and thereby spare the resources at the Presidency, this circumstance may induce the Honble Board to overpay the Nabob; and, if no payments shall, from this time, be made here, the excess can afterwards be withheld from his Highness's proportion of the subsequent Collections— On this subject we request to be honored with your Commands—

We do ourselves the honor of — submitting to your decision Extract of a letter from Mr Haslod, and informing you that the Number of Sepoys recommended is three Companies with one Gun —

It having appeared from Mr Dightons Accounts, that Madras Pagodas 25,934. 13. 3. had been Collected by his Highness the Nabob in part of the Revenue of Fuseley 1200 previous to the Company's authority being established at Nellore— We called upon that Gentleman to transmit such actual Vouchers, as were existing— he has accordingly sent

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sent us a debt, amounting to Madras Pagodas 24366. 4. 14. for which we recommend that the different Renters be credited in their accounts with the Company; the Nabobs account having already been debited for the same. With respect to the small sum of Madras Pagodas 1617. 14. 5 the Collector informs us that he can give us information except the apportion of the Village Commissioners and the Renters themselves, as he has been excluded from all access to the Nabobs Accounts. —

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c &c

(Signed) Wm Petrie

" David Haliburton

" Wm Balfour

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Seal.

The Nabobs Amdat Ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to William Petrie Esquire, and requests that he will be so good as to order that a set of Bills be made out on Mr Hoyer the Collector of the Southern Division of the Arcot District in favour of Vencatah Soobaih, or order, for Star Pagodas 40000 payable on or before the first of March next 1792, in part of his fifth of the Revenues —

His ...

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His Highness begs leave to mention to Mr Petrie that he does not mean that this order on the Arcot District shall, in any way, interfere with the Bills which he has already requested to have on Tinnevelly —

14th September 1791. —

Seal

The Nabob Ondut Ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to William Petrie Esquire, and has the pleasure to acquaint him that he has received two Setts of Bills on the Collector of Tinnevelly for 30,000 Pagodas each, one payable the 15 November and the other payable on the 15 December 1791 on Account of the Nabob's Malayatta one fifth. —

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Extract of a Letter from Mr A Macleod to the Board of Assumed Revenue dated 14th September 1791.

"When the Board reflect on the nature of the People who inhabit Arnore, a Set of Colleries as savage and refractory as those of Mellore, they will I hope acquiesce in the recommendation I am now to make, that three Companies of Sepoys and a field piece be stationed in that District — this may be done without the smallest additional Expence to the Honble

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Hon'ble Company there being a Battalion for 500
Men for the Madura district, and Mootiah Pilly
agreeing to provide Bullocks for the Gun at his own
Charge he does not however wish at present to
make any Stipulations regarding Troops, but
offers to furnish Bullocks, as above stated, in case
a Gun should be kept at Arriore —

The Tranquility of the Madura
and Dindigul Provinces depends upon the number
of Troops stationed at Nellore and Arriore - the
Collectors of the latter Place make frequent
predatory incursions into both of the first —
mentioned Provinces, and are not to be effectually
checked but by a Station of Troops in their own
Country." —

A true Extract
Signed J Webbe
Secy

Minute on the foregoing letter from the Board of Revenue —

Agreed to inform the Nabob that of
the Bills for forty thousand Pagodas on Mr Hoyer
he gives his Highness will have overdrawn the Sums
likely to be due on account of his one fifth, according
to the expected progressive State of Collections, to the
1st of March next, and that it will not therefore
be in the Power of the Board to attend to similar
applications

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Applications, or make any Payments to him from the Treasury until the Company's Share of the Revenue shall have been realized in Proportion to the Sums drawn for and received by him on Account of his one fifth.

Agreed also to enquire from his Highness, whether the Board are to consider all Applications coming from his Son Amdat Ul Umrah Bahauder in the same Light as if they had come direct from himself.

Resolved that the Renters of the Nellore District be credited the Sums collected by the Nabob for Fusly 1200 for which there are Vouchers, and held responsible for the small sum remaining, Viz.t Pagodas 16 17. 14. 5 until they can produce satisfactory Vouchers of its being paid on Account of the Fusly 1200.

Read the following Letter from the Collector at Tinnivelly.

To W.m C. Jackson Esq.re

Secretary to the Military & Secret Department

Fort St George

From the Collector at Tinnivelly completes the Collection of Bullocks for General Abercromby's Army - states the Route by which they are to proceed to Palygautcherry and recommends that the Charge of the Battle be entrusted to Captain Lieutenant Torin —

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 27.th August and the 3.d and 10.th September —

You

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You will be pleased to inform the Worthe President & in Council that the Road by Dindigul &c is the one determined on for the Bullocks for General Abercrombie's Army to proceed to Paleycautcherry - and that, from late Letters I have received from Mr Hardisty and Captain Hugo, I have no longer any doubt of Accomplishing the object in Question in the Months of October, and, if possible, by the 20th

The Orders to the Collectors of Tanjore and Coimbetore and to Lieutenant Campbell will be very serviceable --

Mr Macleod has informed me, that he will deliver to the Number of 6000 Cattle by the 15th September, and I have engaged and prepaid at Madura twenty Bullock Peoples to become their Owners / also a sufficiency of Saddles and gunny bags and I have had the pleasure to hear from Mr Powney that the Drivers Inquired from the Rajah of Travancore will Arrive there about that period and be ready to receive them -- I have stipulated with the Rajah for three Peoples to attend the Cattle to Paleycautcherry, and to remain with them till the Bullock Owners can procure others -- I take the liberty to suggest the Expediency of writing to General Abercrombie / as I have already done to

Major

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Major Capppage / to have a number of men of this description Collected and ready to relieve those from Travancore - The Bullock People will be instructed to engage them if they have not previously provided themselves -

My Application to Captain Peagh at Tanjore, in consequence of late instructions - from the Commissary, is likely to prove very Effectual. this Gentleman has no doubt of furnishing me with 1500 Cattle, compleat for the Field, by the end of September, and as many more by the beginning of October - the Collectors have promised him Money; and, from your late Orders, he will no doubt benefit greatly by their Assistance - and I therefore reckon upon three thousand from him; and in time to accompany the Escort. -

Before I received permission to call upon the other Collectors I had determined on making up the deficiency from the Tinnevelly District, and, by the 25th of this Month, I shall have 1000 Collected, and compleat with Owners and Drivers - the further supplies I may receive from Trichinopoly and Carroor will be no more than necessary to make up for the Casualties and unavoidable Mortality from the painful operations

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operations of boring the Nose, and other accidents
incident to such an immense Herd of Cattle: so
that I hope to produce at Paliganteherry the
required number of ten thousand—

I beg leave to mention Captain
Lowe as the person whom I am permitted to take charge
of them while serving with the Bombay Army; and I
have the pleasure to add that I have in view an
arrangement for supplying him with Funds for
their Monthly Subsistence, so as to preserve them
independant, and from being a burthen on the
resources of the Bombay Army—

I propose writing to Colonel Bridges
about the 25th September, in order that the Escort may
march about the 1st October to Dindigul, where the
Bullocks will be assembled — Government will
be the best Judge of the propriety of ordering a
Party from Paliganteherry to meet them and to
ensure their safe Arrival—

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Coll.o of Tinnivelly.

Tinnevelly
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a Memorandum on the foregoing
Letter from the Collector
at Tinnevelly. —

The Board are extremely well pleased
to find that Mr Torin's Exertions in the Provision of
Bullocks

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Bullocks for General Abercromby's Army have been attended with so much success. They approve of Captain Lieutenant Torin's proceeding with the Cattle, and will have no objection to that Officer's continuing in Charge of them after they join the Bombay Army, provided Lord Cornwallis and — General Abercromby approve the Measure —

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue respecting the Revenue Battalions in the Tanjore Country — employed on Garrison Duty. —

Honble Sir

We Followed having represented to us "that the Tanjore Revenue Battalions being now employed on Garrison Duty, it will be necessary to retain the Armed Peons till the Revenue Troops can be stationed in the Districts as formerly - We have the honor to submit to your Decision, whether the — Revenue Battalions should be considered a charge upon the Revenue, whilst they — continue to do the duty of regulars. —

We

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We have the Honor to be,
&c &c &c
(signed) Wm Petrie
" David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

Minute thereon

Battalions at Tanjore continue in Garrison, doing the duty of Regulars, and receiving Pay as such, they be considered a Charge upon the Garrison, and the Amount disbursed on their Account reported by the Paymaster to the Military Paymaster General

Read the following Letter from
his Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. N°2281.

Translation

From the Nabob Wandaujee to Sir Charles Cathcart Bart

Dated 18th Mohurrum 1206 Hyjery
or
18th September 1791

Recd 21st September 1791

From the Nabob requesting that the Amount due to Mr Dighton may be discharged by Bills on Tinnevelly payable from the Quota of the Revenue for February next—

Mr Dighton, my Servant, proceeding to Europe on the Swallow, I am desirous to pay off his Arrears of Pay before his Departure, and I must request my friend will Grant him a Bill for the sum of Star Pagodas 10,000 on the Collector of Tinnevelly, payable out of any Quota of the Revenue in the Month of February ensuing. What can I say more?

A true translation
(signed) Joseph Garrow Pr.

Copied

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Agreed that the Board of Assumed —

Minute thereon Revenue be desired to report their Opinion upon the —
Nabob's Application in favor of Mr Dighton

Read the following Letter from
the Revd Mr Swartz

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c.

From the Revd Mr Swartz advising of his having stated the Disputes between Tondemans People and the Tanjore Collectors

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have had the pleasure to receive your Honors letter of the 31st of August, whereby I was authorized to adjust the differences between Tondaman and the Tanjore Collectors.

To propose Secrecies was altogether against my inclination and would have been unbecoming my Office —

To fine the Tanjore Collectors might have been just; but I looked upon it as improper at the time of cultivation — they would probably have left their Villages, and, being upon Rent under, neglected the cultivation of their fields I resolved therefore to chuse that method which suited my Inclinations and was becoming my Sacred Office —

I sent therefore a letter and Cowle to the different Collery Tribes, desired them to

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sent their head people to Tanjore to answer to answer
for their late Conduct, in order to make up the
differences between them, Tondamans people, and
the inhabitants of Arrelore. Tondamans head
Collaries likewise were desired to come —
The head people of those several
tribes appeared, all were examined, and the Witnesses
heard — Each party began to confess their plundering
iniquity — They were then invested to restore; —
which they did, at least in Part — Tondamans —
Collaries sent first the plundered Oxen and sheep,
some, were said to have died — for which they are
to pay — the Tanjore Collaries restored to the Arrelore
people many hundred Cows — some remain to
be restored in Money —

All parties appeared to be pleased;
not any clamour or complaint was heard —

The Tanjore Collaries gave a Written
declaration, and promise to steal no more —

I exhorted, rebuked and directed
them to apply sincerely to the cultivation of their
fields, and promised them, in the Name of
Government, that they should be protected and
encouraged —

One thing has done Wells made a
good

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good impression on them. They have seen and — admired our exertion in clearing Lakes, Watercourses and Tanks towards the West of Tanjore, where we succeed best, & the Colleries confessed that if they had any tolerable Monsoon, they would get a Lack of Collums more this year — Their promises were were very fair and pleasing — to think that all irregularities will cease all at Once would be visionary. However, by Vigilance and immediate exertion these Savages may turn, by degrees, to be less vicious —

They know that my Ears are open to their just Complaints, and that they owned. —

I have the Honor to be, respectfully,

Hon. Sir

(Signed) C. F. Swartz

No Date
Received the 23d September
1791.

Minute thereon

The Board are glad to find that Mr Swartz's Mediation in the Disputes between Tondiemane and the Amialore People has been so successful —

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper.

From the Military Storekeeper with a List of Articles ordered to be made up — applies for an advance of the Amount —

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you an — Estimate

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Estimate of Sundry Articles Specified in the Accompanying Indent, and request you will be pleased to direct the Amount, being Star Pagodas 4082. 7. 15. to be advanced.

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21st September 1791.

I am,
&c. &c.

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
My Storekeeper

Indent on Josias du Pre Porcher Esqre Military Storekeeper for the following Articles for the Public Service —

Articles Indented for No what purpose wanted Received

Barrels Musket Ammunition 1768 Packing 1444.220 Musket shotted Cartridges for the service of the Army —

Carts Platform 150 for Carrying Platforms for the Battering train —

(Signed) George Hall
Comy Genl of Stores

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19th September 1790

(Signed) J. C.
Actg P. M. B.

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the sum of Four thousand and Eighty two Pagodas seven fanams and fifteen cash be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Storekeeper on Account of his Employ—

Read the following Letter from Mr Samuel Johnston to the Acting President

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Sir.

From Mr Samuel Johnston requests that the Arrears of allowances due to him previous to the date of his Suspension may be discharged and that he may be reimbursed the Amount expended by him in repairs to a House at Trichenopoly — adverts to a Promise made him by the acting President of recommending his situation to the favorable consideration of the Court of Directors.

Under the disagreeable predicament in which I have been ever since May 1790 waiting a tedious investigation prolonged thro' no fault of mine, and totally deprived of every Means of support, I hope you will permit me to bring — forward my Claims for pay and Batta on the same time as I received your final Minute: Mr Garrow received not only the emolument of my Office, but also those of Post Master General until last October — with your Leave I will send up the pay and Batta Bills to Mr Johnston, to whom, I shall be extremely obliged if you will order the Amount to be paid, as delay and the derangement of my private Affairs have subjected me to the most distressing inconveniences. I have also to recall your Attention to the Sum expended by me upon the House now occupied by the Collector at Trichenopoly, and I trust in — favorable

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I am sorry you will think me entitled to be reimbursed these Charges to the Amount of Pagodas 600, the House is private property, and I paid an annual Rent for it

I have every reason to hope you will recollect your original promise of doing every Justice done me, I am not conscious that my Conduct upon investigation ought to make me abandon what I imagine you granted to me that promise, the expectation of your recommending the Removal of my suspension — the importance of that to me and my family I am persuaded will make every favorable impression upon your mind —

I have the Honor to be,

Tranquebar
14th September 1791

Copied on the foregoing Letter from Mr Johnston

V.r V.r

Signed Jane Johnston

Resolved that such Arrears as may appear due to Mr Johnston previous to the 26th day of October last, the date of his suspension, be discharged

With respect to Mr Johnstons — Claim to Reimbursement on Account of Expences to the House now occupied by the Collector at Trinkinopoly it is agreed to inform him that it is totally inadmissible — If the House were private property, as Mr Johnston has stated, and that he paid an annual

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Annual Rent for it, the Company surely could not be liable to any Expence for Repairs, while he was allowed one of their own Houses, as Paymaster, in which he might have resided, if he had thought proper— besides it was his duty to have obtained the sanction of Government for such repairs, even if the House had belonged to the Company; so that in either Point of View his Claim must be rejected—

The Acting President informs the Board that he perfectly recollects his Promise of making favorable mention of Mr Johnston to the Court of Directors in case the final report upon that Gentleman's Accounts were such as to justify the recommendation. The final Report was unfavorable; and Mr Johnston of course has no claim to the recommendation— Agreed therefore to inform him that the former resolution of the Board must stand until the pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Symes

To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary &c.

Sir,

I am honored with your Letter of the 15th Instant, by Order of the Honble Board, directing me to make good

From Lieut. Symes — representing the circumstances which have prevented his collecting from the Bazar People the sums advanced on account of supplies — and requesting that the Board will be pleased to protract their Order for Repayment of the same, 'till the conclusion of the War.

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good the sum of Star Pagodas 4743. 42. by payment thereof
to the Military Pay Master General

In order to account for the original
expenditure of the Public Money in a manner for which
no rules or regulations has hereto been established
improper to mention to the Board the state of the Publick
Bazars at the time when I was ordered to take upon me
the charge of them, at Trichinopoly, in the Month of
May 1790, a few days previous to the March of the
Army into the Enemy's Country -

At the period I have mentioned the
Southern Territories were in the possession of His
Highness the Nabob Walaujah, and not subject to the
Controul of the Company's Servants or Collectors, even
the Bazars, which supplied the Army, were rented by
the Nabob's Sons - who acted as Ammaldars of the
district of Trichinopoly. These Bazars were confined,
as much as possible, within the Walls of the Fort
whilst only a few insignificant Shops were suffered
to pitch in the lines of the Encampment, as many
as were barely sufficient to answer the retail
consumption of each day -

In this state I found Matters, when
ordered, in the Month of May 1790, to collect and
arrange Bazars for the supply of the Army about
to ...

to take the field and expected to march in the course of a few days, nor was the shortness of the notice the greatest difficulty I had to encounter. Obstacles were thrown in my way by the servants of the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore, who endeavoured, by every means in their power, to prevent the Merchants and Shopkeepers from leaving their districts and accompanying the Army to the field—

Under these disadvantages I found it indispensably necessary to make small advances of money to the Carriers and Merchants of the Country, to induce them to bring in a certain number of Bullocks at a stated period; this, tho' very trifling in comparison to the importance of the Object, yet acted as an inducement, and enabled me to accomplish, to the satisfaction of the Commander in Chief, and the furtherance of the service, what I in vain endeavoured, by every other means, to effect—

In the course of the Campaign the loss sustained by these people was uncommonly great; the marching of the Army in the Year 1790 is perhaps unparalleled both for rapidity and duration—added to which a distemper prevailed in the early part of the Campaign that swept off the Cattle of the Army by thousands, and

Colonel

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Colonel Floyd's retreat from Sullemungalam, with
the destruction of all his Bazars, aggravated the "
severity of their losses: from that period the Army was
constantly kept in motion, until the Month of "
January last, when it marched from the Southward
and encamped on the Vellaur. "

During the time of such fatigues,
and after losses such as I have enumerated, I hope the
Honble Board will not think me remiss in forbearing
early to press for the repayment of Sums which must
have distressed the individual who was contributing
towards the general Cause, and, in all probability,
injured the service by depriving him of future means
of exertion, the longest term of respite that the whole
Army experienced since the Commencement of the War
from the hardships of Marching, was during the few
days it lay encamped at Vellaur - when I was so "
unfortunate as to be confined to my bed from the "
effects of an Accident, which cause, together with the
very short halt the Army made, unavoidably obstructed
my endeavours to collect the several Sums advanced; of
which, I am pretty confident I shall be able hereafter
to obtain full restitution —

I have therefore, Sir, humbly to request
that the Honble Board will take these Circumstances
into

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into their Consideration, and remit their order for
repayment, until the Close of the War; when I hope
to be able to recover, for the Publick, the money I
advanced to forward the publick Service, as no Person
can be more Anxious than myself to render a
Satisfactory Account, or more solicitous than I am
to obviate any loss in the trust Committed to
my Charge —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. Symes.
Acto Superintendant of
Supplies.

Madras
20th September 1791.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Symes
that the Circumstances he has stated are not sufficient
to justify the Board in a Compliance with his
Request, and that he must therefore make good the
Sum for which he is held responsible, on or before the
1 day of November next.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Ganjam

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

From the Resident at Ganjam
submitting Bills presented
by Lieut Webber for the Hire
of Bullocks and Drivers
for the Conveyance of
Provisions for the use
of a Detachment employed
under his Command in
the Vellantrah Zemindary

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Herewith I have the honor to transmit
to

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to you a General Return of the Troops doing duty in the Tchapoor District for the Month of August, and Returns of Stores, of Garrison Ordnance, and of Light & Heavy Field Artillery on Deposite here, together with a Copy of the Journal of the Commettee of Stores for the same period —

Some days since the Snow Victorious Lt. C. Bagshaw Commander, with Company's Bullocks on Board, put into this Port in Distress for Water and Straw, which were supplied at the Company's Expence, and for which the Captain passed his Receipt in Triplicate One of which I have transmitted to the Government General and have now the honor to Enclose another to you — The Vessel proceeded on her Voyage on the 5th Instant.

I have the honor to submit to you certain Bills which have been presented to me by Lieut. Henry Weber for the Hire of twenty Bullocks and Drivers for the Conveyance of Rice and Provisions to a Detachment Commanded by him in the Pellanhah Zemindary from October 1790 to August 1791, a Period during which, from the failure of the Harvest in that and the Neighbouring Zemindaries, and from a disaffected Spirit prevailing among the Inhabitants, he represents he was unable to procure any supplies in the Vicinities of his Encampments, and was therefore necessitated to

Employ

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Employ these Bullocks, and to send them to a great
Distance, not only to bring rice for daily Consumption,
but to enable him to keep in Store and to Convey
so many days provision as the Exigencies of the
Service might render Expedient—

I considered it my Duty, before I
referred these bills to your Judgement to call on —
Lieutenant Webber for his reasons for not having
Indented to the Agent of the Bullock Contractors for
such Carriage as was proportioned to the Service
he was Employed on; he declared that he was
not informed that the terms of this Contract were
of such Extent, and that the Exigencies of the
Service on which he was Employed, and the very
safety of his Detachment urged to him the necessity
of such an immediate and positive resource as
should supersede even the possibility of delay.
Remains for me now to make
due Acknowledgements of the Zeal with which
Lieutenant Webber conducted the Service on —
which he was Employed, and to Recognize that
from the scarcity which prevailed in the —
Jellantrah and Neighbouring Zemindaries a
necessity Existed that Lieutenant Webber should
supply himself from a ..... distant Quarter;
and that even had the Inhabitants been better
affected

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affected to Government, and disposed to supply his Camp. It would have been commendable in him still to relieve their Distresses by drawing his provisions from more productive Districts — these, added to the reflection that an equal Expence would have been incurred had Lieut Webber indented to the Bullock Contractors — induces me to recommend these Bills to a favorable Audit.

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
&c &c
(Signed) H. Crawford

Jan/ann
23 September 1791.

Agreed to inform Mr Crawford that the Bills presented to him by Lieutenant Henry Webber for the Hire of Bullocks and Drivers for the Conveyance of Rice and Provisions to a Detachment Commanded by that Officer are very irregular; that if there were a Necessity for the Charge it was certainly incumbent upon Lieutenant Webber to have reported it to the Resident and to have obtained the Sanction of Government for its Continuance instead of which, he allows a Charge, unauthorized by the Regulations, to go on for ten Months, and,

during

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during that time, makes no report whatever: and that for this unwarrantable Omission Lieutenant Webber alone must be answerable —

The Acting President recommends

Horses arrived on the Ann and Eliza from Bengal to be delivered over to Colonel Floyd.

that the Horses arrived on the Ann and Eliza from Bengal be delivered over to Colonel Floyd.

Ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from

Mr Secretary Hay.

W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary at Fort St George.

From the Secretary at Bengal Instructions respecting the Cloathing for the Bengal Troops shipped on the Hercules.

Sir.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you —

A General Invoice of Cloathing for the Bengal Troops serving with the Army under the Command of Earl Cornwallis,

A Bill of Lading for the Number and Description of Bales and Boxes of Cloathing shipped on the Hercules Captain Falconer; also two Letters for Lieutenant Colo. Cockerell, and two for Major Woodburn.

The Cloathing is packed in

129 Bales and 17 Boxes, and consigned to you —

You

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You will observe that the Invoice specifies the Quantity in each Bale and Box for the several Battalions or Corps for which it is intended - Extracts from this Invoice, as far as they respectively concern the Artillery or Native Infantry having been sent with the Letters I have noted, to Major Woodburn and Lieutenant Colonel Cockrell, it will be therefore unnecessary for you to take the trouble of transmitting it or any Copy of it to the Army, unless either should be called for.

The Bales have been made up purposely for the greater convenience of Carriage after they arrive at Madras, - and you are requested to give Directions for dispatching them to the Army, without Delay, with any other Supplies that may be going to it. One of the Bales is supposed to be an easy Burthen for two Men, and two of them may, it is imagined, be carried by one Bullock.

I am instructed to mention that the Bills of Lading is for the full Complement of Clothing ordered for the Bengal Corps and corresponds with the General Invoice but that the Proportion for one of the Battalions of

Native

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Native Infantry (the 26th) is not yet on board the Hercules, should the Ship sail before this Part of the Cloathing is ready to be embarked it will be dispatched by one of the other Vessells under Orders to proceed to the Coast—

I have only to add that you are requested to acknowledge the Receipt of the Cloathing now sent as soon as may be convenient after it reaches your Presidency, and to mention the apparent state of the Bales in which it is packed

I have the honor to be,

Sir Your

(signed) E. Hay

Secy to the Govt

Fort William

16th August 1791.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to take charge of the Bengal Cloathing arrived on the Hercules and to forward it to Camp with the first Escort—

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary Orders and Resolutions upon the Letter from the Hon'ble Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 6th May 1791.—

General Letter from the Court of Directors in the Military Department under date 6th May 1791 Taken into consideration & Resolutions passed thereon.

Para 1 to 4 Require no remark.—

5 In consequence of the orders of the Hon'ble Court contained in this Paragraph the following

reply to the Letter received Ft Moughton. Reference to the 3d Paragraph of the Court's Letter dated 15th December last—

Comparing the several apparent states of Assistant Surgeons made in India to September 1790—

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Assistant Surgeons are now confirmed in their former Appointments

John King
John Macarthur
David Halliburton
James Barter
Edward Mackay
John Eastcrade

No Reply

6 . . . . . .

7 . . . The Board feel pleasure in having anticipated the wish of the Honble Court relative to Mr Jackson, and take this occasion of expressing their entire approbation of that Gentleman's capacity and diligence in the execution of his Office —

Mr Wm Jackson to succeed to the office of Military Secretary upon the first Vacancy

No Reply —

8 & 10 . . . . . .

Uniformity of System in the Military Accounts of the several Presidencies. Expectation that the Plan will take place on the 1st of May 1792

Representation entered in Consultation the 23d August, the Board resolved to defer the Execution of the Plan recommended from Bengal until the 1st day of January next Ordered that a Copy of the Paragraph of the Courts Letter be sent to the Committee for their Information —

Exercise of Reprisals in the Military Line Authorized in consequence of the War — intention to take place as soon as the Situations of Public Affairs shall justify it —

12 . . . The Orders contained in this Paragraph will be most strictly attended to at the conclusion of the present War —

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Referring to former Orders respecting the return to Europe of the Hanoverian Regiments - approving the Manner in which the Privates were re-enlisted.

13 Nuto no Remark at present

No Reply

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to sum to be repaired by General Musgrave,
in consequence of the Orders of the Honble Court
and that the General be afterwards called upon
to make the Repairs —

No Reply — — 29th

Respecting the claims of
sundry Privates of his
Majesty's Regiments for
Arrears —

30 Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph, with
the Enclosure referred to therein, be transmitted to
Colonel Harris for the Information of Major
General Medows —

Accounts between the
Crown & the Company
to be regularly sent
home —

31 Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent
to the Military Paymaster General, with whom
the future Arrangement of the Accounts between
the Crown and the Company is now left, and
that he be directed to lay before the Board the
Accounts which have been made up subsequent
to the 25th June 1789 that they may be transmitted
to England by the next opportunity —

No Reply — 32 & 33 ; — — — — — — — — — —

Colonel Capper's request
to be allowed a Pension
not complied with —

34 Copies to Colonel Capper —

Lieut Colonel Kingston's
opinion to be taken on
Mr Wilkes's charge for
Extra Servant —

35 Requires no observation at present

Lieut Whitlie and Mr
Gardener to be called upon
by the Court for the sums
respectively standing to their
Debit on the Superintendants
Books —

36 Requires no Remark

The Accounts stated
in Mr Farrington's Minute re-
specting Mr John Balfour's
Account to be strictly ex-
amined into — Pay and

37 & 38 Resolved that the Military Paymaster
General be directed to inform the Board
whether the Commission granted to Mr John
Balfour

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Enclosures of the Military Paymaster General to be inserted

Balfour was upon Sums actually refunded, or only brought back to the Company's Credit, and to report the Amount of the Refunds, to the present time, in consequence of such Audit—

As the Office of Civil Paymaster General was, during the time it was held by Mr Turing and still continues, annexed to that of Military Paymaster General, in order to make up, in some degree, the Deficiency of Emolument of the latter Appointment

It is resolved, that Mr Roebuck be called upon for an accurate Statement of the averaged Monthly Profits arising from those Employs, whether on account of the difference of Exchange, or in the Purchase or Provision of the various Articles supplied by the Civil Paymaster General, or in any other respect whatsoever—

No Reply

39 to 41.

42 Requires no Remark

A Medical Establishment completed by Appointments from home

No Reply —

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The Court's former opinion respecting the rank of Mr Surgeon Gahagan confirmed

46 The Board have only to observe upon this Paragraph that Mr Gahagan does take Rank, at present, of Mr Binny, agreeably to the Hon"ble Court's former Decision—

Military Stores sent to India —

47 & 48 Ordered that Copies of these Paragraphs be sent to the Military Board for their Information —

Determination upon Captain Agnews claim for Pay during his absence from India —

49 & 50 Ordered that a Copy of these Paragraphs be sent to the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

Mr Topping's Supplementary Paper will be submitted to the consideration of a Board of Artillery Officers —

51 Copy to Mr Topping

Major Wynch's Memorial replied to in the Political Department —

52 Requires no Remark in this Place

Ten Young Men sent out as Recruits on the Dublin, not to remove their Discharge —

53 The Orders contained in this Paragraph will be strictly attended to — Ordered that a Copy be sent to the Adjutant General and to the Town Major for their Information and Guidance —

Surgical Instruments sent to India — a Report to be made of their utility —

54 Agreed that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board, and that they be directed to make a particular Report as to the Utility of the Instruments sent

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sent out by the Honble Court—

Orders respecting the Pay &c. of a Detachment of the Royal Regiment of artillery coming to India—

55 — — Agreed that Copies of the Papers referred to in this Paragraph be sent to the — — Military Board with directions to draw out a Table of Pay and allowances to the — — Detachment of Royal Artillery coming to India conformable to the Arrangement — — stated by the Honble Court— Agreed also, that Copies be sent to the Comptroller — — General of Army Accounts— to the Military Paymaster General and to the Kings Deputy Paymaster General—

Claim of Captain Arthur Crawford on account of Cattle supplied the army during the last War—

56 — — Agreed that the Military Board be directed to report their Opinion upon Captain Crawfords Claim—

Mr William Lindsay appointed a Cadet for Fort St. George—

57 — — Mr Lindsay will be admitted on the — — Military Establishment upon his producing the proper Testimonials of his Caste—

Three Assistant Surgeons appointed.

58 — — Copy to the Hospital Board, for their Information

Further Orders respecting the Royal Artillery—

59 & 60 — — Copies of these Paragraphs to the — — Military Board &c— Vide Resolution upon the 55th Paragraph— and Copy of the 60th Paragraph to the Accountant General—

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61262. Messrs Macintosh and Clark will be admitted on the Military Establishment — provided they are not the Sons of Native Indians, and that they produce the proper — Certificates of their Ages ——

.. Chas Oakeley

.. Wm Petrie

.. J Huddlestons

Messrs Hugh Macintosh and James Clark appointed Cadets provided they are not the Sons of native Indians — Instructions of the Court upon that Point —

George Parry Secr