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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173

To the Secretary at Bengal with Extracts of the Invoice and Bill of Lading of Military Stores received per the Honorable Company's Ships Dublin.

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To the Hospital Board with the 54th Paragraph of the Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under Date the 6th May last desiring them to deliver in a particular Report of the Utility of the Instruments therein mentioned.

To the Hospital Board

To Ditto informing them that the Honorable Court of Directors have been pleased to confirm the Appointments of Messrs. King, Macarthur, Haliburton, Barter, Mackay, and Casterade.

To Ditto

To the Master Attendant specifying the Cargo of the Lovely Hannah, and desiring him either to proceed on board himself, or send his Deputy to superintend the Disembarkation, in order that it may be ascertained that her Tonnage has been wholly appropriated to the Public Service.

To the Master Attendant

To the Military Board with the 55th 59th & 60th Paragraphs of the Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 6th May last; desiring them to lay the

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before the Board a Table of Pay and Allowances &c.ª to the Detachment of Royal Artillery coming to India conformably to the Arrangement stated by the Honorable Court.—

To Ditto with the 56 Paragraph of the

To Ditto.

Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 6 May last, desiring them to report their Opinion upon Captain Crawford's Claim referred to therein.—

To the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations.

To the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations—with the 51 Paragraph of the Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 6 May last.—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board—with the 67 & 68 Dº Dº

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General—with the 31 Paragraph of the Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 6 May last, desiring them to lay before the Board as soon as possible the Accounts between the Crown and the Company made up subsequent to the 25 June 1789, that they may be transmitted to England by the next Opportunity.—

To the Civil and Military Paymaster General.

To the Civil and Military Paymaster General desiring them to state the Amount to the present Time, of the Refunds in consequence of Mr. Balfour's Audit, and whether the Commission drawn by that Gentleman was upon Sums actually refunded, or only

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only brought back to the Company's Credit - directing him also to lay before the Board an Accurate Statement of the averaged total Monthly Profits arising from the Employs of Civil and Military Paymaster General.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts - enclosing the 34 Paragraph of the Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 6th May last -

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts -

To D° with the 49th & 50th ..... D° ..... D°

To D° ..... To ... D° ..... 55th ..... " ..... "

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General with the ..... 55th ..... D° ..... D°

To ... D° ..... 30th ..... " ..... "

To D° .....

To the Astronomer & Marine Surveyor

To the Astronomer & Marine Surveyor with the ..... 51st ..... D° ..... D°

To the Persian & Maratta Translators

To the Persian and Maratta Translators with the ..... 44th ..... D° ..... D°

To the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops

To the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops with the 33d ..... D° ..... D°

To the Hospital Board -

To the Hospital Board with the ..... 58th ..... D° ..... D°

To the Adjutant General

To the Adjutant General with the ..... 24th ..... D° ..... D°

To ... D° ..... To ... D° ..... 53d ..... D° ..... D°

To the Town Major

To the Town Major with the ..... 53d ..... D° ..... D°

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To the Honorable Major General Medows
Governor in Council

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Honorable Sir,

We have the Honor to lay before

From the Board of Revenue recommending that the Grains at Poonamalee and Tupassore be sold off for the relief of the Inhabitants - reporting some Circumstances relative to the Detention of the Nabob's Elephants at Cuddalore

you Copy of a representation from the Collector in the Northern Division of the Jaghire, and submit the expediency of selling off the Grain stored in the Forts of Tupassore, and Poonamalee in order to relieve the distress of the Inhabitants as reported by Mr. Clerke. -

The Nabob having stated to our President, that his Elephants had been stopped in the Cuddalore Districts for Duties, Contrary to all former Custom, he Ordered immediate Instructions to be sent to the acting Resident at Cuddalore to allow them to pass free of Duties, Copies of the Orders given to our President by his Highness, and the Answer of Mr. Dashwood on the Subject, We have the Honor to lay before you for your Information, whit thereby appears to

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the Nabobs Elephants have not hitherto been exempted from Duties as asserted by him.—

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W.m Petrie
" T. Oakes
" W.m Oram
" Geo.s Moubray.

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William Petrie Esq.re
President &c.a Members of the,
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

The Rice in Tripassore, Ponary &
Pedapollam, and Poonamalee, being inadequate to
the daily consumption of those Districts, I have to
request that your Honorable Board will please to
represent to Government the immediate necessity for
selling off the Grain stored in the Forts of Tripassore
and Poonamalee in Order to Relieve the distress of
the Inhabitants.—

When I had the honor to receive your
Orders of 21 June last, to deliver Over to the Commissary
the Grain deposited in the abovementioned Forts, &
the Bazars were abundantly supplied by the Carnatic
Merchants,

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Merchants, who have, for some time past, carried their Grain to Camp, which, together with the want of Seasonable rains, has occasioned the present Scarcity.-

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) John Clerk
Collector. S. D. J.

Trivalore
22d. September 1791

A true Copy
(signed) Wm Harington Secy

Translation

of an Arzee from the Dorga of the Elephants Amod Ally Cawn, Dated 7th Moharum 1206 Hegery.-

I went this day to the Commander of Cuddalore, and requested of him Orders to let the Elephants pass - to which he answered with you pay the Duty of this District, I cannot let them pass to which I told him you must have received Letter from the Governor of Madras to let them pass, besides I have Mr. Landon's Orders for that purpose, and why must you cause this delay - to which the Commander Answered, the Letter were for Mr Landon, and the Order is not for me to let pass the Elephants therefore I cannot, unless you pay the Duty, to

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which I argued with him a great deal, and said, it is understood that the Company and the Nabob are one, and that whenever the Company had purchased any Elephants, the Circar never demanded Duty, and Elephants belonging to the Nabob very often had passed this Road, never did the Company's People demanded duty, nor have they stopped them so. therefore it is not in my power, without measure, to follow this new Method - to the Nabob's Order, to which the Commander answered with a smile, make this known to the Nabob, so that I may receive a Letter from the Governor to let the Elephants pass -

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. H. Harington Secy

Translation

Extract of a Letter from Mowne Aslum Cawn and Amad Ally Cawn Dorgas of the Elephants -

I have delivered the Governor's letter to Mr. Landon Tinanall Collector, for the purpose of passing the Elephants duty free, that moment he gave an Order for that purpose, and said he would also write to the Commander of Cuddalore, the next day

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day he /sc Mr Landon/ said, that he had wrote to the Commander who said, he would not let the Elephants go without the duty.— On the 5th of Moharum the the Commander's Gomastah, and a Bramany came and said that they have their Master's direction to Measure the Elephants, for the purpose of Knowing the Amount of the Duty, to which We Answered, that several time a Number of Elephants had passed Cuddalore Road, it was never a Customs to Measure the Elephants belonging to the Circar, to which the Gomastah Answered, that if the Order had the Signature of the Governor he would let it pass, but as there is none, therefore they cannot let it go without we pay the duty.—

A true Copy

/Signed/ Wm. Harington
Secy

William Harington Esqre

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 16 instant, with its enclosures, and Request you will be pleased to acquaint the President of the Board of Revenue, I have issued Orders for the Nabob's Elephants to pass without praying Customs — I did not conceive myself authorized to comply with

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with this before, having received no directions, and particularly as the Nabobs Elephants had formerly paid a duty to the Renters on their passing through the Tevandaporam District.

I have also the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 14th Instant, and to inform you that I shall forward without delay the Statements therein required respecting the Port duties.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Robert Dashwood

Cuddalore
19th September 1791

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm Harrington
Secretary.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry representing the Difficulty of procuring Rice at that Place.—

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Letter to Major General Abercromby relative to the Supply of bullocks which you have been pleased to make for the use of this Army, the General having quitted Tellicherry a few days previous

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previous to its Arrival He embarked on the Intrepid cruizer for Bombay on the 28th Ultimo, and is expected to return, to resume the Command of the Bombay troops, as soon as the affairs of the Presidency will admit.—

We are sorry it is not in our power to procure any number of Bullock drivers at this Factory, for We have ever experienced in Malabars such an inexpressible attachment to their Native Country that their Services can never be depended on when employed without their own limits — For this Reason we have thought it advisable to refer Your Letter to Bombay & hope to be furnished with the requisite Numbers by that Government.—

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Robert Taylor

Laurence Shaw

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Pondicherry
7th September 1791.—

24th Sent the following Letter.—

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To Major General Musgrave

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

Having received from Lord Cornwallis a particular Statement of the Articles wanted for the Re-equipment of the Army and the Number of Bullocks required for their Conveyance, We think it necessary to desire you will not exceed the Provision here applied for, unless where your own Judgment shall suggest it as advisable.-

To the Military Board a Statement of Articles wanted for the re-equipment of the Army and the Number of Bullocks required for their Conveyance Orders on the Subject.-

We desired, in our Letter of the 22d. Inst:, that you would pay attention to the estimate delivered by Lieutenant Colonel Gels, but as We do not find Lord Cornwallis has referred to any other Standard than his own Account, and as his Lordship has prefaced the departure of the Stores on or before the 1st. October, you are, in consequence, to be guided solely or

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by that Statement.—

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24th. September 1791.—

We are &c. &c.
/signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

To Captain Flint
Commanding at
Tiagar.

Sir,

To Captain Flint desiring from Attoor until he has an immediate Prospect of getting Possession of the Fort Plan without Cannon.—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 17th Instant, and to inform you, that, as the Board have not the means of furnishing you with Cannon, you are to send back the Battalion &c. commanded by Captain Stuart and the 30 Thirty Europeans to Trichinopoly, and return to Tiagar with the rest of the Detachment, provided you see no immediate Prospect of getting Possession of the Fort of Attoor.—

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25. October 1791.—

I am, &c. &c.
/signed/ Wm. C. Jackson
Secretary

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions - recommending that hired Carts be employed in conveying to Vellore such of the Military Stores as cannot be transported by the Company's Cattle now at the Presidency -

From the Secretary to the Military Board - enclosing Copy of a corrected Return of the Stores & Captures at Bangalore, and other Papers relating to the Indent for Stores made on the Supreme Government. -

From the Commander of the private Ship Henry - stating that the Loss of the Cattle on board his Ship was occasioned by the Stormy Weather he experienced on his Passage from Bengal. -

From D. stating that the Detention of his Ship was occasioned solely by the want of Boats. -

From D. stating that the Henry will not be ready for Sea by the 26th Instant. -

From the Paymaster at Tuticorin advising of his having stopped Major Shorts Temporary

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temporary Allowance Chitts to the Amount of Pags. 1442.23
and desiring to know if he is to issue Bills on the H.
Military Paymaster General, in favor of the Collectors, to
the Amount of Advances received from them.—

From the Commandant at Ongole requesting
to know if he is to recall the party detached from that
place to Nellore for the purpose of escorting Meh day
Ally Khan to the Mysore Country.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as
entered in M. B. Nos. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189.

To Major General Musgrave enclosing
a Letter addressed to the Board by Major Spens of His
Majesty's 73d Regiment, and informing him that a
Bedding has never been allowed to Troops going from
Post to Post in India.—

To Do. informing him that the Bombay
Draughts are to proceed to Campt with the Battering
Guns, and that the 12 Lacks of Rupees are to go
off at the same time.—

To the Accountant General desiring him
to state the sum due to Captain now Major for
Batta of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light
Dragoons, on Account of Gratuity.—

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To the Collectors in the Northern Division of Arcot Province and in the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Jaghire directing them to lay up as much Straw as possible at the different Stages on the Road from Madras to Amboor.—

To the Collectors in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province and in the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Jaghire.—

To the Deputy Judge Advocate South of the Coleroon desiring him not call upon Mr. Dashwood to attend the Trial of Captain Lieut. Brudenell until such Time as his presence may be absolutely necessary.—

To the Deputy Judge Advocate South of the Coleroon.—

To the Acting Resident at Cuddalore directing him to attend the Trial of Captain Lieutenant Brudenell whenever he may be summoned by the Deputy Judge Advocate, and to transmit him, in the mean Time, a List of the Evidences necessary to support his Charge against that Officer.—

To the Acting Resident at Cuddalore.—

To the Hospital Board desiring them to instruct one of the Assistant Surgeons doing Duty at Poonamalee to proceed with the Detachment ordered to march shortly from that Place to the Presidency.—

To the Hospital Board.—

To the Paymaster at Ongole informing him that he will be allowed ten Pagodas P Month on Account of House Rent, so long as he shall remain unprovided with

To the Paymaster at Ongole

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with Quarters.—

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions informing him that he will receive Instructions from the Military Board regarding the Number of Bullocks & that will be required for the Stores to be sent to Amboor, and that if the Board wish that any Deficiency there may be of Company's Bullocks should be supplied by Hired Carts.—

To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

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Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C.C. v. 229) representing the Amount of Sums drawn for and received by His Highness on Account of the Collections from Tinnevelly and informing him that no further Payments can be made until the Company's Share of the Revenue shall have been realized in Proportion requesting to know of all Applications from His Highness's Son Omdut ul Omrah are to be considered in the same Light as if they has come direct from himself.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.—

Sent the following Letters.—

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

To Lord Cornwallis during the Arrival of the Chiefs for the Bengal Troops and of the Board's intention of remarking the Remarks for the Regulations of the adalut Court and the Honble Company's order on the Petitions Claims for Lands resumed by Government or given in Inam to Persons entitled to hereditary Inam—

We have been honored by the receipt of your Lordship's Letters dated the 17th 18th & 19th Instant

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We have desired General Musgrave to make the necessary arrangement respecting the dismounted Cavalry, and to attend to your Lordship's wishes in regard to the Rank of the Cavalry Officers to proceed with the Troopers, that there may be no interference with the Situation of Captain Read and Lieutenant Cuppage

Your Lordship will have been informed by our Letter of the 15th Instant that five Companies of the 8th Battalion of Native Infantry had been ordered to proceed immediately to Amboor.—

We hope by the 1st of the ensuing month every Article will have left the Presidency which your Lordship requires from hence for the re-quipment of the Army.—

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that the Cloathing for the Bengal Troops in Camp arrived from Calcutta a few Days ago, and will be forwarded to the Army with the first Escort.—

The Recruits arrived from England for the 73d & 75th Regiments will be embarked, before the end of the present Month, for Tellicherry on the Private Ship Henry Captain Wheatley.—

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We take the liberty of enclosing, for your Lordship's Information, Copy of a Letter from our Collector at Tinnevelly, stating that the Cattle so required for General Abercromby's Army, would, he had no doubt, reach Paliganteherry by the 20th of the ensuing Month - Your Lordship will observe that the Collector has recommended that Captain & Lieutenant Torin should be permitted to proceed with and take Charge of the Cattle during their Continuance with the Bombay Army, a measure which we have concurred in, subject to your Lordship's Approbation -

Having called upon Captain Flint to state whether he thought the Plan which he had communicated to General Medows was still practicable, he acquainted us that he believed it might be easily accomplished by Escalade, with a Battalion of Sepoys - We accordingly sent to his Assistance the 25th Battalion & 30 Europeans from Trichinopoly - but, having since learnt from him that the Fort could not be reduced without Cannon, (which we has not the means of furnishing), we directed him to return, if he saw no immediate Prospect of getting Possession of the Place - We enclose a Copy of his

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his last Letter, and have the Honor to be,

with great respect & Esteem,

&c.a &c.a

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[Signed] Charles Oakeley
Ft. Council

To. Major General. Musgrave

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

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis having recommended
that one hundred and fifty of the dismounted Troopers
should be sent to take Post at Tripatore, for the Purpose
of protecting the Country in the Neighbourhood of
Amboor, and that two hundred should proceed to
Colar, to act under the immediate Orders of Captain
Alexander Read, I am directed by the Honorable
the President in Council to desire you will be
pleased to issue the necessary Orders conformably to
his Lordship's Recommendation.—

To Major General Musgrave
Sundry requesting the dismounted
Troopers to be stationed at Tripatore
and your Captain Alexander Read's
Detachment & Lieutenant Delmonte's
application cannot be complied with

I am also to inform you that it is the
wish of Lord Cornwallis that no Cavalry Officer whose
Rank is Superior to Lieutenant Cuppage (Commanding
at Amboor in the Absence of Captain Read,) shall proceed
with the dismounted Troopers to Tripatore or Colar—

You will be pleased to inform Lieutenant
Delmonte that his application for an exchange

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with Lieutenant Grant cannot be complied with—

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

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[Signed] W.C. Jackson

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To the Honble. Major Genl. Abercromby

or in his Absence to the Officer Commanding the Troops

at Tellicherry

Honorable Sir,

To Major General Abercromby reporting the progress made in the Collection of Bullocks for his Corps—Captain Lieutenant Torin to remain in charge of them if returned this Presidency—

We have the Pleasure to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Collector at Tinnevelly stating that the Carriage Bullocks required for your Army will be at Paliganut Ferry in the Course of the ensuing Month.— Captain Lieutenant Torin will proceed with, and, if you approve, take charge of the Cattle while they remain with the Bombay Army

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We have the Honor to be,

&c &c

[Signed] Charles Oakeley

&c Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206

To the Hospital Board. enclosing Copy of

To the Hospital Board— a Letter from Mr. Wright Assistant Surgeon, and

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desiring them to state whether his Claim to an Allowance of Ten Pagodas p Month on Account of Servants be well founded.-

To Mr. Samuel Johnston- stating the different Grounds on which his Claim to reimbursement on

To Mr. Samuel Johnston.-

account of Repairs to the House now occupied by the Collector at Trichinopoly must necessarily be rejected; informing him that the Arrears due to him previous to the Date of his Suspension will be discharged; and that the Reports of the Committees upon his Accounts having confirmed the Board's former Judgement they could not propose to the Court of Directors any Alteration in his Circumstances

To Captain Lieutenant Torin- informing him that the Board have consented to his taking Charge of the Bullocks for General Abercromby's Army- desiring him to take particular Care that they be supplied with sufficient Forage and Good Water on the Road, and to pay implicit Obedience to the Orders of Major General Abercromby

To Captain Lieutenant Torin

To the Collector at Tinnevelly- expressing the Board's Satisfaction at the Success which has attended his Cautions in collecting Bullocks for General Abercromby's Army

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Army - and informing him that Captains Lieutenant Torin may proceed with the Cattle, and continue in Charge of them, after they join the Bombay Army if General Abercromby have no objection -

To the Paymaster at Tanjore -

To the Paymaster at Tanjore informing him that whilst the Revenue Battalions are on Garrison doing the Duty of Regulars and receiving Pay as such, they must be included in the Garrison Charges, and the Amount disbursed on their Account reported to the Military Paymaster General -

To the Board of Assumed Revenue -

To the Board of Assumed Revenue advising of the Orders given to the Paymaster at Tanjore respecting Sebbendies doing Garrison duty &c. enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore and desiring that Mr. Gentleman may be furnished with every Information regarding the Accounts of the Tanjore Country -

To D.

To D. Resolutions of the Board respecting the Collections made by the Nabob in the Nellore District for Fasley 1200 last previous to the Establishment of the Company's Authority at that Place - desiring them to report their opinion upon an Application from the Nabob for a further allowance on Account of the Collections from the Tinnevelly District

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To the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - informing him that the Storekeeper at Chingleput may be permitted to sell off the Grain stored at that Place in the Year 1788. -

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions -

To the Resident at Ingeram - desiring him to draw upon the Military Paymaster General for the Amount of the Freight paid to the Commander of the Brig Minia for an Account of the Bengal Stores shipped on that Vessel. -

To the Resident at Ingeram -

To the Town Major desiring him to deliver over to Colonel Floyd the Horses landed from the Ann and Eliza. -

To the Town Major -

To Lieutenant Colonel Floyd enclosing Copies of Letters from several Collectors respecting Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters, and desiring him to state whether the extra Pay offered these People by Mr. Henderley can be confirmed by him -

To Lieutenant Colonel Floyd

To Captain Wahab informing him that his Request for double full Batta cannot be complied with. -

To Captain Wahab

To the Military Board desiring them to send to the Army as many Store---Lascars as can possibly be spared from Fort St. George and the other Garrisons in the Carnatic. -

To the Military Board -

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To Lieutenant Symes informing him that

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the Board cannot comply with the Request contained in his Letter of the 20th. Instant, and that the Sum for which he is held responsible must be forthcoming on or before the 1st. November next.

To the Resident at Ganjam informing him

To the Resident at Ganjam.

that in consequence of Lieutenant Webber's Inattention to the Regulations of the Service he must be answerable for the Amount of the Hire of Bullocks and Drivers for the Conveyance of Rice &c. returning the Bills presented by that Officer.

To Major General Musgrave desiring him

To Major General Musgrave.

to report his Opinion upon a Plan suggested by Mr. Macleod for Stationing three Companies of Sepoys and a Gun in the Amicove District.

To the Collector at Madura informing him

To the Collector at Madura.

that the Explanation he has given respecting the Grain Seized by the Storekeeper is by no means satisfactory, and desiring him to investigate the Business fully, and report to the Board the result, with his opinion thereon.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Received Letter from the Nabob as entered in C.C. No. 230 requesting that Bannauze may be ordered to keep up the Establishment of Troopers now in his Service.

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Received the following Letters

Hospital Board
26th. September 1791.—

From the Hospital Board recommending that Mr. Dunbar be ordered to do Duty at the General Hospital at the Presidency and Mr. Steddy at Poonamalee, that Mr. Inglis be removed from the 4th to the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry, and that Mr. Wright be ordered to accompany the Detachment to embark for Tellicherry on the Hanny—enclosing Copies of Papers relating to a Complaint exhibited by Sir Richard Strachan of the Badness of Provisions issued to the Sick in the General Hospital.—

Mr. George Dunbar and Mr. John Steddy having arrived with the Appointments of Assistant Surgeons from the Honorable Court of Directors, the Hospital Board recommend that

Approved — Mr. Dunbar be ordered to do duty at the General Hospital, and Mr. Steddy be appointed to Poonamalle until further Orders.—

Mr. Batty, Assistant Surgeon with the 3d. Regiment of Cavalry, having Requested permission to resign his Appointment to that Regiment being unable from Sickness to go on Field Service,—

Approved — The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. John Inglis be removed from the 4th. to the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry.—

The Board have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 25th. Instant directing that an Assistant Surgeon may be Ordered to proceed with the Troops that

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Approved.-

That marched from Pannamallee this Morning; they have ordered Mr. Wright Assistant Surgeon to join the Detachment immediately, and proceed with them till he joins his Battalion at Amboor; They have also directed their Secretary to desire Mr. Gahagan to order an Assistant Surgeon from Vellore to proceed with the Detachment to Campe.-

The Hospital Board have the Honor to forward to Government Copies of Letters from Sir Richard Strachan complaining of the badness of the Victuals given to the Seamen in the General Hospital; the Board having transmitted Copies of them to the Surveyor General, have likewise the honor of enclosing a Copy of his Answer upon reference to Mr. Duffin Head Surgeon of the Hospital, he declares he knows of no cause of Complaints.-

/Signed/ James Anderson
Physician General.-
Willm Raine
Actg Chief Surgeon
Willm Duffin
Head Surgeon.

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To The Medical Board

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In consequence of a Conversation I had with Sir Charles Oakeley, Relative to the Seamen and Marines belonging to His Majesty's Squadron now at the Hospital he recommended to me to apply to you respecting their treatment which the enclosed Copy of a letter will disclose and I have to request you will please to take the necessary measures for remedying the Grievance. –

I am, &c. &c.

/Signed/ R. Strachan. –

Phœnix
Madras Roads
21st. September 1791. –

A true Copy
And.w Berry
Secy to Cmr. in Ch.

To Richard Strachan Bart

Senior Officer &c. &c.

Madras

Sir,

Inclosed I beg leave to transmit you the Return of Seamen and Marines belonging to His Majesty's Ships that have been Discharged Dead, or Run from the Hospital, between the 19th and 23. Instant. I am sorry to be under the necessity of representing the Complaints of many of the Men, of the Badness of the Meat Supplied them, and think that, from what was

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shewn me this morning, their Complaint not unjust.-

Ariel - Madras
September 23. 1791.

I am, &c. &c.
/signed/ J.W. Bazely
Junr.

A true Copy
/signed/ Andw. Berry
Secy: to H. B.

Andrew Berry Esqr.
Secretary to the Hospital Board.

Sir,

I was not a little astonished at the receipt of your letter accompanying a complaint from Sir R. Strachan that the Seamen in Hospital are badly victualled, being the first intimation of the kind I have had - I am satisfied in my own mind that there does not exist the smallest foundation for any Complaint whatever - nor is it possible bad provisions can be served out to the Seamen, for I see it myself at the Hospital and it is afterwards shewn to the Surgeon who is in charge of them every morning before it is dress'd, in order to prevent the possibility of complaint - the Victuals served to the Seamen is the same as served to the Company's people in Hospital; and I will venture to affirm it is not possible to

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to procure better - I applied to Mr. Duffin the Head Surgeon of the Hospital on the Subject and to Mr. Baillie who is in charge of the Seamen. -

When Captain Sutton was here, in consequence of a complaint which was proved to be totally confounded I proposed that an Officer from the Fleet should see the Provisions daily, but he was so perfectly satisfied with them, having often inspected them himself, that he did not think it necessary - If any Captain Bagely never saw the victuals before it was dressed, or at the time it was served out or he would not have thought there was any reason for Complaint - I beg leave to mention the cause from whence I conceive this Complaint has arisen - Mr. Duffin the Head Surgeon has given positive Order that no man in Hospital shall be paid Sanams in lieu of provision; this order is strictly observed; but the Seamen, wishing to get Sanams, instead of Meat, in order to procure Arrack with it, have taken this mode of revenging themselves for the strict adherence to the Surgeons orders; & by keeping the meat in the Ward nearly a day, Produce the same

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to the Captain - when he visits the Hospital -
I leave you Gentlemen to form a judgement of the
appearance meat must have after being nearly
24 hours in the Sick Ward of an Hospital. -

I hope the above will be a sufficient
explanation. -

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Joseph Garrow.
Purveyor General

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/A true Copy/
/Signed/ And.w Berry
Secy H. B.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Council

Sir,

Fort St. George

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to request that you will obtain an order for thirty Bullock Carts, each of them four bullocks each & a complement of spare Cattle and drivers to be delivered to Messrs Porter and Redhead, his Lordship's Agents at Madras, for the purpose of conveying supplies from thence to the Army for the use of the Commander in Chief

From the private Secretary to the Governor General Requisition from Capt. and D. Bullocks to be supplied to Messrs Porter & Redhead. -

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I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Henry Haldane
A.D.C.

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To W.m Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary to the Military & Secret Department.

From the Collector at Tennevelly 10,000 Bullocks will be ready to proceed on the 7.th October from Dendigul to Pattygaulsherry —

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 15.th Instant, informing me that the Escort is ordered to march to Dendigul — and placed under the Orders of Major Cuppage, who is to provide for the safe conveyance of the Cattle; and desiring me to inform the Major of the time they will be collected — I have in consequence written to Major Cuppage that 10,000 Bullocks will be ready to proceed on the 7.th from Dendigul and shall take the necessary measures to that End. —

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ Benj.a Torin

Collector. —

Tennevelly
22.d September 1791

To W.m C. Jackson, Esq.r

Secretary of the Military Department

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General — Estimate of Camp Equipage to be sent to Amboor by the first Escort — remarks on the improper Construction of the Tents now in use —

Lord Cornwallis, in the hope that the supply of Camp Equipage which he requested, some time ago, might be forwarded for the use of the Army, from the Presidency to Amboor, will be there for

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delivery by the time the next Convoy leaves that Garrison for Camp, has thought proper to publish to the Army the enclosed General Order, which he wishes you to lay before Government, in order that the Opinion of the Military Board may be obtained respecting the Prices at which the Tents of different descriptions are to be issued. His Lordship's Ideas on the subject are, that the Tents should be delivered to the Officers at the same rates they could have them made up for by Private Agency, or otherwise, in the Carnatic, and that even should the Company sustain any loss by such a disposal of their Camp Equipage, their inconvenience might be well compensated under the present regulations, by the ready accomodation derived, in consequence, to the Troops, at a time when they should proceed on Service in the fullest state of Equipment.

Should it be found impossible to have the requesite proportion of Camp Equipage at Amboor so early as the time already mentioned, His Lordship wishes you to signify his earnest desire to the Honorable Board, that measures may be taken to ensure its being there in time to join the Army along with the Cavalry Regiments which

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which he would hope will be ordered to proceed from the Carnatic at the period he has formerly signified

His Lordship having expressed in his Orders the strongest objections to the Sepoy Private Tent now generally in use upon the Coast, the serious inconveniences of which, he has experienced on important occasions of Service, and which without Elephant or Camel Carriage is absolutely useless, recommends it to the consideration of Government, that no more Tents of this description should, on any account, be made for the public, and that before the Honorable Board conclude any future Contract for supplying Camp Equipage, they cause to the different Tents now employed, to the inspection of the Military Board, with instructions directing them to present to Government a pattern Tent of each description of convenient weight and dimensions, necessary for the several Ranks, European and Native, in order that no Tent should be issued from the Stores, that cannot be conveniently carried, whether on horseback, by means of common Serviceable Bullocks

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The enclosed Statement of Camp Equipage shews the proportion of Tents of each sort which His Lordship wishes to be at Amboor, as near as possible, exclusive of the number of each description required there to answer the Indents from Commanding Officers who have engaged for the Tents and Stores of their Corps respectively and as it is supposed that there is a quantity of Camp Equipage ready for delivery at Vellore, he would hope that the greater part of the present supply will be furnished conveniently from that Garrison.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed B. Close
Dep.y Adjutant Gen.l

Head Quarters
Camp 5 Miles Easterly
from Bangalore
20. September 1791.—

Head Quarters Camp at Bagur 18th Sept.r 1791

Extract from General Orders By Earl Cornwallis

The Commanding Officers of Corps in general belonging to the Army in the Field who have engages for the Tents and Stores of the Regiments & Battalions respectively, on application

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stand in need of a fresh supply of Camp Equipage,
and, at the same time, experience some difficulty
in getting their wants in this respect promptly
complied with, the Commander in Chief, in
consideration hereof and of the Advanced period
of the Season, and the inconveniences the Troops
may be exposed to, if not immediately furnished
with the proper complement of good Tents, sufficiently
new to last them during the ensuing operations, has
ordered a considerable proportion of Camp Equipage,
including Tents of every description, to be sent,
for the use of the Army, from the Presidency to
Amboore, where they will soon be in readiness for
delivery, — and, in consequence, recommends it to
Commanding Officers situated as above, to
Indent forthwith on Mr. Torrians, Storekeeper
at Vellore and Amboor, for the number of Tents
of each description they may require, which will
be issued to them at a fair Price, to be settled hereafter
by the Military Board. —

Officers who avail themselves of this proposal
are directed to send Carriage for the Tents they Indent
for,

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26 Sent to Amboor, along with the Detachment destined to proceed thither from Bangalore in the Course of a few days, and as the Private Sepoy Tent now generally in use, is found extremely inconvenient, from being more than a common Bullock Load when dry, and scarcely to be carried when wet, it is strongly recommended that the Private Tent, may be indented for in its stead, a large proportion of Tents of this description being provided purposely to answer such demand

All Indents for Tents on Mr Lorieans are to be Countersigned by the Quarter Master General

/Signed/ B. Close
Depy Asst Gen.l

Statement of Tents required to be sent to Amboor immediately for the Service of Officers & Corps of the Army supplied by the Publick. — Camp near Bangalore 20th Sept. 91

Commander in Chief Tents.	Field Officers Tents.	Private European Tents.	Native Corps Tents.
1.	15.	500.	50.

N.B. The Commander in Chief's Tent has been wrote for to the Military Storekeeper of Fort St. George. — /Signed/ Jno. Richardson D.M.G.

This Statement could not be formed until after the Arrival of the Camp Equipage in Camp Yesterday from Amboor, as no return of the Numbers and description of the above Tents had been received from the Carnatic. —

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Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore &c

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

/ a entered in C.C. N° 231 / expressing the Board's satisfaction at the Agreement he has entered into for liquidating his Proportion of the Expences of the War.—

Rec'd the undermentioned Letters &c &c entered in Mis. N°. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214 215.—

From the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors

From the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors representing the Number of applications he has ineffectually made to Bengal for Invoices of the Spirits that have been sent from that Presidency to the Coast, and enclosing a list of such as are particularly required.—

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province—

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province stating that he has been obliged to agree to pay the Housekeepers &c entertained to serve with the Army, at the Rate of two Pagodas p Month, and the Grass Cutters, at one and a half.—

From the Commandant at Arnee

From the Commandant at Arnee stating that the Saghiredar uses every means in his Power to prevent the Bazars being properly supplied and that his Conduct, in other Respects, is very disrespectful and improper.—

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From the Master Attendant stating that, e
From the Master attendant — except the Quantity of Grain necessary for the use
of the Ship, the Tonnage of the Cornwallis has been
wholly appropriated to the public Service —

From Colonel De Wangenheim requesting
From Colonel De Wangenheim — that the English Assistant Surgeons at Arnee may
not interfere in the Case of the Hanoverian &
Invalids stationed at that Place, and that e
Orders may be given for complying with the
Indent for Medicines of the Hanoverian
Surgeon's Mate. —

From the Commandant at Tamboor &
From the Commandant at Tamboor — advising of his Intention to forward the Box
containing Muslins of Sugar by the first &
safe Opportunity. —

From the Garrison Storekeeper — stating that
From the Garrison Storekeeper. — the Commander of the Cornwallis has gone
board Ship without settling his Account. —

From Captain Lieutenant Boswell requesting
From Capt. Lieut. Boswell. — that the Arrears of Pay &c. due to him may be
immediately discharged — and Complaining of the
Mode of Procedure adopted & pursued against him. —

From the Commandant at Tiruchenopoly &
From the Commandant at Tiruchenopoly. — the 5th Battalion Native Infantry marches from
that Place for Dendegul on the 22d Instant. —

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Sent two Letters to the Nabob as entered in C.C. Nº 232. 233 - the former requesting to know whether a Claim made upon His Highness on Account of Arrears of Pay &c. due to Captain Everett be just - the latter requesting His Highness to give orders to the Jaghiredar of Chittoor to convey to Bangalore all the Grain that can be Collected in his Jaghire -

Substance of two Letters to the Nabob -

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 27th Sept. 1791 -

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqrs

The Honorable Major General Medows

Absent upon Service -

Read the following Letter from the Lord Cornwallis -

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President and Council,

Fort St. George

Gentlemen -

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter that I received from Lieutenant Colonel Stuart in behalf of himself and of the other

Officers

From Lord Cornwallis with Copy of an application from the Officers in Command of Corps and Brigades in the Field for an Allowance of Forage &c. communicating the Sentiments thereon -

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Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades in this Army; and, from my Knowledge of the numerous expences to which they are unavoidably exposed in the discharge of their public Duties, I must confess that their Representations of their situation appears to me to have a just claim to a favorable Consideration. —

I have great Reason to be satisfied with the zeal and attention which is uniformly manifested by the Officers who Command the Wings and Brigades of the Army, and being sensible that the prices demanded by the dealers in Camp for many Articles of Consumption are at present very extravagant I should not perhaps, in any point of view think the Claims of the Officers Commanding Brigades to the whole of the Allowances which are fixed for a Brigadier by the Madras Regulations, or that of the Officers Commanding Wings to still further Allowance, by any means unreasonable; But as it is necessary to advert to the comparative pretensions of Officers

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Officers in the Ranks of the Gentlemen who are at present employed in those Commands, with those of other Officers, who, by longer Services, will arrive at the Ranks of Colonel or Brigadier it will be proper that there should not be any entire equality in their Allowances. —

Wherefore only recommend that the daily allowance P. 3. F. 5. C. 20, fixed for a Brigadier by the Madras Regulations, may be granted to Officers Commanding Brigades, in addition to their Pay and Batta of their own respective Ranks in the Army; and, on Account of the greater expence and responsibility of their Situations, that the Batta of Colonel, in addition to the allowance of Brigadier, should be made up to those — Officers Commanding Wings or the Reserve who may not actually enjoy the Rank of Colonel — in the Army. —

To which (in justice to all the Officers who have been employed either in the Command of Wings, the Reserve or Brigades since the Commencement of this War), I must add that in my opinion, they are justly entitled to the

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allowances which I have now recommended to be
given to them, from the dates of the General Orders
by which they were respectively appointed
to those Commands.—

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

Earl Cornwallis K.G.
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

Although extremely unwilling to
trouble your Lordship on any pecuniary
subject, and which has hitherto been with-held
from your Lordship's notice under an idea that
the War would not have been of such continuance.
The Officers serving in the Army, under your
Lordship's Command at the head of Wings
and Brigades, having from their Situation
been exposed to many and heavy Expences
which, from the seat of War being so distant
from Madras, have been, and must continue

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to be, extremely burdensome, and having no allowance further than what their respective Regimental Rank entitle them to, they feel themselves under the necessity of &c &c representing to your Lordship, how inadequate such appointments are, to the supporting the high Stations, they have the honor to fill, and do therefore beg leave to submit to your Lordship's Consideration, whether the Officers Commanding Brigades in this Army, have not a reasonable Claim, to the Allowances that are fixed for a Brigadier General, by the Madras Regulations, from the time they were placed at the head of Brigades and that your Lordship will see fit, to make such addition of Allowance, to the Officers in Command of the Reserve, and Wings, as you, My Lord, shall judge adequate.—

I have the honor to be, with great respect, for myself and those Concerned. &c &c

/Signed/ J. Stuart Lieut Col.
72d Regement &c

Camp near Bangalore
18th September 1791.—

/A true Copy/

/signed/ A. Ross Mil. Secry.—

As Lord Cornwallis has thought it necessary to recommend that certain allowances be granted to the Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades in the

Private Review.—

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the Army, in consideration of their peculiar Situation, the Board deem it their duty to acquiesce therein, & under a Conviction of the necessity of the Measure, & the Equity of the Claim, from his Lordship's & Recommendation of it - The Company's Orders & however, are so positive in restricting the Board from making additions to permanent establishd Allowances, and have been so very lately repeated in the Case of a Major General's Musgrave, that the Board conceive, under any other Authority but high than his Lordship's, they would not be ventured to append to a Measure which might possibly be construed into an Act of Disobedience on their Part to the Orders of the Honorable Court than which nothing can be further from their Intentions.-

Resolved that the above be communicated to Lord Cornwallis, and that Copies of the 27th & 28th Paragraphs of the Honorable Courts Letter dated the 6th May last, be, at the same time, transmitted to His Lordship.-

Minute thereon.-

Mr. Huddleston begs leave to enter the following Minute

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Minute in Council

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Mr. Hyde Leston's Minute on the Subject of the Allowances of Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades of the Army.

I beg leave to state a few Words, in this place, in order to account to my Employers for my Concurrence in a Resolution which clashes with the direct and positive Orders of the Company contained in the 27th & 28th Paragraphs of their Letter to the Military Department just Received by the Ship Airley Castle, and which may also seem not consistent with the Conduct which I thought it incumbent on me to observe on a late occasion I entered on the Subject with these Impressions strong upon my mind, and, after a full discussion in which the same Attention has been manifested by every Member of the Board to the interesting Considerations that present themselves on each side in relation to it, I am satisfied that the decision now passed is exactly what our duty required of us - namely, to yield Lord Cornwallis a chearful Compliance with his recommendation, and, at the same time, to set before his Lordship the Orders we have received, thereby at once & leaving it with his Judgement to determine

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in respect to the Influence of those Orders as to the proposed Measure, and affording his Lordship the strongest possible proof of our disposition to co-operate in his views. It remains for me only to observe, in vindication of the consistency of my own conduct on this occasion, that the present Recommendation from Lord Cornwallis is founded in Considerations perfectly distinct from those on which an Extraordinary allowance was lately granted to Colonel Maxwell, and that, from the circumstances which have led to it, any Objection on our part might augment the difficulties already attached to his Lordship's arduous Situation, and weaken his reliance on that support which has hitherto been given to him without question, or limit. On these grounds, and because we may rest assured that we can repose no degree of Confidence in Lord Cornwallis that the Court of Directors and the public at large will not approve, and confirm I have given my entire acquiescence in the Resolution of the Board to comply with his Lordship's recommendation of an increased allowance to Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades of

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the Army, while I lament that there should have been a necessity for any additional Burthen on the Company's finances. —

/Signed/ S. Huddleston

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows. —

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

Honorable Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows
Captain Lighton to Command at
Calicut — Mr Stuart appointed Surgeon
of the 52d Regiment —

I had the honor of two of your's of the sixteenth and one of the seventeenth this day; and have great satisfaction in the Resident, Mr Conway, having settled with the Ministers of the Rajah of Travancore for liquidating his contributions towards the expences of the War, and having conducted himself so much to your Approbation. —

Lt General Musgrave has forwarded to you Captain Lighton's application, and you have forwarded it to me. I have no objection to his being appointed to the Command of

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of Caleud tho' I look upon his claim as going for nothing. as it has nothing to do with the next Senior Officer in the District - I know nothing of Captain Leighton myself, but hear he is spoke well of. —

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M. Steele is Surgeon to 52d. —

And have the Honor to be, with the highest Respect esteem and truth, &c. &c. &c.

Campnear Bangalore
the 22d. of Sept. 1791 —

/Signed/ Wm. Medows
Gov. &c. &c. &c.

Agreed that Captain Leighton be placed in the Command of Caleud by Lieutenant Colonel Clarke, but that he be restricted from exercising any authority in that Command independent of the Power of the Officer Commanding in the District —

Captain Leighton to be placed in Command of Caleud. —

Read the following Letter from Avanadum Paupiah Pramiony. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From A. Paupiah Pramiony expressing his Concern that he should unintentionally have misled the Board in stating the Quantity of Ground without limitation. —

I cannot but consider myself more than Commonly unfortunate to observe from the Letter which has been addressed to me by your Secretary of

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that your Honorable Board were displeased at the Letter
I took the liberty of writing to them - with all due &
deference, and with equal truth, I hope I may be allowed
to say that it was not my Intention, in the &
smallest instance, to misrepresent the questions &
put to me, or the Replies I made to them - Impressed
with the Severity of your Censure, and alarmed with
the Idea that I might not have exacted stated &
what I certainly mean to be an exact Statement
of all that passed - It has been the Constant &
occupation of my mind to turn over again and
again in my Thoughts the whole that passed when
I was called before your Honorable Board, and to
endeavour to recollect how I had varied in my
Recital of it - perhaps I may be deficient in my
Memory; in the Comprehension of a foreign &
Language I may also be deficient, but pardon
me if I do declare that as far as I have been
able to recall what passed I have not discovered
a single variation except I think your saying
you must Consult their Law Officers about taking
Company's Bonds which had been mortgaged to one,
and in stating the Deposit you required you &

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have added the word "Jewels" which I do not recollect was mentioned when I had the Honor of attending you — But as you have now determined only to take Bonds of the Honorable Company that are my own Property, or Money for Jewels I have not any, this omission does not seem to be of any Considerable Consequence; and as your Honorable Board has not pointed out any particular Instance in which I mis-represented your Questions or my Replies: but as far as your Letter goes in the recital of what passed, it in general agrees with mine — I am totally at a loss to discover how I have deserved your Censure — The Conversation which passed respecting Mr. Johnston's debt I do appeal to your Honors if it did not pass; and if I have in any Manner misrepresented it, it is indeed unconsciously that I have done so; and I entreat Your Honorable Board will condescend to set me right — I am disposed; indeed I am most heartily disposed — to Act in the strictest conformity to the wishes of your Honorable Board;

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but when so large a Sum is at Stake which had been amply secured by an Assignment of Grain to more than the Amount, and when that Grain has been swept away in the Mass of Collections from his Highness's Assigned Countries I hope there was no Impropriety in stating the Fact to be so—

So far I beg leave to reply to the former part of your Secretary's Letter; to the Remainder, which contains your Order Requiring me to place in your Hands a Deposit, either in Company's Bonds or Money, to the Amount of 30,000 Pagodas and that if this Security be not provided by the 7th Day of the next month my Person will again be pleased under Restraint, I beg leave to observe that if your Honorable Board is pleased to force me to this hard alternative, I must submit to it: but I can with truth assure your Honors that from the Largeness of the Sum, the short time allowed me, and the public Knowledge of my Necessities, I fear I shall not be able to Comply with your Orders: or if I am able, it must be attended with a very heavy Loss. To

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prove this to your Honorable Board, I have in my possession a Letter in Answer to an Application to that purpose in which a discount is required of 50 per Cent altho' it is well Known that the Current Discount is considered to be only 30 to 35. and Bonds have been negotiated for that Discount. This will also be a proof to your Honorable Board that I have been and still am using my best Endeavour to procure the Security Required I shall continue so to do and use all the Diligence in my power to Comply with your Requisition by the time you have fixed on: but should I not be able to procure it in that time I hope your Honors will be so good to extend it to some more distant day, which I presume to hope your Honors will think the more reasonable as the property already lodged in your Hands is so ample a Security as indeed Your Honors were pleased to allow it to be when you Ordered the Guards to be Removed from me. In the mean time however I beg leave to repeat I shall use every exertion in my power to obey your Commands and I

shall

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I shall be happy if I can accomplish it within the time you have fixed —

Madras
27th. September 1791
To lie on the Table

I have the Honor to be with respect
&c. &c. &c.
[Signed] A. Pauplah Braming

Ordered to lie on the Table —

Read the following Letter from
Captain Alexander Read. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Sir,

I have it in direction from Lord Cornwallis to apply to Government for money to pay my — Detachment, there being inconvenience and risque in sending me supplies from the grand Army — If money were sent for that purpose to Anrakagerry I could draw it from them as required. My Detachment being two months in Arrears, I am very wishful that 10,000 Pagodas could be sent in as short time as possible —

From Captain Alex. Read applies for an advance of Cash — incloses Bill for Intelligence and desires to know if Money or all the Detachment sent to the Kings Rep to enable them of which &c.

The enclosed is an Account of my — Disbursements for intelligence last Month — which I beg leave to request you will please to give Mr. Secretary Jackson after signature. —

My Detachment is at present employed with Major Gowdie's in reducing the Hill forts —

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Of this part of the Country - Rahmanguer - Ambangy - Droog, and Challamkotta Surrendered the 17th and 18th. Instant which being in the districts under my Management, Lord Cornwallis has directed them to be Garrisoned by my Detachment. We are to March tomorrow against Nundy Droog a strong place in the Ballapoor range of mountains and the resort of the Enemy's banditti that infest the Country & in their quarter.-

Compat
Chillaguet
Sept. 12th - 1791.

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

P.S. In consequence of Lord Cornwallis's desire, a Company from my Detachment has been for some time stationed at the Head of the Moogly pass, for the purpose of escorting to Bangalore one of Tippoo's Vakeels, said to be returning to his Master thro' the Carnatic from Paungull And I have now to request from Government agreeably to his Lordship's instructions & information respecting him, that I may judge of the propriety of withdrawing or continuing the escort.-

Orderd

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Ordered that Captain Read's Disbursements

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Captain Read—

for the Month of August Amounting to Pagodas Four hundred and thirty three, five fanams and thirty three Cash be discharged by the Military Paymaster General.—

Do.

Resolved that the Sum of ten thousand Pagodas be sent to Vellore by the Military Paymaster General, for the use of Captain Read's Detachment, and that it be forwarded from thence to Anekatghevery by Mr. Toriano.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board enclosing the Proceedings of a Committee of Examination into the Efficacy of the Rod for the Military Storekeeper reports to this Board the want of Sulphur—enclosing Copy of Capt. Read's Reply to the Queries Submitted to him on opinion that no Gunpowder required can be Made—apply for Instructions respecting same Recommend from Bombay—

Having communicated to the Military Storekeeper your Commands respecting the Manufacture of 350 Barrels of Gunpowder p. Monthly, until further Orders, he informed us that he had been under the necessity of putting a stop to it, for the present, from the Scarcity of Sulphur, a supply of which he feared he could not be in his power to obtain before the month of December

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December, and having, in consequence, expressed to him our Surprize that he should have neglected to report home, as usual, the Want of this Article which, otherwise, might have been provided against, in due time, We received from him the Enclosed explanation, which we deem necessary to submit for your Information.—

Having been unable to acquire a Regular Report of the various Experiments which have been made, during the late Campaigne, as to the Effect of Coal: Tar upon Wood and Iron, We have resolved that Major Maule, Major Scott, and Major Hall should compose a Committee for Examining those points, and Reporting to us the Results of their respective Observations, a Copy of their Proceedings we herewith transmit for your Information, from which you will perceive that its general use does not appear Advisable, altho', to particular purposes it may be applied with much advantage.—

We have considered with attention Captain Bell's Contingent Bills, referred to us on the 30th Ultimo,— We have also submitted to him the accompanying Queries, to which his Replies are

Annexed

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Annexed, and which contain the Explanation required —

Your Commands being confined to the

latter point — I forbear with diffidence ever to hazard

any Comment or opinion upon the subject, but as

you have been pleased to declare in your letter to

the Comptroller General of the 7th December last,

that "you will make such compensation to "

"Captain Bell, as to you shall appear reasonable,

"under all the Circumstances of the case, if he can prove

"to your Satisfaction the actual Sum expended,"

We beg leave to urge thus much upon the "

Subject, — The Informality of the mode of Repairs

of Tents which is provided for by the 7th Article

of the Regulations respecting Camp Equipage

is to be brought against Captain Bell in its "

fullest Extent, but as the Tents appeared to have

been repaired under a Committee of Inspection,

who fixed the prices at a rate they thought "

reasonable, that the Signature of the Commanding

Officer is affixed to his Bills, that the absence

of the Storekeeper, the State of the Stores at "

Trichinopoly, and the Exigency of the Service, were

the Causes which led to his repairing the Tents

himself,

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himself, as it has been the usage of the Service on some former Occasions, and as the Tents were Actually Repaired — We submit to your Honorable Board what Compensation should be allowed to Captain Bell —

With respect to the subsequent Bills We beg leave to remark, That the same Circumstances are to be urged, strengthened rather in favor of this Claim, as the Army, marching into an Enemy's Country was placed at a Distance from any Store keeper, or any means of being supplied from a Depôt of Company's Stores, and as no Commissary of Supply was appointed by Government, until the 1st December 1790, & subsequent to the Date of the Charges —

The Senior Officer of Artillery has laid before us a Report proof of 412 Barrels of Gun Powder manufactured at Madras in August last — as also a List of Articles received from Bombay per Ship Avon, Captain Swain, with his remarks annexed — The former being considerably above proof we have & directed it to be received upon the Company's

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Books, and respecting the latter, we request
to be favored with your Commands—

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

Thomas Musgrave
(Signed) " J. Capper
" Geo: Maule
" George Hall

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2. September 1791

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Major General Musgrave
President &c. Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

In obedience to your Orders conveyed to
Me by Mr. Secretary Ince, under date the 3d. Instant: I
beg leave to state that I have, for the last two Months,
purchased Sulphur with so great Facility and so
Cheap a Rate, that I had not the smallest Reason
to apprehend the Sudden Failure in the Supplies of
that Article which has happend, - That I have
Manufactured in the Month of August three hundred
and forty five Barrels of Gun powder and should,
as a Matter of Course, have requested Permission to
suspend the further Manufacture of that Article
from the 1st. of the present Month to the 1st. of December, &

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and this I understand is usual from two Causes, the Repairs necessary to be Made to the Mills, which could not have been much longer worked, and the Near approach of that Season, in which I understand, from all the People employed in this Manufactorie, has been invariably suspended-

From the present State of the Mills which (as before observed) could not have been worked on that Account about a fortnight or three Weeks more, the Actual deficiency of Powder does not amount to 200 Barrels, if the Sulphor had been ready, - and as the quantity of Powder now in Store is so great it renders me less Anxious on the Subject. -

But if these Reasons are not of Weight enough to Account for the Omission charged to me, I trust the Board will allow me in Extenuation thereof to Urge, that having so recently Assumed the Office of Military Storekeeper, I may not justly be supposed to have been erring more from want of Information as to Forms than I could ever possibly Have meant to be, from Intention, and I hope the Board will be pleased to Consider this Matter in a more favorable point of view from the Circumstances

now

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now submitted to them. –

I have the Honor to be with Respect. –

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(signed) Jos. Du Pre Porcher
Military Store Keeper.

A True Copy
(signed) Dan.l Ince
Secry M. B.

At a Committee appointed by the Military Board to examine into and Report upon the Efficacy of Coal Tar September 11th 1791

Present

. Major. Maule
. Major Tutt
. Major Hall

The Committee having called upon Mr. Deputy Commissary Bishop, who has been in Constant Attendance upon the Arsenal, has applied the Coal Tar to the several Purposes for which it was said to be useful, he lays before the Committee the Result of his Observations & Accompanying. –

Major Maule lays before the Committee the Accompanying Letter from the Company's

Master

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Master Carpenter — Both these Papers having been read and their Subject discussed by the Committee they, in addition to what has fallen under their own knowledge and Observation on the Subject Resolve,

That it does not appear to them from the Experiments detailed that the Coal Tar, prepared for the purpose of preserving either Wood or Iron Work from the Effects of the Sun —

That it does appear to them that the Coal Tar, Mixed with Oil, or Grease, as a Varnish, has been useful as a paying to Wood, but whether the Utility May not arise as Much from the Oil or Grease as the Coal Tar, the Committee cannot determine —

That it appears the Coal Tar, is useful when applied to Timber that is to be buried in the Ground, they therefore Recommend its being continued in use for this Purpose

That it appears to the Committee it may be useful to allow wood and Iron as a paying when not exposed to the Sun, as it certainly prevents all approach of Vermin, they therefore recommend that it be continued in use for this Purpose —

That

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That from the first of these Premises the Committee are of opinion that the Coal Tar is inferior to Paint as a Coating both in Quality and appearance for the Ordnance Carriages and therefore Recommend its Discontinuance and that Paint should for in future be substituted for this Purpose.—

(signed) „ G. Maule
„ R. Tutt
„ G. Hall

4th June 1787 Coal Tar was first used in the Arsenal at Madras and some time in that Year Two 32 Pdrs Mounted on the North East Counter Guard were pitched upon by the late Colonel Moorhouse and Mr. Petrie to prove by an experiment, whether it was superior to the Lack Used for Paying Guns exposed to the inclemency of the Sea Air The Guns were both Payd in every hot Sun, one with Coal Tar prepared in the Manner directed in a small Book published by the Earl of Dundonald, the other with the Common Lack. At the expiration of Six Months it was difficult to destinguish one Gun from the other, consequently no determinate

conclusion

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conclusion could be drawn from the experiment, but the Tar being Cheaper, it was ordered to be used in preference.—

Coal Tar was also particularly recommended for the preservation of Shot and Shells,— They were directed to be heated to a Blaute heat, and dipt in the Coal Tar and when dry to be Piled; This has been repeated by done but I have always observed in about Six Weeks the Glutinous Substance of the Tar has been extracted by the expansive heat of the Sun, and the surface of the Shot, or Shell have been covered with a Dust resembling Soot which the first shower of Rain has washed off, but they did not scale; I have noticed the same effect on Wood work exposed to the weather.—

Colonel Moorhouse ordered some Strap'd Shot to be prayed with Coal Varnish the Ammunition sent with the Detachment to Guntoor in August 1788 was made up with Shot so Packed, and when they returned were in as good state as when they left Madras; I do not thought this was of

Gentlemen

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essential Service as it tended much to prevent Accidents by Collision, The Varnish forming a thick Coat over the Surface of the Shot, prevents their producing fire, as sometimes happens in long Marches, & when the Shot by continual friction are often in contact.—

/Signed/ B. Bishop
Depy Comy

Major Maule

Sir,

By order of Colonel Ross I had the Coal Tar applied to the Iron Works of the Fort without Mixing it with any other Ingredient, & it has been applied with Dammer Mixed, and with Gingily Oil and Grease, and when mixed with Oil, or Grease prevents the Iron Work from Rust better than any other thing I have tried.

I have used it mixed with Dammer to the Palmiras Posts fixed round the Glacis and after standing one year, when taken up, is good, and sound, whereas the other Posts, put in the Ground, at the same time are Rotten, nor have I perceived, any Ants to touch the Palmiras laid over with it.—

Fort St. George
22d. August 1791.—

Sam Hy. Hy.
/Signed/ Robt. Paterson
Mr. Carpenter.—

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ Danl. Ince
Surveyor B.

Enquiries

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Queries. — Submitted to Captain Bell

1st. I am Knowledge and Informality in the mode of repairing the Camp Equipage but, the Absence of the Store-Keeper and the want of Materials on Hone, induced me to Undertake the repairs Agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Inspection 4th. March, at an Averaged Price, Settled by the Committee, as the Necessity of the Service requered It to be done.—

The Materials so Purchased for the Supply of the Army could not be furnished from the Stores at Trichinopoly and the urgent necessity there was for Equipping the Troops induced me to procure such Articles as were absolutely necessary, as such Mode had on former Occasions been Customary and Sanctioned last War by General Coote—

2d. Under the 7th. Article of the Regulations respecting Camp Equipage, which clearly points out the mode, to be followed, under what Authority did Bell take upon himself the purchase of Materials and Repair of Tents, & particularly whilst the Army lay under the Walls of Trichinopoly.—

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2d. No regular application was made to the Storekeeper as the Stores could not furnish the Means, which appears by the Returns, of the Established Workmen for the Garrison being at that period employed in putting the Garrison in a State of Defence, would have rendered such application Ineffectual.—

2. For the Materials and Workmen wanted, whether he made any Regular Official application to the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly?—

3d I cannot furnish such Account but can assure the Board the Price was settled as low as possible and that it could not have been done for less.— The Necessity of the Measure will, I trust, be considered an Excuse for the Deviation from the Regulations on this Occasion, and which I hope will induce this Board, to take into Consideration My very particular Situation, as I can assure them of My

3. Whether he can furnish a detailed Account, distinguishing between the prime Cost of the Materials used and the Labor of the Workmen employed.—

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My Motive, was to facili-
-tate the Equipment of the
Army, and Street they
will believe my Exertions
were used to Effect it, and
to represent my case to
the Honorable the Governor
in Council that my Bills
may be Authorized.—

/Signed/ Robt Bell.— Fort St. George 8. Sepr.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Danl Ince
Surv Mily Bd.

Articles Received from Bombay p Ship Avon
Captain Swaine, as p Invoice—

Articles—	Nos	Remarks—
Hoes Europe Large	260	These Hoes appear to me to be totally unfit for Intrenching Tools; nor are they fit for any purpose whatever as Militeary Stores.—
" " Small of Sorts	100	360
Country		1700
Pickaxes Do		1396

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12. September 1791.

/Signd/ George Hall
Comy. Genl. of Stores

A true Copy
Signd Danl Ince
Surv. Mily Board

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council

Sir,

Having caused the Powder Mills to

From the Military Board
Repairs recommended to
the Powder Mills —

be surveyed, in consequence of the Representation
contained in the Military Store Keeper's Letter, of
Late submitted to you, We beg leave to inform you
that Major Maule has reported to us that they
are in exceeding great want of Repairs, and as
the present Suspension of the Manufacture of
Gun Powder, furnishes a very convenient Interval
for executing those Repairs which by Estimate
will amount to Pagodas 1836. 12. 9. after the
deduction of 15 per Cent agreeably to the Terms
of Contract, We beg leave to recommend that they
may be immediately undertaken. —

We have the Honor to be
&c: &c: &c:
" Thos. Musgrave
(Signed) " J. Casper
" Geo: Maule
" Rt. Tutt
" Geo Hall. —

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Mr. Huddleston informs the Board that he has attentively investigated the Subject of Captain Bell's Bills for Repairs of Tents and Purchases of Stores undertaken by that Officer while serving as Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly - and with their Permission, will now state his Ideas on the occasion.

Minutes in Council

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Mr. Huddleston's Minute on the subject of irregular Charges in Capt. Bell's Accounts —

I have not the least doubt upon my mind with respect to - to the line of Conduct the Board should pursue on every occasion of this sort, and more especially in the present Instance where the departure from the established regulations has been resorted to under circumstances of complicated Impropriety - it is not in fact a mere deviation, but a proceedure in direct Opposition to the very first principle of regulation for all public expenditure; for it appears that Captain Bell, who, in his Capacity of Commissary, was the Official Check upon the Store Keeper, assumed the Capacity of Store Keeper himself for the purpose of executing Repairs, and disbursements, the extent and amount of which, he in a

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a third capacity, had had a principal share in authorizing,
and deciding upon, having been a Member, and from
his Official knowledge it may not unfairly be
presumed a leading Member, of the Committee of
Inspection which examined the Tents, and
determined on certain specific sums to be laid out
on the repairs of each. Thus the three separate
functions or departments, through which this
Material Branch of expenditure was to pass, and
whose seperate Authorities and Signatures the
regulations intended should form a Security to
the Company against abuse and overcharge, may
be said to have been united in the same person —
a proceeding, (to use an emphatical expression
applied to it by the Comptroller General)," subversive
of every Kind of Check" Captain Bell has been
lately called upon by the Military Board for
the explanation he had promised regarding these
Bills, and in Answer to the question by what
Authority he took upon himself the purchase
of Materials, and repairs of Tents the 7th Article
of the regulations clearly pointing out the mode

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to be followed" Captain Bell acknowledges an Informality" in the mode of repairing the Camp equipage but urges "that the absence of "the Storekeeper, and the want of materials in "Store induced him to undertake the repairs "agreeably to the report of the Committee of "Inspection at an averaged price settled by the "Committee" some further questions should I think have naturally grown out of this reply. Captain Bell might have been asked whether he knew, or was ignorant of, those Circumstances at the time he sat as a Member of that Committee to settle the prices - and why he did not represent them to the Officer Commanding the Army, and obtain his previous Sanction to despensing with the regulation, and making the Repairs himself - Captain Bell might further have been asked, whether Stores are never made up, or repaired in the Absence of the Storekeeper, and whether he did not know that some were actually providing at Trichinopoly by his Agent at that very time - The Board have some reason to be well acquainted with this fact: and are sorry to

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to the Storekeeper's Accounts there will be found en-
them Charges for Repairs of Tents on the Month
of January, February, March and May amounting
together to Pagodas 1336. 34. 40 besides 1600 Pagodas
for new Tents in May; Captain Bell's Bills
for repairs of Tents is dated the 12th Instant the
repairs must therefore in all probabelity have
been executed in February, and in that Month
the Storekeper Charges upwards of 400 Pagodas
on the same Account - To his Answer to the first
Question Captain Bell adds "that the materials
"purchased (by him) for the supply of the Army could
"not be furnished from the Stores at Trichinopoly, and
"the urgent necessity there was for equipping the Troops
"induced him to procure such Articles as were absolutely
"necessary as such mode had on former occasions been
"customary, and sanctioned last War by General Coote"
that Captain Bell previous to his purchasing
but it does not appear the Materials and undertaking
the repairs himself took any steps to ascertain that the
materials could not be furnished from the Stores; nor,
admitting that fact, does he assign any reason why
he could procure them, and yet that they could not be
procured by the Storekeeper, or his Agents; It can hardly
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be supposed that Captain Bell has been so provident as to buy up all the Materials requisite for repairing Tents, or that he had bound the Owners of Carts to sell them only to him - the sum of this part of Captain Bell's explanation amounts to no more than this, that the customary mode on former occasions was, to break through the regulations, and not to consider the orders for their observance as meant to be enforced. - That Sir Eyre Coote in the last War, and also General Smith in the War before the last, may on particular occasions, when at a distance from any Garrison, have issued orders to the Commissary to provide Articles of Store or Camp equipage, is not improbable, and such orders were of Course his Sanction leaving the responsibility with the Commander in Chief, but it happens that in the present case neither of those circumstances existed - instead of being at a distance from any Garrison the Army lay close to Trichinopoly for the very purpose of supply, and Captain Bell in his Answer to the first question clearly admits that he had no orders or Authority from the Commander in Chief - indeed it was not possible that any Officer in the Command of the Army as it

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it was then situated could issue an Order to supersede the established regulations of the Service, unless it from his unacquaintance with them. To the second, and very apposite questions of the Military Board, whether for the Materials and Workmen wanted Captain Bell made any regular official application to the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly, Captain Bell Answers "That no regular application was made "to the Storekeeper, as the Stores could not furnish "the means, which appeared by the Returns and "the established workmen for the Garrison, at "that period employed in putting the Garrison in "a state of defence would have rendered such "application ineffectual." how easy would it have been for Captain Bell to have obtained the best proof of this under the Storekeeper's own hand by any written application, and thereto have laid such proof before the Commander in Chief and obtained his Authority for repairing the Tents himself, as well as purchasing the Stores in the Ordnance Department, setting up Plat-form Carts and purchasing Artificers Carts? here again the question occurs of what means Captain Bell possessed or could procure, whether or

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in materials, or workmen that were inaccessible to the Storekeeper, or his Agents: if the Lascars or workmen attached to the Storekeepers Department were employed in fitting the Fort of Trichinopoly in a State of defence in preference of the object of equipping the Army then about to proceed against Tippoo Sultaun, Captain Bell must have so procured Lascars, and Workmen from the Detachments and Corps in Camp; or hired them in the Country, in either case the same means were open to the Officer of Stores fully to shew how the business properly belonged: if there can be any doubt on this point it may be cleared up by referring to that Officer I must here remind their Board that about ——— Mr. Colt, the late Paymaster of the Army, was called upon to explain a charge on his Accounts for no less a Sum than 4000 Pagodas for repairing the Tents of this same Army and about the same period — The Trichinopoly Storekeepers Charges on the same Account were 1336.. 34.. 40, and the Bills in question of Captain Bell amount to Pagodas 3305 Fanams 225 for Cloth purchased & making the whole expence of that charge can be for us for repairs of Tents of the Army while it lay at

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Trichinopoly amounts to Pagodas 8864.34.40. The condition of these Tents when they were drawn out of the Storehouses at Trichinopoly must have exhibited the very last stage of Raggedness, and I cannot help thinking that the extraordinary Zeal that has been manifested for repairing them has been misplaced and that a number of new Tents almost equal to the number repaired could have cost the Company very little more - I confess I cannot adopt the reasoning of the Military Board on this Subject, nor the term they have chosen to define the procedure of Captain Bell which is indeed the same by which he himself defines it. The "Informality" of the mode of repairs of "Tents (they say) which is provided for in the 7th Article "of the Regulations is to be brought against Captain Bell in "its fullest extent" This last Sentence seems decisive of "the fate of Captain Bell, but no sooner is it "pronounced than the Military Board proceed to "urge in his behalf the Tents having been repaired under a Committee of Inspection, who fixed the prices at a rate they thought advisable, the absence of the Commanding Officer to the Bills, the Signature of the Storekeeper, the state of the Stores, and the exigency of the Service: of the weight due to

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to each of these considerations under all the circumstances of the case I have stated my opinion that of the Signature of the Commanding Officer excepted on which I shall only observe that such signature has oftentimes inadvertently given, but that Colonel Nixon / for it was his signature and not that of the Officer Commanding the Army / was as much to blame as Captain Bell, as his long experience must have made him equally aware of the Irregularity of the proceeding - The Remarks of Colonel Capper as Comptroller General of Army Accounts on his report of the 4th December last I acknowledge have more weight with me in this Matter than I can give to the present recommendation of the Military Board - after stating the conduct which the regulations prescribed to Captain Bell, Colonel Capper observes "that instead of furnishing materials on the Indents "of the Quarter Masters, he repaires the Tents himself "upon a general estimate made out by the Committee "of Inspection" / at which the Colonel might have added he had himself sat as a Member / "that by this "mode of proceeding Captain Bell has in two respects, "acted irregularly, - first in purchasing the Materials himself

"for

"for which he ought to have indented to the Storekeeper,
"and Secondly in repairing the Tents, and making a
"Charge for them, instead of delivering the Materials to
"the Quarter Masters of Brigades and Corps as how
"business it is to employ the Lascars belonging to the
"Tents in doing this Work." — and to the only excuse for
the irregularity, namely the possible deficiency in
the Number of Lascars with the different Quarter
Masters Colonel Capper replies "that even in
that case "they should have applied to the
"Paymaster of the Garison, who would have
"furnished them both with Materials and
"Lascars." The foregoing refers exclusively to the
Repairs of Tents; and the Comptroller General
declares the other Bills (Nos. 1. 2. & 3.) for Stores
in the Ordnance Department, and Platforms
and Artificers Carts to be "equally exceptionable
in every respect," and states his reasons for
that opinion, which appear to me entirely
conclusive, and by no means invalidated by
the explanations now given by Captain Bell.
My Opinion therefore, upon the whole, is
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that of Captain Bell's irregular Charges, those for repairs, and purchases of every kind undertaken by him while the Army lay at Tricchinopoly should be absolutely rejected - but if the Board should, in consideration of the recommendation of the Military Board be inclined to repay him what he shall have actually disbursed I think he should be called upon to declare that amount, upon Oath, before this Board, or before the Military Board. -

In taking leave of this subject I beg to observe that the Indulgence often shewn in Instances of contravention of the established regulations appears to me to be a principal cause of their frequency, by encouraging an hope that the objections are only made in compliance with Official form, and that ultimately the Charge will be allowed however the line prescribed by the regulations was clear, and the provision liberal, I do it should be, and I believe is in every case, and where the deviation from them was unauthorized by necessity, and could not have proceeded from Ignorance it will not be easy to trace it to any source or motive that should intitle to particular Indulgence -

/Signed/ John Huddleston

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The Board concur in the Opinions expressed by Mr. Hudleston on Captain Bell's Charges, and accordingly Resolve to write the following Letter to the Military Board.—

The Board concur in the opinions expressed by Mr. Hudleston.—

To Major General Musgrave
President &c. Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters dated the 12th and 25th Instant.—

To the Military Board communicating the Board's opinion on Captain Bell's contingent Bills. Yeat the Hero arrived from Bombay to be disposed of to the best advantage - & repairs to be executed to the Powder Mills.—

We have attentively Considered the subject referred to in your Report of the 12th Instant respecting Captain Bell's contingent Bills and shall now inform you of our opinion thereon. We think, it very clearly appears, that Captain Bell has forfeited every Claim to compensation from the very irregular Manner in which he acted.— The established Regulations of the Service were departed from under Circumstances of complicated Impropriety.— Although the Official Check upon the Storekeeper in his Capacity of Commissary, he not only assumed the Capacity of Storekeeper himself in executing the Repairs, from which, as Commissary

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he was expressly precluded, but in a third Capacity, as Member of the Committee of Inspection, he takes the Lead in authorizing and deciding upon those very Repairs which he afterwards executed, without Check or Control - Three, the three Seperate Functions, or Departments through which this material Branch of Expenditure was to pass, in order to provide against Abuse and over-Charge, became united in the same Person, in direct opposition to the very first Principle of Regulation for all Public Expenditure -

Captain Bill's Replies to the Questions put to him do not tend, in the most remote Degree, to the Establishment of his Claim - If indeed, he had satisfactorily stated, that he was ignorant of the Absence of the Storekeeper and the Want of Materials in Store, at the ..... time he sat as a Member of the Committee of Inspection to determine the Prices of the Repairs &c.a - & if he had shewn that the Repairs could not have been executed by any other than himself during the absence of the Storekeeper, and that no repairs of a similar Nature had been undertaken at or about the same time by the Storekeeper's Agent; and if he had proved to our satisfaction the actual Sum expended

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expended, we might have been induced, under all these Circumstances, to have made some Compensation to Captain Bell.-

The forigoing refers exclusively to the Repairs of Tents.- Captain Bell's Bills for Stores in the Ordnance Department, and Platform and Artificers Cartage, as very properly observed by the Comptroller General, "equally exceptionable in every Respect" We have therefore come to the Resolution of rejecting all Bills for Repairs & purchases of every kind undertaken by Captain Captain Bell as Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly

The reasons which have been urged by the Military Storekeeper for the temporary Suspension of the Manufacture of Gunpowder are satisfactory to us- and as you have stated that the Powder Mills require immediate Repair, we acquiesce in the Estimate laid before you by Major Maule- We must desire, however, that all Estimates exceeding five hundred Pagodas be in future submitted to us with such observations as you may have occasion to make-

We would have the unserviceable Hoes received from Bombay disposed of for the

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most they will fetch.—

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27th. Sept. 1791.—

We are &c. &c.
Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

Read the following Letter from Ma. G.
Major General Musgrave.—

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Major General Musgrave recommending that Lieutenant Hammond be placed on the Invalid List and continued in the Command of Nagore.—

I have the honor to acquaint the Board that an application has been made to Me by Captain Hammond Commanding at Nagore soliciting to be placed on the invalid List, and continued in the Command of the Station which he at present enjoys

Captain Hammons has forcibly stated, in aid of what he asks, the plea of declining years—infirmities, and length of Service; to which I understand, from other Quarters, a degree of personal merit is attached, I therefore take the liberty of recommending this Officer's request to the favorable Consideration of the Board.—

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I have the Honor to be with respect
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave

Agreed

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Lieutenant Hammond placed in the Invalid List and to Continue in the Command of Nagore —

Agreed that Captain Hammond be placed, agreeably to his Request, on the Invalid List, and Continued in his present Command. —

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

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

Hon^ble Sir.

We have the honor to acknowlege the Receipt of your Commands under date 22d. Instant, and have resolved, in consequence, as the best means of Securing the inhabetants of Arnee from oppression, to place the Jaguerdar under the immediate Authority of M^r. Kindersley.

From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommending that the Jaghire of Arnee be placed under the immediate Authority of Mr Kindersley — referring a representation made by that Gentleman of the frequent Robberies & committed in the District under his management — recommending that all Paymasters be ordered to grant Bills upon the Paymaster General for the amount they may receive from the Collectors. —

We are induced to this measure by considering the personal Attendance which that Gentleman's situation will enable him to give, and also the good effects which result from our having Subjected Bommauge to his Control. —

We are sorry to inform you that our Collectors continue to complain of frequent Robberies and murders in their Several Districts, and do ourselves the honor of inclosing extract of a Letter from M^r. Kindersley on that Subject. —

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The Paymaster at Trichinopoly having objected to grant our Collectors bills upon the Paymaster General for the Amount of Cash advanced him, We take the liberty of requesting that a General Order be issued, Requiring all Paymasters to grant bills upon the Paymaster General, instead of receipts, to Collectors for the Money they may receive.

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

(Signed) Wm. Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm. Balfour

Fort St. George
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Extract of a Letter from M. N. B. Kindersley
Dated 26. September 1791.

Several Robberies and some Murders have been committed of late in the Western parts of my District. To prevent a Repetition I sent a principal Offender to Cuddalore, under pretence of sending him to Sea. - This had an excellent effect; but to secure the Continuance of this impression, I strongly Recommend that at least one Man should actually and publickly be Shipped off, Agreeable to the late Regulations - I am sure it would be the Means of preserving many lives & and Much Property. -

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

Agreed

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Minute on the forgoing Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.—

Agreed to approve the Resolution of the Board of Assumed Revenue for placing the Jaghiredar of Arnee under the immediate Authority of Mr. Kindersley.—

Agreed that Mr. Kindersley be directed to send to the Presidency such Offenders as he may judge deserving of examplary Punishment when the Board will determine in what manner to dispose of them.—

General order to be published requiring all Paymasters to grant Bills upon the Paymaster General for the Amount they may receive from the Collector.—

Agreed that a General Order be issued requiring all Paymasters to grant Bills upon the Military Paymaster General, instead of Receipts, for Sums obtained from the Collectors of Revenue, specifying the Coins received, and the Exchange at which they are taken.—

Read the following Letters from Capt.n Foster of the Bombay Detachment

To, The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Senior Member &c.a in Council

Fort St. George

From Captain Foster representing the improper manner in which the Provisions and Stores for the use of his Detachment were sent on Board the Ass.tar and requesting that he may be exonerated from all Responsibility in regard to the Delivery of the Supplies

Hon.ble Sir,

That the responsibility of the provisions &c.a that came with the Detachment under my Command may be taken off my hands, I beg leave to represent to you the manner it was shipped &c.a

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Vt. and landed.—

It was weighed, after a manner, in one of the Company's warehouses, where it staid three or four days under charge of the Paymasters people, therefore, from that single circumstance and the known prosperisity of the Office purveors to take every opportunity of speculation, ought in Justice to exculpate me from any deficieney, who never had but the nominal Charge.—

When the Ships was nearly ready, the provisions were sent from the Warehouse to the Beaches by the Paymasters people, In my duety to that place I observed several of the bags burst, and the Coolies making free with it. This same provision was tumbled into a boat in a most extraordinary manner, and in that situation was sent on Board. many of the bags burst in the boat, many in hoisting in, and many in the Ship during the passage, owing to those not being of a proper quality to hold such a weight

The Copper pots Arm Chests &c. are all as received, those I was able to see on board the Ship My provisions instead of having been put in a proper Store room, under lock and Key, lay exposed

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to the whole Ships, upon a spar deck; I had contends over it the whole time, & took every possible precaution whatever.—

The above provisions the Surplus lay on the beach four or five days & no body to receive them—at last the Garrison Storekeeper informed me, that he had an order to receive it, he sent his Servant took it away by the lumps—I was at the time moving to my new ground.—

The whole provisions water &c. Troops were all jumbled together in a most extraordinary, unmilitary, and unprecedented manner.—

This true I have signed a Receipt for it at Bombay, as is customary on such occasions. A Commissary and People should have been sent to have taken Charge of it.—

What responsibility ought to lay on me, who never had any but the name of having Charge of it—was it possible, Sir, I could do the duty of so many different Officers—I had only one Serjeant who served it out to the Men agreeable to the Company's regulations, and no more.— And I do declare upon my Honor, and am ready to make Oath to the same, that the Surplus of the provisions &c. delivered

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in, is the exact remains and that none has been wasted or improperly expended — I left a remonstrance in the Auditor Generals Office in Bombay, of the State of it's being shipped in &c.

This I represented to you, Sir, twice, when I applied to have the remains taken from me and you, Sir, promised to take the responsibility off me — I hope from the above statement that you will grant me a full acquittal from all responsibility — that I may be able to send an Account of it to the Honorable the Board of Bombay —

I have the Honor to be, with respect
&c &c
(Signed) Elmes Foster
Capt. Commanding
Bombay Detachment

Camp north Gate
Sept. 26. 1791 —

To, The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
Acting President &c. Council —
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

From Captain Foster requesting Permission to draw immediately the Subsistance that will become due to his Detachment the End of the Present Month — representing the frequency of their Desertion.

I must beg leave to represent to you that my Detachment complain much for want of Subsistance; they have had their Batta up to the end of the Month which they say is not sufficient, and Call for their Pay; it is not due them until the 30th Instant — The day before yesterday after evening Parade most of them came home with the fixed

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fixed bayonets making a demand thereof.— I quieted them by promising they should have it in two or three days, fifty two Men are absent since last night.—

The promise of their being paid tomorrow, or may perhaps prevent further Desertion.—

I am making up cloaths for my Detachment for the Summer and Taylors' work &c.ª I am responsible I mentioned to you, Sir, that I should be necessitated to advance Money on their Account, and of course to consider them as each to have received in part two Rupees The Men that are absent are included, therefore if Government authorize me to advance my Detachment their Pay, there being only three days more to serve before it's due, the balance of the absent Men shall be carried to the Credit of the Honorable Company.—

I have the honor to be with respect—

&c.ª &c.ª

(Signed) Elmes Foster

Captn Commanding

Bombay Detachment N.º 2

Camp
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Septr 27th 1791.—

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Captain Foster.—

Agreed to inform Captain Foster that, from the Circumstances he has stated, regarding the Provisions and Stores placed under his Charge by the Bombay Government, the Board acquit him of all responsibility with respect to the delivery of those Articles.—

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The Board are concerned to observe such a spirit of Dissatisfaction among Captain Foster's People — they hope by a proper Conduct he will be able to prevent any further discontent, and as he is of Opinion that the immediate advance of the Subsistence, tho' it be not due till the end of the Month, may have a good Effect, they agree to authorize him to make it.

Ordered that a Copy of Captain Foster's Letter of the 27th be sent to General Musgrave and that he be desired to give such Orders as may appear to him necessary to prevent further Irregularity and Desertion in the Corps.—

Read the following Letter from Sir Charles M. Malet

To William Collins Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary

at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Poonah Information respecting the allowance of the Maratta Vackeels residing at Madras and Tanjore.—

Be pleased to acquaint your Honble President in Council in Reply to His Queries Communicated in Your favor of the 18th July last, That One Junardhun Sewram is looked upon as The Agent of this Court at Madras, and One Venkatesh Mudgul at Tanjore. The former enjoys, I understand, a Jaghire from His Highness the Nabob Wallajah.— Allowances

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Allowances to Persons in Ministerial Characters of Whatever Rank, or Denomination, are usual, throughout Hindostan, from the Courts, at which they reside.—

I understand That My Allowances in that Capacity on this Durbar's Records, stands at 10,000 Rupees P Annum—but I make a point of never applying for It—and only Agreed to accept of any thing of the Kind by the Consent of Government, to avoid absolutely a Dispatisfaction.—

But tho' this Government so warmly & urged My Acceptance of It, My Indifference seems to have Checked Its Ardor of Payment, having sent Me, but 40,000 Rupees during My Residence of near Six Years. These payments have been at the pleasure of the Durbar, at very distant periods and the Amount is always Carried to the Company's Credit, by us.—

I am Sir,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Wm. Malet

Poona
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P.S.

It strikes me that If the People abovementioned are Deputed to the Madras Government they should have new Credentials, or at least Letters of Instruction to Every New Governor but I need not observe That any Change of Conduct towards them, should not be known to Originate from any Suggestion from hence.—

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Sir Charles Malet that as the Maratta Vackeel both at this place and at Tanjore are expensive to the Company, and apparently in no Credit or Confidence with their own Court, the Board offer to his Consideration the propriety of taking a fit opportunity of introducing the Subject to the Minister and of recommending that they be withdrawn

Read the following Letter from Sir John Kennaway

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department

From the Resident at Hydrabad - further Reference respecting Captain Andrew Read's allowances - receives Instructions from Lord Cornwallis to accompany the Nizam's second Son Shumsheer Jah to the Grand Army -

Sir,

Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, in reply to which I have observe that the intentions of the Board in favor of Captain Read must be frustrated by the restriction which makes the proposed allowance to him depend on the pleasure of the Nizam to be taken off under date the 30th October 1790 I forwarded to Mr Secretary Chamier a Copy of my Letter of the same date to the Governor General by which the Board were informed of the opinion entertained by this Durbar that it was to pay no more for the Detachment than the amount prescribed by the Letter of the Governor Generals communication to the Nizam formed on it

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documents furnished by the Presidency of Fort St. George w
which fix its Expences considerably below what they
have been and even what they are now at, and also of
the reasons which weighed with me to avoid a discussion
of the question till a more favorable opportunity. these
reasons still operate with me; and will prevent my
asking the Nizam's consent to an allowance which he
would consider as a demand on him beyond the sum he
conceives he is bound to pay. at any rate I should not
conceive his Highness a competent judge to decide on
any point regarding allowances as I stated to you in
my Letter of the 31st. January.—

I shall forward the extract of your Letter w
which regards the future provision of Camp Equipage
and carriage of the Sick to Captain Read, and shall w
desire him to obtain the necessary information from the
proper Offices with the Grand Army for carrying the
proposed Regulations into execution. In the mean
time I should be glad to know if it be the Board's Intention
that Captain Read should draw the same Extra Allowance
for Carriage of his Camp Equipage as is allowed to
the Commanding Officer of the Company's troops serving
with the Mahrattas. the particulars of which were for-
-warded in my Letter of the 19th July. which I presume is
from your expression that they agree, under the w
restriction abovementioned, to his being put on the same
footing in respect to allowances. I should also be glad
to know, in case the above restriction is taken off

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from what period Captain Read is to make out his Bills for the Table allowance.

I request you will inform the Board I have reason to hope the reinforcements intended to proceed to the grand Army under the Command of the Prince Meeander Jah, the Nizam's Second Son, will begin their March about the 1st. of next Month, and that I have his Lordships Orders to accompany them: Lieutenant Stewart, my Assistant, having been directed by his Lordship to return to his Station & attend his Highness during my Absence.—

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

/Signed/ John Kennaway

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14 September 1791.—

Minute thereon.— Agreed to inform Sir John Kennaway that the Board are inclined to pay every Attention to his Recommendation in favor of so deserving an Officer as Captain Andrew Read; but as the Honorable Court of Directors, in the very last Orders, received from them, positively restrict this Government from making, upon any occasion, any addition to permanent established allowances without their Consent first obtained, Captain Read must wait the Court's Pleasure, and the Board will take an early Opportunity of introducing the Subject to their Consideration.—

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Political Letter dated 6th May 1791 taken into Consideration and Resolutions passed thereon.

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary Orders and Resolutions upon the Political Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 6th. May last, and received by the Airly Castle.—

No. Reply— Para 1

Tanjore Deposit - 2 — Agreed that a Letter be written to his Highness the Nabob, Conformably another application to be made to the Nabob— to the Orders of the Honorable Court;

Captain Oates's Claim on the Nabob cannot be decided until the total Amount of similar Claims be ascertained from the Nabob.— 3 — Agreed that the Nabob be written to on the Subject of the Claims referred to in this Paragraph, and that he be requested to transmit an Account, shewing the total Amount of the Arrears of Pay due by him, that are now in a Train of Liquidation—

Lord Cornwallis's Arrangement with the Nizam respecting the Guntoor Circar— Opinion of the Court thereon.— 4 & 5 — The Orders of the Honorable Court contained in these Paragraphs, so far as they relate to this Government, will be strictly attended to.

Shevegunga Expedition Opinion thereon— and Orders in Consequence— 6 & 12 — Resolved that Copies of these Paragraphs be transmitted to the Board of Assumed Revenue, with directions to ascertain and Report the present State of the Shevegunga Province and

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the great and little Marawar; including
the situation of the widow and Descendants
of the former Poligar of Sheveganga,
the Disposition and Conduct of the
two Murdahs since the Expulsion,
and every other Point required by the
Honorable Court on this Subject.—

Resolved that a Letter be written
to Captain White, informing him
of the Court's Approbation of his
Conduct in the Relief afforded by
him to the Ranee of Sheveganga,
and of their Orders that he be reimbursed
the Sum which he advanced on her
Account.—

The Collection of the Nabob's Revenues to remain with the Company 'till the Debt incurred in the War shall have been discharged

Para 13 As the Collection of the Nabob's
Revenue is to Remain with the
the War shall have been discharged,
the Board will have sufficient time
before them to consider of the Arrangement
best Calculated to effect the Objects
recommended by the Honorable Court
regarding the Poligars Dependant
on the Carnatic

Continuation of the Subject respecting the Sheveganga Expedition.—

14 Resolved, in the event of
the Company's Arms being in future
called

called forth against any of the Nabob's Tributaries, whether for the Purpose of enforcing the Payment of Tribute, or of quelling Insurrections the Military Officer in Command be invested with the Power to settle the Business either by Negotiation or otherwise as circumstances shall require, subject to the Approbation of this Government

Sevagee to be freed from the Control of the present Rajah of Tanjore or his People—

15 Agreed that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Reverend Mr. Swartz, and that he be requested to communicate his Ideas as to the manner in which the Intentions of the Honorable Court can be best accomplished.—

Announcing the Death of General Joseph Smith of which the Nabob is to be informed, and to be called upon to acquiesce the Company the Expences they have incurred on account of the Annuity and to discharge the Arrears due to the Estate—

16 Agreed that his Highness the Nabob be informed of the Death of General Joseph Smith, and requested to discharge the Arrears due on Account of the Annuity.—

Mr. Redhead's Claim upon the Nabob, the Manner in which it was discharged was improper—

17 As Company's Bonds were granted by Mr. Holland and his Council for the whole Amount of the Debt due by the Nabob to the late Mr. Redhead, the Board apprehend it will be impossible to carry into

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Execution the Orders of the Honorable Court for including only in the Arrangement proposed for Messrs Casby &c. the Sum of 28,000 Star Pagodas because, as the whole amount was issued in Company's Bonds, which have been since transferred in Liquidation of the Claims due Upon Mr. Redhead's Estate, it is beyond the Power of the Board to recal those Bonds, which have since become the legal Property of others.—

No Reply— 18.

Court's approbation of the Measures adopted regarding the Assumption of the Nabob's Revenues Orders in Consequence

19 & 26 The Board derive much Satisfaction from the Approbation of the Honorable Court to the Measures adopted by the Supreme Government for securing the Appropriation of the Revenues of the Carnatic to the purposes of the War. They are also happy to find that their late Remarks and Observations upon the Nabob's Accounts agree so correctly with the Orders given in these Paragraphs.—

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Tanjore Measures taken respecting it, approved.—

27 & 32 The Board feel very sincere Pleasure in having anticipated the Orders of the Honorable Court respecting the Remissions allowed the Rajah of Tanjore by a former Government the reasons which induced Mr. Holland to grant so extraordinary an Indulgence, will be found upon the Proceedings of the Committee for enquiring into the charges

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Charges preferred against that Gentleman's Administration, -

The Board observe by the 13 Paragraph of the Court's Letter that the Collection of the Nabob's Revenues is to remain with the Company until the Debt incurred in the War shall have been discharged - In the 29th Paragraph it is mentioned, that the Revenues of Tanjore Country are to remain under Sequestration during the Continuance of Hostilities - but no Notice is taken, as in the Case of the Nabob, of retaining the Management of the Tanjore Revenues until the War Debt shall have been paid off: agreed that this Circumstance be brought forward to the Notice of the Honorable Court, in the next Dispatch, and that specific Orders be requested on the Subject -

Ordered that a Copy of the 32d Paragraph be sent to the Board of Revenue with Instructions to report if the Plan for the Administration of Justice in the Tanjore Country proposed by the Revd Mr Swartz have been carried into Execution -

Payment to the Private Creditors of the Nabob and the Rajah to cease during the War

33 These Payments have of Course been suspended from the Commencement of the present War -

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Directions of the Bengal Government to be implicitly followed for prosecuting the War to a successful and honorable Conclusion.

34 The Board trust it will be found that upon all Occasions relating to the present War they have manifested the most cordial Disposition to co-operate with the Governor General in Council. It is less their Inclinations than their Duty to do so; and the sense entertained by the Governor General of their Endeavours to promote the Public Service has been warmly and repeatedly acknowledged.

No Reply — 35 & 37.

Origin of the present War. The Conduct of the Governor General in Council approved. Resolution of the House of Commons.

38 Resolved that a Copy of this Paragraph, containing the Opinions of the Honorable Court of Directors regarding the present War, be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis.

No Reply — 39 & 111.

Observations on the Departure States of the two Battalions at the time they marched into the Nizam's Country.

112 The Board have only to observe upon this Paragraph, that Colonel Brathwaite's Justification of his Conduct was transmitted to the Governor General in Council, which it is presumed, was satisfactory, as no orders were subsequently received from his Lordship on the Subject.

Resolution of the House of Commons respecting the Treaties with the Nizam and the Marattas.

43. A Copy of the Resolution of the House of Commons respecting the Treaties with the Nizam and the Marattas has been already published.

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His Majesty's Royal approbation of the Conduct of the Residents at Hydrabad and Poona. The Dignity of Baronets conferred upon them. Their Patents taken out at the Company's Expence. —

44 Resolved that a Copy of this Paragraph be transmitted to — H Earl Cornwallis and to the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad. —

No Reply — 45. —

Approbation of alliance with the Rajah of Cochin —

46 — Requires no Remark. —

No Reply — 47. —

Rajah of Travancore's pecuniary Engagements with the Company. —

48 — In the last Address to the H Honorable Court, from the Political Department, the Subject mentioned in this Paragraph was fully discussed

No Reply — 49. —

The Powers vested in General Meadows by the Government of Madras upon his H Departure from the Presidency approved.

50 — Requires no Remark. —

No Reply — 51 & 52.

Surprize of the Court that the Proceedings of Paupiah's Committee were not finished H previous to the Dispatch of the Houghton. —

53 The Intricacy and Variety of the Subjects which came under the Enquiry of the Committee, and the Voluminousness of their Proceedings will convince the Honorable Court H that there was no unnecessary Delay. —

No Reply — 54 & 55. —

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Opinion of the Council respecting the Tanjore Deposite and Orders in Consequence.

56 The Order contained in this Paragraph render it unnecessary to make the Application to the Nabob Resolved on in the former Part of this Letter, — Agreed that His Highness be informed of the Determination of the Court respecting the Tanjore Deposite — and that the Accountant General be directed to carry off the Amount in part discharge of the Debt due from the Nabob to the Company

Mr. Charles Darke's Apartments to be investigated.

57. Agreed that the Assertions of Mr. Charles Darke, contained in his Letter of the 27th July 1789, be referred to the Investigation of a Committee of three Civil Servants; and that Messrs. Kinnoorthy — William Hawkins and Benjamin Bramfill be the Committee for that Purpose.

Ordered that Copies of the Paragraphs on the Subject of the Assumption of the Management of the Carnatic and Tanjore Revenues, be sent to Lord Cornwallis —

" Chas Oakeley

" Jno Petrie

" Hudleston

George Parry Esq.

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to the Military Board.—

To Major General Musgrave
President &c Members of the
Military Board.

To the Military Board
— Carts & Bullocks to be supplied to Messrs Porcher and Redhead, agents to Lord Cornwallis — Instructions respecting the Camp Equipage to be sent to Amboor for the use of the Army —

Gentlemen,

We desire you will be pleased to — direct thirty Platform Carts, with four Bullocks — each and a Compliment of Spare Cattle and Drivers, to be delivered to Messrs Porcher and Readhead Lord Cornwallis's Agents, for the Purpose of Conveying Supplies from hence to the Army for the use of his Lordship —

We inclose a Statement of Tents required to be sent to Amboor immediately for the Service of the Officers and Corps of the Army supplied by the Company, & Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Qr Master General stating Lord Cornwallis's Objections to the Sepoy Private Tents now generally in use upon the Coast, and his Lordship's Recommendation that no private Tents either for Europeans or Natives, be issued from the Stores that cannot be conveniently carried whether wet or dry, by means of Common Serviceable Bullocks

With respect to the Prices at which

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the Tents of different Descriptions are to be issued, we think there can be no Objection on the part of the Officers if the Tents are issued to them at the same Rate they are now furnished by the Military Storekeeper who swears to their actual Cost, and to their having been provided at the cheapest Rate in his Power. Upon this Subject however, we shall write to Lord Cornwallis.

We are,

&c. &c.

Signed Charles Oakeley

&c. Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mss. Nos. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221.

To Captain Foster

To the Officer commanding the Detachment arrived from Bombay — permitting him to advance immediately the Subsistence that will become due to the Troops under his Command the End of the present Month.

To Major General Musgrave —

To Major General Musgrave — enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Foster, and desiring him to give such Orders as he may judge necessary for preventing further Irregularity and Desertion in his Corps; informing him of the Permission granted to that Officer to make an Advance of Pay to the Troops.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Giles desiring him to take charge of Eight Iron Portmanteaus containing twelve Lacks of Rupees which will be delivered to him by the Military Paymaster General and informing him that he will probably, on his Arrival at Amboor, receive Orders from Lord Cornwallis respecting the disposal of the Treasure—

To Lieutenant Colonel Giles.

To the Secretary at Bengal forwarding a Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency to the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort William together with a Return of Ordnance and Stores in the Arsenal at this Presidency and in the principal Subordinate Magazines made up to the 1st Instant and a Return of Ordnance and Stores indented for to Bengal, shewing the Supplies received from thence and those imported from Europe with the Remarks wanting to complete the original Indent—remarks and observations thereon—

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts desiring him to lay before the Board a Statement of the Amount to be repended by Major General Musgrave in consequence of the orders lately received from the Honble Court of Directors—

To the Commissary Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

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To the Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore. — enclosing a Letter for the Rajah and a copy for his Information. —

28th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Ds. 222. 223. 224. —

From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore. — From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore stating his Intention of proceeding to Trichenopoly when summoned by the Deputy Judge Advocate General. —

From Colonel Floyd. — From Colonel Floyd stating that he has not been authorized to direct the Destribution of Subsistence of the Horses in the Native Cavalry. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal — From the Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing Vouchers of Cloathing for the Bengal Troops shipped on the Fagletown Captain M.Intosh, and desiring that it may be forwarded to Camp by the first safe opportunity that offers. —

To the Hospital Board. — Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Ds. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. —

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To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board desiring them to provide an Assistant Surgeon to accompany the Detachment of His Majesty's 73d and 75th Regiments ordered to embark on the Henry for Tellicherry.—

To D. desiring them to send an Assistant Surgeon as far as Vellore with the Detachment in charge of the Battering Guns, Stores &c. under Command of Lieutenant Colonel Gaels.—

To the Hospital Board.—

To the Master Attendant specifying the Cargo of the New Triumph and desiring him either to proceed on board himself or send his Deputy to superintend her Disembarkation, in order that it may be ascertained that her Tonnage has been wholly appropriated to the public Service.—

To the Master Attendant.—

To D. with similar Instructions in regard to the Tagellaru.—

To D.

To the Commander of the private Ship Tagellaru desiring him to land as soon as possible the Clothing on board his Ship belonging to the Company and deliver it

To the Commander of the private Ship Tagellaru.—

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to the Care of Major Hall Commissary of
General of Stores.—

To the Military Board desiring

to the Military Board.— them to take charge of, and send to Camp by
the first opportunity, the Cloathing for the
Bengal Troops arrived on the Fajellem, and
to report the apparent State in which the
Packages of Cloathing have been received &
from the Hercules and Fajellem.—

To Captain Edward White

to Captain Edward White. commencicating the Approbation expressed
by the Honble Court of Directors at his &
Conduct in the pecuniary Relief he voluntarily
afforded the Rance of Shevagunga in the
year 1789. and informing him, that orders &
have been given to the Military Paymaster
General to discharge his Bill for 100 Pagodas
/the Amount disbursed by him on that &
Account.—/

to the Reverend & Wr Swartz.— To the Reverend Mr. Swartz
enclosing Copy of the 15th Paragraph of the
General Letter from the Court of Directors
under Date the 6th May last, and requesting &

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him to state his Ideas as to the Manner in which the Intentions of the Honorable Court can be best accomplished.—

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue enclosing Copy of the 32. Paragraph of the Letter from the Court of Directors under Date 6th May last, and desiring them to report how far the Plan for the Administration of Justice in the Tanjore Country, as proposed by the Reverend Mr. Swartz, has been carried into Execution.—

To Do. enclosing a Copy of

to Do.

the 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th and 12th Paragraphs of the Letter from the Honble Court of Directors under Date the 6th May last desiring them to report the present State of the Shevagunga Province and the great and little Maravar, including the Situation of the Widow and Descendants of the former Poligar of Shevagunga, the Disposition and Conduct of the two Murdahs, since their Expulsion, and every other Point required by the Honble Court on the Subject.—

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To Captain Alexander Read

To Captain Alexander Read informing him that orders have been given for sending to Vellore 40,000 Pagodas for the use of his Detachment, and desiring him to withdraw the Company of Sepoys which he had stationed at the Head of the Moglee Pass to escort Mehtaby alickhan to the Mysore Country.—

To the Command-ant at Angole.

To the Commandant at Angole desiring him to recall the Party detached by him to Vellore for the purpose of escorting Mehtaby alickhan to the Mysore Country.—

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Received the following Letters.—

To the Honble the Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Major General Musgrave. Captain Trapaud of the Engineer Corps applies for leave to proceed to Prince of Wales's Island for the Recovery of his Health—opinion on Mr Macleod's requisitions.—

I have the honor to acquaint the Board that Captain Trapaud of the Engineer Corps has signified to Lieutenant Colonel Ross that he is unable to take the field owing to his bad state of health, & and requests permission of the Board to proceed to the Prince of Wales's Island for its reestablishment.— The Surgeon's Certificates

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Certificates necessary in such cases, with the application from Captain Trapaud, have come to me thro' the regular Channel.—

In reply to the Board's letter of the 26th Instant desiring me to report my opinion on Mr. McLeod's requisition, I can only say, that, as there is nothing at present to be apprehended in the Madura district from any attempt of the enemy, I can see no objection to the Sibendy Troops being employ'd as Mr. McLeod wishes; and he must be the best Judge where their services are most required.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

29th Sept. 1791.

(signed) Tho. Musgrave

Mr. W. C. Jackson

Secretary.

From the Collection in the Northern Division of the Sagheir representing the Injury to the Collection that will arise from obliging the People to enroll as Harekeepers and Graspcutters with the Army and the opposition that is made by the Inhabitants to his Authority in executing the Orders of Government on this subject.—

Sir,

In consequence of the Orders of Government communicated to me under date the 24th instant, I have sent to the different Villages to collect the Straw required, which shall be

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despositied at Conditoor, and Accumbade Thereby.

An receipt of your Letter of the 22. instant, I orderd an assessment to be made on each District under my charge, in order to procure the Horsekeepers and Grasscutters demanded for the Cavalry. I have already impressed several men for this service, and notwithstanding I have informid them that every possible indulgence will be shewon to them such is their aversion to go to Camp that a general insurrection among the Ryots has it has taken place, who declare they will immediately abandon the Cultivation if any of them are forced from their Villages. Having experienced the consequence of a revolt among the lower class of Inhabitants on a former occasion, I have every reason to believe, if coercive measures are continued the Ryots will totally desert the Cultivation, whereby the Revenue will be entirely lost.—

Those men whom I have already impressed are confined in their respective Districts, as my Peons are unable

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to oppose the Mob of Parriars assembled to
prevent them from being taken away. Should
it be the fixed determination of the Honble
Governor in Council to inforce compliance
I have to request the immediate assistance of
a strong Guard of Sepoys to escort them from
their Villages to Trivalore, and from hence
to Arcot, as an attempt to rescue them is
meditated by the Mob.-

Trivalore
26th Sept. 1791.

I am &c &c
(Signed) John Clerk
Collector N. D.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
acting Governor
Fort St. George

From the Resident at Poonah - Cause of his not corresponding directly with this Government - the Peshwa to be on the Kistna by the 12th October.

Hon^ble Sir

On a Presumption that
you Peruse my addresses that are sent to the
Governor General through Mr. Secretary
Jackson, I have thought seperate advices
to you unnecessary, particularly by the
last and present Post, relative to the Peshwa's

taking

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taking the Field, Which Measure / tho' a religious motive is alleged / you will I dare say attribute, With me, to poletical Springs; and that the Prosecution of the Peshwa's Progress will depend upon the same Causes - The Movement ought, at all Events, to give Eclat to the Confederacy

I have the honor to be, very Respectfully, -

Poona 11th Sept. 1791.

/Signed/ Lt. Col. C. W. Malet

P.S. I expect the Peshwa will be on the Kistna by the 12th October. -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M/B Nos. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. -

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Jaghire. -

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Jaghire - expressing the Board's concern that he should have met with Difficulties in the execution of their Orders for the Provision of Horse Keepers and Grass Cutters - desiring him to release the People he has confined, and to offer them a small Increase of Pay, if he think it will

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answer any good Purpose.—

To the Civil Paymaster General.—

To the Civil Paymaster General informing him that the Terms on which the Northern Dooley Boys have been engaged must be strictly adhered to.—

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery.—

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery desiring him to inform Bommaige that previous to the Dismission of the dismounted Troops, he must obtain from them their Arms, and upon no other Terms grant them their Discharge.—

To the Commandant at Palamcotah.—

To the Commandant at Palamcotah desiring him to place Captain Leighton in the Command of Calcud, and informing him that his Authority in that Command is not to be considered as giving him any Power independent of him (Colonel Clarke).—

To the Hospital Board.—

To the Hospital Board enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel De Wangenheim and desiring that the Colonel's Request may be complied with.—

To the Board of Assigned Revenue.—

To the Board of Assigned Revenue approving their Resolution of placing

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The Jaghierdar of Arnee under the immediate Authority of Mr. Rendersley, desiring that such offenders as Mr. Rendersley may judge deserving of exemplary Punishment may be sent to the Presidency, with an Account of their Crimes and informing them that a General order has been published conformably to the Recommendation contained in their Letter of the 26th Instant.—

To the Commandant at Arnee.—

To the Commandant at Arnee informing him that the Board have resolved to place the Jaghierdar under the immediate Authority of Mr. Rendersley desiring him to mention the Names of the Persons alluded to in his Letter of the 25th Instant under the Appellation of the "Jaghierdar's Domestics at Madras"

To Captain Foster.

To the Officer Commanding the Detachment arrived from Bombay informing him that the Board have resolved to acquit him of all Responsibility in Regard to the Delivery at Madras of the Stores and Provisions placed under his Charge by the Bombay Government.—

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To the Collectors at Trichenopoly the three Divisions of the Arcot Province & the Southern Division of the Jaghire

To the Collectors at Trichenopoly the Northern, Center & Southern Divisions of the Arcot Province, and the Southern Division of the Jaghire directing them to report the Number of Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters they have collected and sent to Arcot in consequence of the Instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 11th Instant.—

To the Board of Revenue informing them that orders have already been given for selling off a Proportion of the Grain at Trivisapore, Poonamalee, and Chingleput approving the Instructions given by them to the Acting Resident at Cuddalore respecting the Nabob's Elephants.—

To the Board of Revenue.—

To the Resident at Hydrabad informing him that in consequence of the orders of the Court of Directors the Board cannot, without their Consent first obtained, make any addition to permanent established allowances, and that the Situation of Captain Andrew Read will be mentioned in favorable Terms to the Honble Court by the first opportunity.—

To the Resident at Hydrabad.

To

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To the Resident at Poonah submitting

to the Resident at Poonah.— the Propriety of recommending to the Ministers, &
that the Maratta Vackeels residing at the — &
Presidency and Tanjore be withdrawn.—

Sent the following Letters to

Lord Cornwallis.—

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis Sentiments of the Board on the Applic-ation of the Officers Command-ing Wings and Brigades of the Army for an Increase of allowances enclosing Extract of the last Letter from the Court of Directors relat-ing to the subject

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordships Letter dated the 22d Instt, with Copy of one to your Lordship & from Lieutenant Colonel Stuart, in behalf of himself and the other Officers commanding Wings and Brigades in the Army, representing the inadequacy of their allowances,— as your Lordship has been pleased to recommend to us that certain allowances be granted to those Officers in consideration of their peculiar situation, we deem it our duty to acquiesce therein, under a Conviction of the necessity of the measure, and the Equity of the Claim from your Lordships Recommendation

of

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Sir— The Company's Orders however are so pointed in restricting us from making additions to the permanent established allowances, and have been so very lately repeated in the case of Major General Musgrave, that we conceive, under any other authority less high than your Lordship's we should not have ventured to assent to a measure, which might be construed into an act of Disobedience, on our part, to the orders of the Honble Court, than which nothing can be further from our Intentions— We take the liberty of enclosing a copy of the Orders alluded to, and have the Honor to be.—

Fort St. George
28th Sept. 1791.

Rt. Hon.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Pr. Council

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

My Lord.—

Our Secretary has laid before us the Deputy adjutant Generals Letter to him dated the 21st Instant Conveying your Lordship's Ideas in regard to the Prices at which

to Lord Cornwallis opinion regarding the Rate at which the officers should be charged for Tents advice of the Departure of the Battering Train and Stores under charge of Lieutenant Colo. Gells Report of the incomplete state of the Detachment arrived from Bombay.

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which the Tents of different Descriptions should be issued to the Officers - we observe your Lordship recommends that the Tents should be delivered to the Officers at the same Rates they could have them made up for by private agency or otherwise in the Carnatic. This purpose, we conceive, would be effectually answered by charging the Officers the same Price that is charged to the Company by the Military Storekeeper, who, by the System lately established, swears to the actual Cost of the Tents, and to his having provided them upon the cheapest Terms in his Power; and as he makes advances of Cash for a large Number of Tents at one Time, it is not likely that an Individual could provide a single Tent, by Private agency, at so cheap a Rate -

We have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship that all the Guns and other articles specified in the List enclosed in your Letter of the 15th Instant, together with twelve Lacks of Rupees were dispatched from hence yesterday Morning under the Charge of Lieutenant Colonel Yeats. -

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The Bombay Draughts under the Command of Captain Foster marched at the same time, but not in so complete a state as we could have wished. Two hundred of the men arrived sick, principally owing, as we are informed to the want of proper accommodation on Board the Ships; and a considerable Number of them are now in our Hospital.—

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

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Lt. Lt.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Lt. Council

30th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M/S Ff. 249. 250. 251. 252.—

From Captain Welsh of the Bengal Establishment.— From Captain Welsh requesting that the Accoutrements & Cloathing for the two Battalions of Bengal Volunteers may be forwarded to Camp by the present Escort.—

From the Deputy Judge Advocate General South of the Coleroon.— From the Deputy Judge Advocate General South of the Coleroon acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 26th Instant respecting Mr. Dashwood's

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30th Dashwood's Attendance at the Court Martial assembled at Trichenopoly.—

From Captain Campbell of His Majesty's 74th Regement.— From Captain Campbell— requesting to be furnished with an Order to be received on board the Airley Castle as Passenger to Bengal.—

From the officer commanding His Majesty's 75th Regement. From Captain Robert Crauford requesting that the Cloathing arrived from England for His Majesty's 75th Regement may be sent to Tellicherry by the first opportunity

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

acting President

William Petrie and John Studleston Esqrs.

Friday 30th September 1791.— The Honorable Major General Meadows absent upon Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis.—

Sir

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President and Council

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

From Lord Cornwallis recommendation on the subject of annulling the Bullock Contract.

I have received a letter from the contractors for the supply of Draft and Carriage Bullocks for the use of the Army on the Coast, informing me that they had notified to you, in a letter dated the 13th. of last July, their full and chearful acquiescence in the annulling of the Contract, and being of opinion that an Army in the Field cannot be properly supplied with Bullocks by the Contract, I can see no objection to your releasing these Gentlemen from their engagements, provided you think that the mode in which they have offered their resignation of the Contract is sufficiently formal.—

I shall, in the mean time, direct the Public Agent to receive the Few Bullocks and Drivers belonging to the Contractors with the Army, on account of the Company, on the 1st. of next month, and

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should you consider the resignation of the
Contract as regular and Genial, you will
no doubt take care that all Bullocks and
Drivers belonging to the Contractors in the
Carnatic shall also be transferred to proper
Persons employed on the part of the Company
to receive them.—

Camp near Bangalore
Sept.r 22d. 1791.

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

Minute thereon.

As the Letter from the
Bullock Contractors to the Board of the
13th July expressed an impossibility of
carrying on the Contract under the circumst-
-ances then existing, and a Wish that the
Gentlemen concerned might be relieved
from the Responsibility — as the large
Provision of Bullocks required at that
Time for the Re-equipment of the Army
was made under the immediate authority
and at the sole Expence of Government
and as very few have since been provided or

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any other Mode, the Board are of opinion, if Lord Cornwallis sees no objection, that the Contract should be considered as at an end from the 1st. July last, and the expence of incurred by the Contractors for Bullocks since that Period reimbursed.—

If this arrangement meet his Lordship's Ideas, it will be necessary to ascertain the Number of Bullocks belonging to the Contractors in Camp at the above Period; as the Contractors, besides the expence of maintaining them, will be entitled to the value of the Bullocks upon a reasonable Estimation,—or, if Lord Cornwallis think it more eligible, the terms of the Contract might be considered in force with respect to the Camp Cattle, until the 1st. of October, when his Lordship proposed they should be delivered over to the Public agent.—

Minute thereon.

With regard to any expence to be made good to the Contractors from the Time the Contract is declared to cease—

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The Board think there is no other method of ascertaining it so proper, as the oath of the Person acting in their behalf.-

Resolved that the above opinions be Communicated to Lord Cornwallis.-

The acting President lays before the Board the following Returns of Bullock Maistries and Drivers, and of Dooley Maistries and Bearers, on their way to Camp from the Northward.-

Return of Bullock Drivers Arrived from the Northward to 1st October 1791.-

Return of Bullock Maistries and Drivers arrived from the Northward for the Service of the Army.-

		Maistries	Drivers
From Ganjam ...	sent by Mr. Crawford ...	2	90.
From Ganjam Havelly	sent by Mr. Webbe ...	"	12
From Vizagapatam ...	sent by the Chief & Council	16	384
From Vizagapatam Havelly	sent by Mr. Keating	8	152
From Masulipatam Havelly	sent by Mr. Tudor	17	350
From Muglatore Zemindary	sent by Mr. Chamier	2	50
From Angole ...	sent by Mr. Erskine	10	200
	Total Number arrived	55.	1228

Entertained and Sent but not yet arrived.-

		Maistries	Drivers
From Vizagapatam Havelly	by Mr. Keating ...	5	95
From Masulipatam Havelly	by Mr. Tuber ...	10	344
From Angole ...	by Mr. Erskine ...	10	200
From Nellore ...	by Mr. Dighton ...	5	97
	Total Number not yet arrived	30.	736

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Return of Dooley boys sent from the Northern Circars for the use of the Army and which have arrived at Madras.—

	District from whence Sent	Guardian sent to	Ship Arrived in	
Return of Dooley Boys sent from the Northward for the Service of the Army.—	Masulipatam	Chief and Council	Q	225
	Gundoor	Mr. Tudor	8	192
	Ellore	Do	4	80
	Vizagapatam	Chief and Council	4	96
	Monsurewtah	Mr. N. Webb	"	287
	Ganjam	Mr. Crawford	6	200
	Gundoor	Mr. Tudor	5	100
			36	1180

NB. Mr. Tudor by his letter of advice 22d Sept. has despatched 8 and 192 on the ship Bueno Mastry which have not yet arrived.—

Signed/ Benjn. Roebuck
Mpr.

The above Returns to be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis.

Agreed that Copies of the above Returns be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis.—

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.—

To

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Revenue repeating their Recommendation that the Collector at Canoor be allowed to raise a few Sibbendy for a Temporary Service

We have been honored with the Receipt of your Letter of the 22d Instant, and beg leave to inform you, that the Collector in the Districts of Canore &c has represented to us his great want of Revenue Troops for the protection of the Revenues, and to give Confidence to the Inhabitants— The Commanding officer at Canore has, on application from the Collector, granted him some Revenue Sepoys, but he still requires a small additional Number, We therefore request to know if it be your pleasure that we authorize him to raise a few Sibbendy for temporary Service.—

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

(Signed) Wm Petrie
J. Oakes
George Monbray

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agreed

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Agreed that the Collector at

Minute thereon. Carroor be authorized by the Board of Revenue

to raise one hundred Sibbendy Sepoys for

temporary Service.—

Read the following Letter

from the Reverend Mr. Swartz.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

As the late Tulja Maha-

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz desiring to know who is to perform the funeral Ceremonies on the Decease of the Mother of the late Tulja Maha Rajah.

Rajah's mother is a Lady of above 70 years of age, and now in an ailing State of health I am desired to lay before the Honble Board a question which can be decided by none but the Honble Board.—

In case the old Lady should die, the office of setting the Funeral Pile-

on fire, belongs, and is to be performed by the nearest relation: who shall be-

honored with that appellation.— This-

Excellency the present Rajah— or Serfojie the adopted Son of the late Rajah.—

The Sentiments of the old

Lady on that Subject, are fully known to

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the Honble Board.—

Should the old Lady die the S
surviving Widows of the late Rajah would
would immediately apply to me desiring S
that their adopted Son might perform that
last office of a Son.—

His Excellency the Rajah S
would insist upon having that honor.—

That no dispute might S
happen I request of the Honble Board to
honor me with a decisive Answer, and I beg
to have that decision as soon as possible

I have the honor to be,
respectfully.—

Tanjore
September 26th 1791.

&c &c
Signed C F Swartz

Minute thereon.

The Board are decidedly of S
opinion that the Rajah of Tanjore is the
proper Person to execute the customary Duty
upon the decease of the late Rajah's Mother;
but as this Preference may create a Jealousy
on the part of Serfoge's Friends, it will S

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be proper that Mr. Swartz endeavour to reconcile them to it.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Symes.—

To W. Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Government—

Sir,

From Lieutenant Symes requesting that the Period for refunding the Amount adjudged to be due from him to the Company may be postponed to the End of the Month of March.—

I am honored with your Letter of the 26th. conveying to me the orders of the Honble Board, that I should make good the sum of money advanced by me to forward the publick service, on, or before the first day of next November.—

I feel, from many reasons, a the utmost reluctance in again obtruding a Subject on the attention of the Honble Board, which, I wish there never had been a necessity to have brought before them, a Necessity, I would have obviated, had it been in the power of any person, under similar Circumstances to have done so, and which I regret, yet more from the dread of incurring their censure for remissness and neglect, than even the pecuniary Distress it is likely to involve me in.—

To

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To do away any imputation of negligence on my part in the execution of my publick duty, I can add but little to what I have already set forth in my letter of the 20th Instant. I have there stated, that the hardships & individuals suffered in the late Campaigns surpassed what was ever experienced by any Army in India, - Camp followers of all discriptions, both publick and private, were to be supported by the precarious supplies that could be conveyed to us in our progress through a country desolated by the enemy, and deserted by its inhabitants. - The Merchants were compelled to go to a great distance, and run a proportionate risk, - their gains were limited, their danger great, and their losses frequent; It became requisite to circumscribe their profits in order to keep the necessaries of life within the reach of a Soldiers pay, and I can safely aver that, in so doing, the advantages arising to the Merchant were little adequate to the Hazard - I therefore could not, consistently, press them at a time when

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when every individual was exerting himself in
the Common Cause, and my sudden departure
from the Army, as unexpected, as it has proved
inconvenient, unavoidably produced that
delay, which I hope the Honble Board will
attribute to necessity, and not to Neglect.—

It may perhaps be deemed
superfluous, yet I conceive that I owe it
to myself, to declare to the Board, in the
most unequivocal Manner, that I never,
either directly or indirectly, received interest
or emolument, from the use of publick
money advanced to Merchants with the
Camp — when orders were sent to General
Musgrave to prepare the Army for Field
operations, I undertook, at his desire, the
Arrangement of the Bazars — and, on General
Medows's assuming the Command, I continued
to superintend them by his particular
request, which he did me the honor to express
in publick orders, with a liberal declaration
of confidence in my exertions and Zeal to
forward so important a branch of the

publick

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publick Service - In what manner I discharged the trust reposed in me, General Musgrave and many field Officers now at the Presidency, can best testify - but so far I may venture to affirm, that the task was a most laborious one, and that want of diligence and energy were not to be numbered amongst my other deficiencies. - I hope, Sir, from what I have mentioned, that the Honble Board will not think me too importunate in thereby and earnestly requesting their indulgence for 4 or 5 Months beyond the term prescribed in your letter - Should the Honble Board be pleased to prolong it to the end of next March a latitude, which will preclude the possibility of my soliciting any further extension, I shall consider myself bound, in my official capacity to render the most satisfactory account, and as an individual shall ever gratefully acknowledge their Condescension. -

I have the honor to be with

Respect. -

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&c &c

(Signed) Mack. Symes

late Superintendant

of Supplies.

Extract

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Extract of General Orders 1st June 90.

Lieut. Symes having undertaken the Import-
=ant Department of regulating the Bazars,
The Commander in Chief appoints him
Superintendant of Supplys for them, and
Confiding in his Zeal to regulate them as he
may deem most expedient for the General
Accomodation, He is determined to give him
every support without Clogging him with
responsibility of miscarriage.-

a true Copy

(Signed) M Symes

Agreed to inform Lieutenant
Symes that the Board will acquiesce in his
request, provided he lodge with them a Bond
for the Amount due by him, payable on the 31st
Day of March next.-

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Lieut.-=ant Symes.-

Read the following Letter
from the Comptroller General of Army
Accounts.-

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From the Comptroller General with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Colt in further Explanation of his Charge for Premium

In consequence of the Orders of Government of the 20th Instant, directing me to apply to Mr. Colt for a further Explanation of his Charge for Premium, I have the honor to enclose his Reply, which I request you will Submit to the Honble Board.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J Capper
C G. &c.

Fort St George
28th September 1791.

Colonel Capper

Comptroller General of Accounts

Fort St George

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your's of the 27th Instant, inclosing a Letter of the Honble Board's respecting the premium of 1 p Cent charged in my accounts for negotiating some of my bills in Camp, and desiring to be informed If I had the sanction of

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of the Commander in Chief for this charge.—

The Sanction of the Commander in Chief did not appear to me immediately ℔ necessary for the moderate charge of 1 ℔ Cent ℔ upon money received from Soucars and native ℔ Merchants in Camp; for it is evidently a considerable gain to the Company and could the whole of the monthly disbursements be again brought into ℔ the Money Chest, at the same rate you will, I am sure, allow that besides saving the risque and expense of conveyance of Treasure to ℔ Camp, It would prove very advantageous to the Army in Military operations, without draining this Presidency and Bengal of Specie As these are the motives by which I was actuated in making this charge, and the Paymasters accounts both at Trichinopoly and Madura contain numberless precedents of a premium charged of 2 and 2½ ℔ Cent for bills on the Presidency, I trust those charges will not be rejected for a trifling default in form, which I believe you have not found wanting in my accounts from whence the Honble Company could ℔

eventually

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eventually sustain any loss.— Permit me to conclude with observing that whilst the War is carried on in the Enemy's Country, this mode of procuring Supplies of Cash, is more particularly beneficial, for the Officers cannot be supposed to have money to spare to remit to the Presidency.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Oliver Colt

Asst. Paymaster to the Army

Fort St. George
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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Comptroller General.—

In consideration of the Circumstances stated by Mr. Colt, in his Letter to the Comptroller General, the Board will consent to admit the charge for Premiums, provided he declare upon his Honor that the whole Sum of Pagodas 826-21 was actually and truely disbursed by him on that account, and that he derived no personal advantage therefrom.—

Read the following Letter from Arabamuen Paupiah Braminy.—

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary &c.

Sir,

I beg to know if the Governor has been pleased to give you any Instructions respecting the Receiving me, and Settling the Business of the Security I am to give for my appearance as you declined seeing me this Morning, if he has, I beg to know at what time it will be most Convenient for me to wait on you: and if not I beg the favor of you to ask his permission for that purpose that the Business may be Settled.—

From Avadanum Paupiah Banniny stating that he is ready to settle the Terms for the Security required of him.—

Madras
28th Septr 1791.

I am &c &c

(Signed) A. Paupia Banniny

The acting President proposes that Paupiah be called before the Board.—

Paupiah attending accordingly—is asked by the acting President if he has provided the Security which was required of him—He replies that he has provided thirty thousand Pagodas which he will lodge in the Company's Treasury to Morrow Morning but hopes the Board will allow him Interest while the Money may remain with them—He requests also

Paupiah attends the Board.—

Agreement made with Paupiah relative to the Security to be provided by him.—

that

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that his consolidated Bonds now in the Company's Possession be restored to him - and that it be left to his option at any future Period to recall the above Sum upon his depositing Company's Bonds to the Amount - These Points being agreed to, and the Interest fixed at 8 pr Cent pr Annum, Paupiah names, and the Board resolve to accept, Mr Thomas Parry and Jaganaut Taukes Sowcar as his Securities in two thousand Pagodas each -

Paupiah withdraws.

Paupiah withdraws -

The Company's Solicitor to be instructed to draw out the proper Form of a Recognizance to be taken from Paupiah and his Securities -

Ordered that the Company's Solicitor be directed to draw out the proper Form of a Recognizance to be taken from Paupiah and his Securities -

Death of Lieutenants Cruickshanks and Walton of the 4th Infantry -

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Patrick Cruickshanks of the 4th Battalion of Native Infantry at Madura on the 21st Instant and of Lieutenant John Walton of the 4th Battalion of European Infantry in Camp on the 17th Instant -

" Chas Oakeley

"

" Thos Huddleston

George Parry
Secr

5030.

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M/B Nos 253, 254, 255, 256,

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General desiring him to open a Head in his Books of "Travancore Subsidy" and to carry to it the Sums due by the Rajah in consequence of his Contribution of ten Lacks of Rupees p Annum from the Commencement of the War, and give him Credit for the Money which has been received —

To the Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore desiring him to obtain the Rajahs Permission for Captn Wahab to proceed to Anjengo through the Travancore Country with the Draffs to complete the 4th Battalion of Native Infantry.

To Captain J. Campbell of His Majesty's 74th Regiment —

To Captain J. Campbell informing him that as the Derby Castle is not at present in the Company's Service the Board cannot order him a Passage on that Ship to Bengal —

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To the Secretary at Bengal inclosing Copies of the following Letters — Viz[t] From the Master Attendant respecting the Cargo of the Cornwallis — From the Commanders of the Ships Henry and Victoria accounting for the Short delivery of Bullocks sent round — and From the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors respecting

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respecting to be furnished with Sundry Invoices of Specie sent from Bengal for the supply of this Presidency — Informing him of the Arrival of the Hercules with the Cloathing for the Bengal Troops

October 1st

Recd the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. for the Month of October No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

From the Officer commanding the Bombay Detachment

From the Commander of the Bombay Detachment requesting to be furnished immediately with a Reply to his last Letter —

From the Secretary at Bengal — acknowledging Receipt of the following Letters — Viz. From the Governor in Council under Dates 2d July 3d and 6th August — and from Mr Secretary Jackson under Dates 30th June — 13th July 6th 9 and 18th August

From the Secretary at Bengal

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province —

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province stating that he had previous to the Receipt of the Board's Orders of the 24th September laid up large Supplies of Straw for the Cattle going from the Presidency to Amboor —

From the Secretary to the Military Board requesting permission to imbark on the Henry for Tellicherry the Accoutrements belonging to the 4th Battalion of Native Infantry —

From the Secretary to the Military Board

From the Officer Commanding at Coimbatoor

From the Commandant at Coimbatoor expressing his Acknowledgments for the Honor conferred upon

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upon him by the Board—

From the Commandant at — Chandernaghery — representing the Difficulty of procuring Horsekupers or Grass cutters without using force — advises of his having released the Paukalle Poligars after the[y] for further Instructions respecting the Dismission of Bomrauze's dismounted Troopers, and recommends that the Slave Isobah be lodged in his charge for the present.

Received Letter from the Rajah of Calastry / as entered in C.C. No 2334 / expressing his sincere wish to forward the Public Service by sending to the Cavalry Cantonments the Number of Horsekupers and Grass Cutters required for the Service of the Army

Sent the following Letters

To Mr Stephen Popham

the Honble Company's Solicitor

Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Governor & in Council to inform you that having resolved to take a Recognizance from Avadanum Paupiah Braming in the sum of 30,000 Star Pagodas from himself with two securities of 1000 Pagodas each for his personal appearance to answer such charges

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1st Charges as may be preferred against him by the Government of Fort St George for the time being, at any period within three years from this date, you are hereby directed to draw out the proper Form of such Recognizance According. The Securities named by Paupiah are Mr Thomas Parry and Jaggarnaut Tanker Dowcar.

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Jam,
&c &c
(signed) W. C. Jackson
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To the Honble Charles Stuart
and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council
at Fort William

Gentlemen,

To Bengal with returns of Bullocks, Serdars &c arrived from Bengal — Bengal Cloathing sent to Carnk — Instructions required as to the manner of bringing to account the Expence of its transportation as also the Expence incurred in the article of Bengal Bullocks —

We have the honor to enclose, for your information, a Return of Bullocks Serdars and Drivers arrived from Bengal, shewing the Numbers shipped & returns received; the Casualties on Board, the Numbers landed at Madras, and the Number delivered over to Lieutenant Shipton's Charge —

We have given the necessary directions for forwarding to the Army the Bengal Cloathing arrived on the Hercules — As we are informed a Contract exists in Bengal for transporting Cloathing

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Cloathing to the place where the Troops of that Establish-
=ment may be serving, we request to know under —
which Head you would wish the Expences of sending
the Cloathing to Camp to be charged — We shall be
glad to have your opinion likewise in regard to the
Mode of bringing to account the Expences which
have been incurred in the Article of Bungal Bullocks
considerable Advances having been made to the —
Officers in charge of them for the Carriage of Grain &c

We have the Honor to be,

&c &c &c

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

&c Council

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob —

Received Letter from the Nabob / as entered
in C.C. No 235 / advising of his having issued the
most positive orders to Abdul Wahab Cawn to
collect and send to Camp all the Grain that can
be procured in the District of Chittoor —

Received the following Letter —

Hospital Board

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The Hospital Board

have the Honor of acquainting —,
Government that in consequence
of their orders of the 28th Instant, they
immediately ordered Mr Nash
Assist.

Proceedings of the Hospital Board recommending that Mr Nash be ordered to accompany the Detachment about to proceed to Tellicherry and that he be afterwards stationed at Bangalore — that Mr M'Intosh be ordered to accompany the Detachment of his Majesty's Troops to Tellicherry — and that Mr Dunbar be appointed to the 2d Battn European Infantry — Opinion on Mr Wright's Claim to an allowance on account of Medical Servants — recommending that Mr A. Anderson be appointed to act with the Train of Artillery during the Indisposition of Mr Alderton.

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Assistant Surgeons to proceed to Vellore with the Detachment in charge of the the Battering Train —

The Board Recommend that Mr Thomas Nash be appointed to the Field Hospital in Bangalore

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr Robert Macintosh be ordered to accompany the detachments of his Majesty's 73d and 75th Regiments to Tellicherry, and hope that Government will be pleased, in their Correspondence with General Abercromby, to signify how Mr Macintosh is to be disposed of on his arrival there. They also recommend that Mr George Dunbar be appointed to the 2d Regiment European Infantry in the room of Mr Macintosh —

Approved

Approved
General Abercromby will be written to on the subject

Approved

The Hospital Board have the honor of acquainting Government that two of the Assistant Surgeons mentioned by the Honble Court of Directors are arrived Mr John Douglas Whyte and Mr John Hardy both of whom have been appointed to

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to Stations on their former Proceedings.

The Hospital Board have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 26th Instant for their Opinion — inclosing a Letter from Mr Wright Assistant Surgeon with the 2d Regt. of European Infantry to the Commissary General, on his allowance of 10 Pags p. Month for Medical Servants being objected to, from the Vicinity of the Regiment to the General Hospital —

The Hospital Board are decidedly of opinion that every Assistant Surgeon attached to a Corps is — entitled to the Allowance — good — Medical Servants at all times are difficult to be got and require — instruction; it is therefore of the — utmost consequence that a Surgeon be enabled to keep them —

In the present Instance if no Medical Servants are allowed, a great many Cases that are now treated in Barracks must be sent to the General Hospital, and incur an —

Approved

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an expence to the Honble Company much beyond the allowance of 10 Pagodas.

The Hospital Board are rather surprised that the Commissary General should make an objection when this matter was decided by Government so long ago as October 1786 as stated by Mr Wright & and only objected to now.

The Hospital Board are happy to find, by Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 23 Instant that the Assistant Surgeons whom they thought necessary to recommend and whom Government have been pleased to appoint during the present War, have been confirmed by the Honble Court of Directors.

The Hospital Board having received a letter from Mr Alexander Surgeon of the 1st Battalion of Artillery stating that his health has been so much injured during the time the Army has been in the

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the Mysore Country, considered Unnecessary for him to come to the Coast; and that although he has derived considerable advantage by the change of Climate, yet that he does not find himself at present equal to encounter the — ensuing Campaign. As Mr Anderson has been always on active Service both during the late and present War, by which his health has been injured, the Board think he is entitled to this Indulgence, and therefore recommend that Mr Alexander Anderson Surgeon, now at Bengalore, be appointed to act with the 1st — Battalion of Artillery during his indisposition. —

Approved

(Signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General

" W Kaine
Acting Chief Surgeon

" Wellm Duffin
Head Surgeon

(Wellesley

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per

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

For

From the Deputy Account. and General - reporting on Major Brown's Explication for arrears of Gratuity -

In answer to your Letter desiring to know the Amount of Gratuity due to Major Brown of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, I request you will acquaint the Honble Board that agreeable to a General Order dated 13th of September 1788 Major Brown is precluded from any Claim to that Fund as Senior Captain, except he was in Command of the Regiment.

Fort St George
Accountt Genls
Office 29th September 1791

I am,
Wr Hble
(signed) T Pearce
Dy Acct Genl

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President & Council
at Fort St George

From the Resident at Gunjam referring Bills for Intelligence presented by Lieutenant Lee -

Honble Sir and Sirs,

The Enclosed Bill for Intelligence Money for June from Lieutenant John Lee late Commanding Officer of the 8th Battalion on Field Service in this District, was presented for my signature in the Month of July, when, as you will observe from the Accompanying Copy of a Letter

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letter which I addressed to him on the 25th of that Month I could not but approve the Charge, although, in compliance with your Regulations, I was necessitated to refer him to the Commander in Chief, whose subscription is the prescribed Voucher to the Paymaster for such a disbursement.

Lieutenant Lee has now addressed me another letter, informing me that having submitted his Bills to the Commander in Chief with Copy of my Letter of the 25th July, the latter has been pleased to refer him back to the local Authority under which he was acting. Upon a Position that he, the Commander in Chief, was not sufficiently informed of the Service to take upon himself to Audit the Charge —

In the Interval of his Correspondence the Months of July and August have elapsed, and Lieutenant Lee says I am also to reimbursement of his Expences for the same Account in those Months —

Under these Circumstances I trust that my passing an opinion upon the admissibility of the Charge in Question will not be construed into a Violation of your Orders. I therefore beg leave to repeat here, that I cannot but approve of the

Charge,

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"charge, being thoroughly sensible of the necessity of —
"Employing Persons to Collect Intelligence, as well for the
"safety of the several Detachments in the Field as for the
"protection of the Inhabitants and security of the Revenue"

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
Sir &c
(signed) Ky Crawford.

Lieutenant John Lee
Commanding the Troops
Tanjaur

Tanjaur
20th September 1791.

Sir,

I have received your Letter with Bills for secret Service, which I now return and Recommend your forwarding to the Commander in Chief for his signature. The Charge I cannot but approve of, being thoroughly sensible of the necessity of employing Persons to collect intelligence as well for the safety of the several Detachments in the Field as for the protection of the Inhabitants and security of the Revenue —

I am &c &c
(signed) Ky Crawford

Tanjaur
25th July 1791

A true Copy
(signed) John Lee
Lieut

A true Copy
(signed) Thomas Snodgrass Secry

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To Henry Crawford Esqre

Resident &c

Ganjam

Sir.

I take the liberty of troubling you with the Copy of a Letter I have received in reply to one I wrote Major General Musgrave enclosing a Copy of your letter of the 25 July to me, and a Bill for Intelligence Money for June. As the General refers me to you, under whose Orders I have acted, I beg leave to submit the bill again to your consideration with Bills for the Months of July and August, and as you have already given your sentiments of the propriety and necessity of the Charge it is needless I should say more on the subject, than that I shall esteem myself much obliged to you to take such measures as may appear to you most likely to get me reimbursed—

Camp at
Barampour
31st August 1791

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect—
&c &c
(signed) John Lee
Lieut Commg

A true Copy
(signed) Thomas Snodgrass Secry

To

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To Lieutent Lee

Commanding at Baramphore

Sir,

I am directed by Major General Musgrave to acquaint you that it is wholly out of his power to sign your Bill for intelligence Money, as he is uninformed of the Service you have been employed on and the authority under which you have acted. The General therefore thinks you had better procure the sanction of those persons by whose orders you were directed when you incurred the expence.

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(signed) Michl. Symes Secy

Madras
19th August 1791

A true Copy
(signed) John Lee

A true Copy
(signed) Tho. Snodgrass Secy

W. C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Captain Read reports the unserviceable state of the Guns received from Bangalore

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council, that the heavy Guns two 20 and two 26 pdrs arrived here from Bangalore on the 20th Instant, that they were

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were put into the Battery next Night, and opened against the Fort on the Morning of the 22d but it is with extreme concern I am obliged to say that they proved so bad, as scarcely to be able to hit the works with them at about 500 Yards distance.

The 2 Twenties have become unserviceable already. 2 Feet 7 Inches having broke off from the Muzzle of the one, and the other split from the Muzzle downwards to the Trunnions and cannot longer be used: altho the charge of Powder has only been 6 lb a less quantity than the usual Breaching proportion: every endeavor is using to effect a Breach with the two 26 but my hopes of success are now less sanguine, as before opening the Batteries I never doubted being in possession of the lower Fort in two days after commencement.

I have established a Post in Meerdaha's Tomb, about 150 Yards from the Works, which keeps the Garrison within their Walls on that side-

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Signed Andw Read

Capt Comdg

Ellore Detach.t

Camp before
Gurram Coondah
26th September 1791

To

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

Sir,

From Vizagapatam - the Paymaster at Chicacole applies for an advance of cash on account of Repairs to the Company's Buildings in the Cantonment of Chicacole.

The Paymaster of Chicacole has requested a further advance of Rs 1000, for completing the repairs of the Commanding Officers house, which we hope you will allow us to comply with - We enclose copy of his letter, in reply to it, we have deemed him to take such measures as he may deem indispensably necessary to prevent the bad consequences he apprehends from the approaching Monsoon. -

We are, with respect, &c.

Vizagapatam
22d September 1791

Signed { A. Wm Gregory
John Snow

Alexander Davidson Esqre
Chief & Council
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to acquaint you that the sum of two thousand Rupees allowed by Government for repairing the Company's Buildings in this Cantonment is very inadequate to the purpose - the Public Storehouses have been repaired and a strict attention to Economy observed,

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observed, the Commanding Officers house is however in such a ruinous situation, from not having received the least repairs for four or five years, that it requires entirely a new roof, and new timbers, and all the out houses were quite fallen in; the latter have been rebuilt, and half of the house — is new roofed; but the Money is nearly expended, and if I am not allowed a further supply the other half of the house must remain unfinished the consequence of which is obvious — that the approaching Monsoon will bring it all down: in this predicament I request your instructions how to act — an advance of a thousand Rupees will finish the whole in a substantial manner, and will be of considerable saving to the Company —

I have the Honor to be, with respect,

&c &c

(Signed) George Wilson
Paymaster

A true Copy
(Signed) John Snow
Actg Secy

Chittacole
13th September 1791.

To W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary Military Department.

From the Deputy Adjt. General — enclosing Copy of Instructions given to the Commanding Officer at Vellore respecting a Body of Prisoners taken from the Enemy who are to be kept in Confinement at that Place.

Sir

I have it in orders from Lord Cornwallis to transmit you, for the information of the Honble Board, the enclosed Copy of a Letter sent to the Officer commanding at

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at Vellore, concerning a Body of Prisoners taken from the Enemy, who are now on their way to the Carnatic

His Lordship has ordered them to be lodged at Vellore as the station at which they may be most conveniently accommodated for the present doubting not but that Government will give such Orders respecting them after their arrival, as they may judge proper.

Head Quarters
Camp half way between
Bangalore and Dennelly
26th September 1791.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
By. Clos
Dep. Adj. General.

To Lieutenant Colonel Folson
&c.

I have the honor to acquaint you that a Body of Prisoners taken on different occasions from the Enemy but particularly at the capture of Bangalore proceeded this morning from that Garrison under charge of Captain Richard Scott for the Carnatic. After arriving at Ambor they are to be forwarded under a Guard to Vellore, where they are to be delivered over to your charge and kept in confinement until you receive orders regarding them. His Lordship wishes that they should be all humanely treated, and each of them subsisted liberally, agreeably to their usual

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Casts and Ranks, and least you should find any difficulty in the management of the latter article, His Lordship recommends it to you to concert on the subject with Mr Kindersly who can readily settle a mode of Subsistance for them for the present, or — until he is instructed in the matter by Government who will be furnished with a Copy of this Letter.

The two principal persons amongst the Prisoners are Kistna Row a Brahmin of this Country, and — Sultwage Jungly a Truthenspoky Maratta, both taken in Bangalore — The former served Hyder in places of trust and importance, and is supposed to be well — attached to Tippoo; and though he must be watched narrowly, yet His Lordship wishes him to be — accommodated suitably to his high Cast and Condition — The latter commanded a chosen Body of dismounted Marattas in Bangalore when the place fell, and as Murry Punt the Maratta General here has taken a particular interest in his behalf, and even — expressed hopes that he may be released on security without the hazard of inconvenience to us, His — Lordship desires that Sultwage Jungly may be treated with the greatest attention and that every means may be used to render his confinement as light as possible, even at the risk of his making

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his escape, which, should he succeed in, from the nature of his connections, His Lordship conceives would be a matter of no great consequence. On taking charge of the Prisoners it is recommended to you to transmit a particular Return of them specifying their Names, Cast and Rank to the Honble Board for their information acquainting them, at the same time, of the accommodation you have provided for the Prisoners, either on the Fort or Pettah, the means you may have fallen upon to subsist them, and of the probable Expences which the public is likely to incur, either Weekly or Monthly, on account of their being treated on the manner which His Lordship has directed.

Head Quarters
Camp near Chittoor
26th September 1791.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) By. Close
Depy. Adjt. Genl.

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

From the Secretary at Bengal—Measures to be adopted for expediting the Disembarkation of the Troops of the Phœnix, Kent, Lord Camden, and Northumberland, on their arrival at Madras.

Sir,

I have directions to acquaint you, for the information of the Governor in Council, at Fort St George, that the Honble Company's Ships Phœnix, Kent, Lord Camden, and Northumberland will proceed from hence about

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1st about the 20th Instant with Troops and Grain to the Coast and that it will be very desirable, in order to prevent delay in disembarking them, which at the Season of their Arrival should be provided against as much as possible, that Instructions should be given to the Master Attendant or other proper Officer to have Boats in Readiness for the purpose, so that the Ships may be returned to Bengal before they can be subject to any Vague from the Change of the Monsoon —

Fort William
9 September 1791

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

(Signed) E Hay
Secy to the Govt

To The Honble. Major General Abbott
Governor in Council &c.

Hble Sir,

From the Board of Revenue the Collector at Carroor applies for a reinforcement of Troops to possess himself of the Nannad District

We have herewith the Honor to forward, for your information, a Letter from the Collector in the District of Carroor &c dated the 21st Instant, applying for a Reinforcement of Troops to enable him to possess himself of the Nannad District, which he represents may be effected without difficulty, the appearance only of a small Force

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Force being necessary he thinks to induce an entire surrender of the Country—

We have the Honor to be

&c &c &c

Signed Wm Petrie

" J. Oakes

" Wm Oram

" Geo: Mowbray

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William Petrie Esqre

President &c. Members of the Board

of Revenue

Gentlemen,

It is with concern I have to inform you that every effort of mine to induce a Return of the Inhabitants of Purmutty has proved ineffectual as yet, altho' I have been fortunate enough to conciliate with all the Head people—

I shall now proceed Gentlemen to give you the best information in my power regarding this District. The District of Nawaab was formerly divided into several divisions, Nawaab under Cumanie Management, and the remaining divisions were Polliams depending thereon, of these the two principal were, Purmutty and Shandamungulum,— since the commencement of the present War the

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the whole of the District has been left without any Controuling power; the Sultaun has with= drawn his troops, and the Company have none Stationed here, the consequence has been, that the different Discendents of the Poligars who were formerly proprietors of the Land have possessedly as Tributarys to the Company — Ram Chunder Naig and Swamy Naig's Brother / the Ramgiree Poligar / have Invested this place / — Chandamungulum / the Inhabitants to have been all drawn from their Habitations, their Villages burnt, and property plundered in a most shameful manner, and the terror such Conduct has — struck in to the miserable natives, makes every Argument to Induce their Returns ineffectual until there is a force sufficient to protect them / Permitty is in exactly the same Predicament, there are about 4000 Poligars Peons now over= running the Country, and with the very small force I have under me, I am obliged to act with the greatest circumspection — all the principal — Inhabitants of the Nanaul District have solicited me to rid them of these Poligars and offered — instantly to submit to the Company's Authority

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In a hope to give them some protection I moved from Permutty on the 18th Instant leaving an Havildar's guard and 100 Peons in the Fort and remained two days at Mottahpatty a Village about three Miles from hence from which place I held Communication with the Fort of Shanda-mungulum which I have very reason to hope will very shortly submit. It is a strong Fortress on a plain Commanded by a Killedar. There are now in the Fort 1 Killedar 3 Tookadyans. 1 Head Sawagarah and 6 Subordenate ones, with about 300 Peons and 6 Malabar Guns: having received several letters from the Head Sawgarah signed jointly by the remaining six, assuring me of their good will and even anxious desire of being under the Company's Authority. I marched here this Morning and took up my station in a Pagoda about 450 yards from the Fort shortly after our arrival six or eight stone shot about 7 Inches Diameter were fired from the Fort. three of them passed over the Pagoda: at Nine o'clock I sent a flag of Truce and Summoned the Fort to Surrender, offering them Cowle and an assurance of all private property being secured to them, to which they Replied, that they were expecting

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orders from Sankeydurgum and requested a Truce
until it arrived. I have therefore Gentlemen to
request your serious attention to the great utility
of Stationing Troops on this side of the Cavary —
should you be pleased to permit of five Companys
of the 26th Battalion being sent here, with two
Guns, for a short period, which would leave the
Garrison of Carroor considerably Stronger than
it was when I arrived in October last, you may
be assured of the whole of the Revenues being heard
and I think I am assure you were Sankey —
durgum would very shortly submit: of Namcul
I have no doubt. I have so entirely Conciliated
with the principal Inhabitants that I am
fully convinced that nothing is wanted to secure
those Revenues but a force to protect the —
Inhabitants against the Poligars: they have
one and all assured me that nothing will induce
them to submit to the arbitrary Authority
ever Exercised by Poligars. I should therefore
have applied to Carroor for a large force —
but was fearful of incurring your displeasure
by so doing without your permission. I shall —
Remain here, and, with the Company now with
me and the Peons under my Controul, surrounded

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and prevent all supplies being sent into the Fort
until I am honored with your Commands or the
Fort surrenders, which I think will certainly happen
before I can know your Reply. These Countries are
I conceive worth at least 130,000 Rupees, Independant
of Namcul with its dependencys Shandamungulum
and are Poonatty there are four Countries likewise
dependent Viz't Arundamungulum Challum
Erralore Covary Pooram computed to be worth
about 16,000 Rupees more to these there are no
Forts but they cannot receive Cowle from me
until the Forts of Namcul and Shandamungulum
come in. It is therefore Gentlemen that I request
your earliest Instructions respecting an application
for Troops, As I am very confident the Surrender of
Shandamungulum will ensure a Revenue of
340,000 Rupees, and Equally so, that with five
Companys of Sepoys and 2 Guns, it will surrender
without a Shot being fired. But it is impossible
to judge what it may at present yield from the
very Ruinous situation in which the Country
now is having, for the last ten Months, been
constantly plundered. I have received both Polygars,
and beg leave to observe to you Gentlemen how
little they are entitled to your favor never having

paid

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Paid any Tribute since they first took possession of the Country, besides which it is 96 Years since the Lands were taken from their ancestors — I have Collected about 2000 Rupees at Purmitty, and shall use my utmost Endeavours to make these Countries Productive having — given Code and taken possession of the whole Nawcars Districts in the Company's Name, and should you — Gentlemen permit of my applying for the Troops mentioned, I have no doubt but of giving you the most satisfactory accounts very shortly — I shall have the honor to inform you further on these Subjects in a few days — I have made no immediate Claim on the Poligars for Arrears of Tribute as yet as my force is not equal to compel it should it be denied — I have therefore thought it most prudent to conciliate with all parties, until I receive your Orders — I have taken possession of the Pettah without any Resistance —

I have the Honor to be,

Handamungalum
Pettah
21st September 1791.

&c &c

(Signed) George Wynch

A true Copy

(Signed) John Read

Asst Dep'y Secry

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB Nos 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

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To the Resident at Anjengo informing him that the Drafts to complete Captain Wahab's Battalion will arrive at Anjengo in all the Month of October, and requesting that a sufficient Number of Boats may be held in Readiness for their Accomodation and Conveyance to Cannanore.

To the Resident at Anjengo

To the Board of Revenue consenting to their authorizing the Collector at Canoor to raise one hundred Sibbendy Sepoys for temporary Service and to apply to the Storekeeper at Tellicherry for their Arms and Accoutrements—

To the Board of Revenue

To the Resident at Nagore desiring him to explain particularly the Cause which induced the Committee of Stores at Negapatam to agree for the Freight of 400 Bales of Canvas from thence to the Presidency at the enormous Expence of 200 Pagodas—

To the Resident at Nagore

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Master Attendant &c instructions respecting the Disembarkation of the Cargo of the Snow Victoria—

To the Master Attendant

To

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To Mr. Colt informing him that

To Mr Colt late Paymaster to the Army—

his Claims on account of Premium will be admitted provided he declare upon his Honor, that the Sum charged, was actually disbursed, and that he derived no personal Advantage therefrom—

To Lieutenant Symes informing

To Lieut Symes late Superintendant of Bazars—

him that the Request contained in his Letter of the 29th Ultimo will be complied with provided he deposit with the Board a Bond for the Amount due by him payable on the 31st day of March next—

To the Reverend Mr Swartz informing

To the Revd Mr Swartz

him that the Board consider the Rajah of Tanjore the proper Person to execute the customary Duty upon the Decease of the Mother of the late Rajah—

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave—

enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 75th Regiment, and requesting he will give the necessary Orders for the Cloathing &c of that Regiment to be sent to Tellicherry on the Henry—

To the Commandant at Madura

To the Commandant at Madura—

desiring he will pay attention to the Requisitions of Mr. M'Leod regarding the 300 Native Troops and the Gun which the Board have agreed shall be stationed in the District of Arnaad—

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To the Board of Assumed Revenue informing them of the orders given to the Commandant at Madura—

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To Major General Musgrave informing him that Captain Frazer has the Board's permission to proceed to the Prince of Wales's Island for the recovery of his Health—

To Major General Musgrave—

To the Military Board desiring that the Accoutrements lately arrived from Bengal for the two Volunteer Battalions may be forwarded to Camp with the Bengal Clothing—

To the Military Board—

To the Officer commanding in the Northern Division—informing him that Lieutenant Bourne is to be continued in the Command of such Troops as may be stationed at Nuggalore until the orders of Government for his removal shall be communicated to him—

To the Officer commanding in the Northern Division

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Received the following Letters

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakely Bart

President in Council

Sir.

From the chief Engineer requesting that a Months Pay may be advanced the Servants of his Department proceeding to their posts to Camp.

The Engineers Stores for the Service of the Army being ready to proceed thither I indented to the Military Board for a Months pay to such People as I had procured to replace those wanting to complete the

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that Department in the Field —

the Members of the Military Board not thinking themselves competent to authorize that Disbursement have recommended to me an Application to Government — I therefore hope you will be — pleased to give Directions to the Paymaster General to make the necessary advances to them; who, I have the pleasure to tell you, are not, as usual, men pressed into the Service, but Volunteers collected from all parts of the Country by People brought with me from Camp for the purpose, and others I have since my arrival employed to procure them —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

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(Signed) Patrick Ross

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

From the Military Storekeeper — Messrs Toppeng and Parry desiring payment of the Amount of Tools furnished them, unless their Contract be signed

Hon'ble Sir,

In Obedience to your Orders under date 26th August, I sent Messrs Toppeng and Parry a Bill on the 1st September last for the Amount of the Tools applied for by them. On the 19th of the same Month I thought it necessary to repeat my Demand, not having heard from them on the subject, and was, in consequence, Yesterday

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Yesterday favored with a letter from them a copy of which I have the honor to lay before you.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

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3d October 1791.

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Military Storekeeper.

Josias du Pre Porcher Esqre
Military Storekeeper.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 19th Instant We beg to inform you that the moment our Contract with Government is signed the bill you sent us for Tools belonging to the Company shall be settled

We are
&c &c

Fort St. George
29th September 1791

(Signed) Thos. Parry
M. Topsfield

A true Copy
(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Mily Storekr

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President in Council &c

Transmitting Duarty the Bayah's application for the Management of the Inundations in the Tanjore Country appropriated to the Brahmins

Honble Sir & Sirs

His Excellency has desired me to lay before your Honble a request: As there are some lands given to Brahmins and some other people commonly called Saruva maniam which pay nothing

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nothing to the Honble Company. His Excellency wishes to have the Management of those free lands, not to reap any profit from those Lands, but to have the honor of managing them. When I represented that this Point should be laid before the Board of Revenue, His Excellency replied that he first wished to know whether the proposal would be agreeable to the Honble Board. I therefore thought it my duty to acquaint the Honble Board with His Excellency's wish.

I am, respectfully,
&c &c
(Signed) C Swartz

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

From the Board of Commissioners Revenue enclosing copy of a Letter from Mr Dighton in which he represents the insufficiency of the troops left in the Nellore District, for the purposes of collection

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Honble Sir,

We have received a letter from Mr Dighton, the Collector of Nellore, which we beg leave to submit to your consideration.

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

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To William Petrie Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of

Assumed Revenue.

Gentlemen.

Government having lately ordered that the Company of the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry stationed in this Garrison, should be withdrawn for the purpose of joining the Army, I have to represent to your Board the situation that this District will then be left in. In consequence of late incursions of plunderers, and many parts of the Country being — overrun by Thieves, I have stationed in different Villages small parties of Sepoys for protection to the Inhabitants — these parties must be now recalled, & the district will be left without any defence, except one Company of Sepoys in the Fort of Pauporo, where, from the necessary duty, they always remain — I have, therefore, to request your attention to this subject, and to suggest the propriety of another — detachment of either Regular or Invalid Sepoys being sent to this district, and likewise to represent the absolute necessity of the Battalion of Revenue Sepoys stationed here being immediately supplied with their proper Arms, and accoutrements to enable them to act, and do their duty —

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Nellore
26th September 1791

I have the Honor to be with
respect,
Sir Your
(Signed) Rich.d Deighton
Coll.r Nellore District

A true Copy
(Signed) J Webb Jun.r
Secy

Sent the following Letters

To Mr Charles Darke

Sir,

The Hon.ble the Court of Directors having ordered an Enquiery to be made in to the Assertions stated in your Letter to his Highness the Nabob of Arcot of the 15th of June last — I am directed by the Hon.ble the Governor in Council to inform you, that Government have appointed Messrs John Kenworthy, William Hawkins & Benjamin Bransfill as a Committee to investigate into, and report on the Grounds of those Assertions, on whom you will attend with such Evidence and proofs as you can adduce in support thereof.

To Mr Darke advice of the appointment of a Committee to investigate into and report upon the Grounds of the Assertions contained in his Letter to the Nabob of the 15th June last —

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3d October 1791

I am,
Sir Your
(Signed) W.m C. Jackson
Secy

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To Messrs John Kenworthy
William Hawkins
and Benjamin Bransfill

Gentlemen,

To Messrs Kenworthy, Hawkins and Bransfill appointing them a Committee to enquire into the circumstances mentioned in Mr Darke's Letter to the Board of the 15th June 1789 inclosing Copies of Papers relating thereto.

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Paragraph of the General Letter from the Hon'ble Court of Directors under date the 6th of May last, and to inform you that Government have appointed you as the Committee to enquire into the several Circumstances mentioned in Mr Darke's Letter, which is sent herewith, and to report to them the Result of your Examination.

I am,
Gentn
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy.

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

To Lord Cornwallis transmitting the Board's opinion respecting the Dissolution of the Bullock Contract, advising of the expected arrival of the Phoenix, Hunt, Lord Camden and Northumberland from Bengal

My Lord,

We have been honored by the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 22nd Instant

As the Letter from the Bullock Contractors to the Board of the 13th July expressed an

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an impossibility of carrying on the Contract under the circumstances then existing, and a wish that the Gentlemen concerned might be relieved from the responsibility — As the large provision of Bullocks required at that time for the equipment of the Army was made under the immediate authority, and at the sole expence, of Government, and as very few have since been provided in any other mode, we are of opinion, if your Lordship see no objection that the Contract may be considered as attained from the 1st July, and the expences incurred by the Contractors for Bullocks — since that period reimbursed —

If this arrangement meet your Lordship's ideas it will be necessary to ascertain the the Number of Bullocks belonging to the Contractors in Camp at the period above mentioned, as the — Contractors, besides the expence of maintaining them will be entitled to the value of the Bullocks upon a reasonable estimation — or, if your Lordship think it more eligible, the terms of the Contract might be considered in force, with respect to the Camp Cattle, until the 1st of this month, when your Lordship proposed they should be delivered over to the public agents —

With regard to any expences to be — made good to the Contractors from the time the

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contract is declared to cease — We think there is no other
method of ascertaining it so proper as the oath of
the Person acting on their Behalf —

Your Lordship will observe, by
the accompanying return of Northern Bullock
Masstries and Drivers now on their way to camp,
that we have provided a considrable Number for
the future service of the Army, and we have the
pleasure to add that upwards of 1200 Dooly Bearers
have been obtained from the Circars in consequence
of the encouragement held out to them —

We are informed by the Supreme
Council that the Phoenix, Kent, Lord Camden, and
Northumberland Indiamen were to leave Bengal
for the Coast, about the 20th Ultimo, with troops
and grain — —

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

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

To Lord Cornwallis with
Extract of a Letter from
the Court of Directors ref-
erring his Lordship's
Determination of carrying
on the present War with
the utmost vigor and the
conduct of the Resident
at Poonah & Hyderabad

My Lord,

We have great pleasure in transmitting
to

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to your Lordship the accompanying Extracts of a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors received by the Airby Castle, approving the Determination of your Lordship in Council for carrying on the War against Tippoo Sultaun with the utmost Vigor, and communicating the Royal Approbation of the Conduct of the British Residents at the Courts of Poona and Hydrabad—

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect and Esteem,
Your Lordships
Most obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council.

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Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. No 236 requesting him to furnish a compleat Account of all Arrears of Pay due by His Highness to the Officers formerly in his Service - advising of the Death of General Joseph Smith and communicating the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors for crediting off the Amount of the Tanjore Deposit in part - discharge of the Debt due from His Highness to the Company—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in C.C. No 21. 22. 23.

To the Master Attendant inclosing Copy

To the Master Attendant

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Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Bengal respecting the disembarkation of the Cargoes of the Phoenix, Hunt, Lord Camden, and Northumberland, and desiring that every Exertion in his Power may be used to accomplish the wishes of the Governor General in Council —

To the Secretary at Bengal

informing him that a Packet to his address has been delivered to Captain Stewart containing Copies of the General Letters to the Court of Directors since the Dispatch of the Warren Hastings —

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad with Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 6th May last expressive of the Sense entertained by His Majesty and the East India Company of the Services rendered by their Exertions to the British Interests in India —

To the Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad

4 Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Misc. Nos 24. 25.

From the Persian Translator to the Governor General acknowledging Receipt of the different Articles committed to the Charge of Mr Thomas Cockburn —

From the Persian Translator to the Governor General

From

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From the Collector on the Southern Division of the Jaghire

From the Collector on the Southern Division of the Jaghire representing the forcible Measures he has been obliged to adopt in collecting Horse keepers and Grass cutters for the service of the Army.

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 4th October 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esqrs

The Honble Major General Medows

Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved

Read the following Letters from

Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis - operations of Major Gowdie's Brigade - states that the Natives desisting on both sides from the Mysore Country in to the - Carnatic

To

Major Gowdie after the easy reduction of Rymenghur was encouraged, by the reports which he received of the situation of Nundy Droogum and the distance of any considerable Corps of the Enemy from

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from it, to march thither before he returned to the Army in order to reconnoitre it, and endeavour, if possible, to get possession of that important post which has been so inconvenient to our communi=cation with the Polleams and all the Country to the Northward__

On his arrival at Silgotta he received advice that Cummer ud Deen with four or five thousand Horse and five Cushoons was encamped at Gonybanda a pass in the mountains about 20 Miles to the Northward of Nundy Droogum, and that it was said to be his intention to relieve Gorumconda which is besieged by the Nizam's Troops

He halted two days at Silgotta in consequence of this Intelligence, but upon being again assured that Cummer ud Deen had left that part of the Country, he advanced on the road to Nundy Droogum and took possession of the Pettah. But I find, by Letters which I have this Morning received from Major Gowdie, that on the afternoon of the 23d Cummer ud deen with the force above described arrived in the neighbourhood of the Fort and that the Major intended to take post near the Fort of Chinna Balaboram, in which he would deposit his Baggage and that he should be

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he should give a good account of the Enemy if he ventured to attack him —

I shall move to morrow and shall very possibly make one or two more Marches to the Northward, if I should find it necessary either for the protection of Major Gowdie or for covering the Siege of Gooramconda, and I shall determine, upon receiving further information, whether I shall at present proceed in attempting to reduce Nundy Droogum —

I was much surprized yesterday to hear that there was a duty on the importation of Cattle from this Country into the Carnatic — amounting almost to a prohibition. Under our present uncertain tenure of the management of the Nabobs Territories I would not propose the adoption of any material alteration or reform; but as the confusion and distress which prevails in Mysore would probably induce many persons to remove with their families and Cattle into the Carnatic if these impolitic duties did not prevent them, I should think it worthy the consideration of your Government whether it might not be advisable to forego some present advantage in the hopes that this favorable

opportunity

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opportunity might relieve the Country from the poverty and wretchedness to which it has, from the want of Inhabitants, and Cattle been, for several years, reduced ——

I am with great Esteem
&c &c
(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp near
Bangalore
25th September 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis
Intelligence respecting
Cummer ud Deen
Cawn's Detachment

Sir

By a letter which I have received this day from Major Gowdie dated the 24th, as well as by corresponding circumstances in my own intelligence, I am inclined to think that Cummer ud Deen is not in the neighbourhood of Nundy Droogum but that the report of his approach was occasioned by the arrival of a reinforcement to that Garrison —

I am, with much Esteem
&c &c
(Signed) Cornwallis.

Camp 6 Miles
North of Bangalore
26th September 1791.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis
Instructions for Heavy Guns and two Mortars to Major Gowdie — Intelligence regarding Tippoo's Army and Cummer ud Deen Cawn's Detachment — Opinion respecting the new Arrangement for the Bullock Department therein stating that Doctor Roxburgh may not be removed from Seringapatam

Sir,

I have received your letter dated the 24th and am much obliged to you for your attention to my request

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request in regard to the Money — The very heavy and frequent rains that have fallen lately have — greatly retarded the arrival of the Topasses —

The reports from Major Gowdie of Cummer ud Deen, or indeed any Enemy of consequence, being in the neighbourhood of Dindigum have proved to be totally ill founded and I have this day sent two heavy Guns and two Mortars to enable him to attempt the reduction of the place. Indeed it is now said with some degree of confidence, but I hope with as little truth, by several Periarrs who have returned within these few days from Tippoo's camp that — Cummer ud Deen had crossed the Cavery and gone to the Southward, but none of them pretend to know it otherwise than as being the Common talk of Tippoo's camp — I have taken every means in my power to ascertain the fact.

Tippoo, I am informed, moved on the 23 from the Camp which he had occupied for some time past on the Banks of the Cavary, to Melcotta, which is about twelve miles to the Northward of Seringapatam and where he remained on the 24th.

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I have not heard from Captain Andrew Read since the 21 Instant, when he informed me that the four Guns had arrived from Bangalore, and that the Batteries would open the next Morning against the lower fort of Goromonda from which he did not expect a resistance of many days—

I have no doubt that you will take care that it shall appear clearly upon your records that the Bullock Contract was annulled by the desire or with the perfect acquiescence of the Contractors. I have arranged the plan of the Agency which I shall transmit officially to the Board, and think it only material to mention to you at present, that Mr Cockburn and Mr Wilks are appointed the joint Superintendants of the Agency, the former to be stationed in the Carnatic, and, as it was thought impossible that Mr Kingscote with those Zeal and good services I have every reason to be satisfied, could attend to the laborious duty of the principal Superintendant of the Agency in Camp, and continue to hold the office of Deputy Commissary of Provisions to the Europeans, in which his Activity and

experience

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experience render him peculiarly useful, I have thought it better not to remove him from the latter situation, and have annexed to his allowances a small additional Salary for the Agency, which he is to manage, of the Cattle belonging to the Provision Department

Colonel Kyd having represented to me the great public utility of Doctor Roxburgh's remaining at Samulcottah I cannot help expressing my wishes that he may not be removed from that place

I am with much Esteem
&c &c
(signed) Cornwallis

Camp 15 Miles North of Bangalore 28th September 1791

Minutes on the three foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis

The Board were not aware of any such impolitic duties levied on Cattle from the Mysore Country as those stated by Lord Cornwallis

Resolved that the Board of Accounts Revenue be called upon for an explanation of this circumstance and that orders be given, in the mean time, for the abolition of the Tax

Resolved to defer the consideration of that part of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 28th September which relates to the Bullock Agency until the Arrangements come before the Board

Finally

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Mutually, as promised by his Lordship.

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis that it is not the intention of the Board to remove Doctor Roxborough from his Station at Samulcotah

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General—

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary Military Department

Sir

From the Deputy Adjt. General with papers relating to the Rate of Exchange at which Captain Andrew Reads Detachment receive their Pay—inclosing also the Proceedings of the Committee for examining the Accounts of the Bheja agents—Recommendations of Lord Cornwallis and General Medows respecting the Company's Claims to the Amount of Grain & Military Stores captured from the Enemy—

I have the honor to transmit you inclosed Copy of a Letter dispatched to Mr Brown Paymaster to Captain Andrew Reads Detachment, regarding a Memorial received from some of the Officers serving with it setting forth that they labour under a grievance from receiving their Pay at a very inferior rate of Exchange compared with that established for all Payments with the Grand Army—Although His Lordship is desirous that the Troops serving in the upper Country should be paid as nearly as possible according to our rate of Exchange, he yet declines taking any steps towards attaining the Object till he is well informed of the circumstances that led to the Exchange of 350 Rupees for the 100 Pagodas, as being first settled for the Payment of the

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Troops under Captain Andrew Read and therefore —
wishes you to lay the inclosure before the Honble —
Board that they may take occasion to make him —
acquainted with any light they may be able to
throw on the subject.

I have likewise, by desire of His
Lordship, the honor to transmit you herein, to be laid
before the Honble Board, an Extract from the proceedings
of the Committee for examining the Accounts of the
Prize Agents of the Army, containing a Paragraph,
in which the Members of the Committee, on the behalf
of the Army, express their hopes, that from certain
causes explained, the Government of Fort St George, on
being addressed on the subject, will be induced to —
relinquish, on the part of their constituents, the Honble
Company's claims to their Moiety of the Grain and
Military Stores that have been captured, or may
be taken in the course of the War, by the Army
in the Field.

His Lordship and General Musgrave
concurring that what the Army request on this —
occasion is not a matter of any material consequence
to the Company, are desirous that Government
should take occasion to lay the subject before the
Honble Court of Directors for their consideration

and

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and, inclosing this address, they have directed me further to say, that they entertain a high sense of the merits of the troops composing the Army in the Field, whom they consider, on every account, as well deserving of any act of indulgence that can be consistently bestowed upon them—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
signed By Cotsb
Dep.y Ad.t Gen.l.

Head Quarters
Camp 4 Miles Easterly
of Bangalore 25th
September 1791

To William Brown Esq.re
Paymaster to the Detachment serving
with the Nizam's Troops—

Sir,

By desire of Lord Cornwallis I inclose you Copy of a Memorial received from some of the Officers serving with Captain Andrew Read's Detachment, setting forth that the rate of Exchange which they have been hitherto paid by is 350 Rupees to the 100 Star Pagodas, whereas the exchange established for Payments with the Grand Army is 365, and that besides this deficiency they are subjected to another loss by the Rupees which are delivered to them, being inferior in value to those upon

by

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by the Paymaster here — As His Lordship — conceives it to be a matter very desirable that the troops under Captain Andrew Read should be paid as nearly as possible according to the rate of Exchange established for the Army in the Field, He has directed me to signify his — desire that you will acquaint me, for his — information, of the particular circumstances which led to the Exchange of 350 Rupees being first paid for all your payments, in order that, on obtaining a sufficient Knowledge of the subject His Lordship may take such Steps as may appear eligible for affording the Officers who have Memorialed General Meadows all proper redress —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servant

(signed) By Close

Dep.y Ad.t General

Head Quarters
Camp 4 Miles Easterly
of Bangalore 22d
September 1791

Abstract

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Abstract of Prize Funds from the 24th February to the 31st July 1791

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By Amount of Military Stores Captured in Bangalore Bijapoor & Ryacotta &c	" "	82,025 26 40
Do Grain delivered to the Commissaries or left in the Garrison on account of Government	" "	18,952 13 42
Grain and dry Grain issued to the Cavalry and to Individuals	" "	1599 3 34
112 Horses Captured from the Enemy	" "	2902 22 40
1623 Draft and Carriage Bullocks sold to the Contractors and the Agent of Government for to Individuals	3557 22 40	
Slaughter Cattle and Sheep delivered to the Commissary for victualling the Troops and Cows, Buffaloes &c to Individuals	12920 20 30	16477 42 70
Amount of Sundries being several small sums of Circar Money, Jewels, Bazar Articles, Cotton Carpets in Bangalore &c	10745 19 24	
Do — Sundries not sold consisting of Copper, Saddles &c estimated at	3544 11 "	14319 30 24
Cash paid by the Superintendant of Supplies to the Paymaster on Account of the Prize Funds being the Balance of the Tax on the Sale of Arrack in the Bazars from the 1st March to the 31st July 1791	" "	826 16 "
Amount of the Prize Funds from the 18 November to the 5th December 1790 ordered by the Committee to be brought into this Account	" "	3546 22 40
		140649 42 50
To Servants Wages and Sundry other Expences from the 17th November 1790 to 23d February 1791	276 " "	
To Do Do including Rewards for Captured Horses &c from the 24th February to 31 July 1791	1406 38 60	1,682 38 60
Balance including the half of the value of the Military Stores and Grain claimed by the Honble Company		138967 3 70

N.B Pagodas 24015-9-54 has been paid into the Paymaster of the Army on account of the Prize Funds-remains due for Grain &c sold to the Cavalry and Horses Bullocks and Sundries to Individuals Pag 10715-9-33 Rockets. Horse shoes, old Iron, and some other Articles in Bangalore not estimated.

The above Abstract and Accounts it refers to, Examined by the Committee (Sign'd) J Stuart Lt Col & President

(signed) C Smart
" M Hunter
" Alex Dirom
" J M Corkill
Camp

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Camp 13th August 1791

The Committee assembled at the Tent of the President

Lieut Colonel Stuart

Lieut Colonel Ross
Captain Kyd } Members { Lieut Colebrooke
Lieut M Innes

The Prize Agents laid before the Committee a General Abstract of Accounts of Prize-Captures made up to the 31st July 1791 and Papers annexed therewith —

The General Abstract of the Prize Sums examined and received the sanction of the — President's Signature — Ordered the General Abstract to be entered in the proceedings No 1

No 2 ——— The Committee beg leave to remark, on behalf of the Army, that the greatest moderation has been observed in estimating the Value of the Military Stores and the Grain Captured from the Enemy, that too while half the Amount is claimed by the Hon'ble Company which greatly reduces the product of those principal Heads of Capture. the Military Stores being estimated only at the Madras Rates, altho' certainly of much greater Value in the Center of the Peninsula, and the Grain only at the rate it is issued to the — Troops, altho' selling at the same time at a most exorbitant

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exorbitant price in the Bazars and purchased occasionally from thence for the supply of the Army - the money - likewise which has been received for other Articles of Capture instead of being employed for the Advantage of the Agent or the Funds has been regularly paid into the Paymaster of the Army as a temporary aid to the public Service. -

These facts the Committee is sensible need only be stated to attract the consideration of the Right Hon^ble the Commander in Chief and the Government of Fort St George, and the Committee will even venture to express their hopes that the generous conduct of the Commander in Chief and General Officers in relinquishing their shares of the Prize Money in favor of the Army may incline the Government of Fort St George to a similar Act of liberality on the part of the Company - with respect to their Moiety of the Grain and Military Stores, which although reserved by the Court of Directors as a right, in value of their Letters Patent from the King, is a Claim which it may be hoped they would not be displeased to relinquish on this occasion as an encouragement to the Army, in consequence of the important acquisitions gained to the Company as well as in conformity with the customs of all - former Wars in this Country. a liberality it is presumed

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presumed, which the hardships the Officers and Troops have undergone and the Loss and Expences they have sustained during the last Campaign may be allowed to give the Army a just pretension to.—

The Committee further beg leave to add that whatever may be the determination of Government in adjusting the Claims of the Army for Prize money, it is extremely desirable that a Distribution of it may be granted as soon as — possible, not only from the difficulties that must arise in delaying a matter in which such numbers are concerned, but as an indulgence to the Troops that would be particularly acceptable at this time.—

The Accounts of Prize Captures being now closed to the object of a General Distribution, the Committee take this opportunity to assure the Agents of their most full — Approbation of the several Statements which have been produced and the sense the Committee — entertains of their activity in promoting the benefits of the General Fund, which, wholesome as it marks the Zeal and attention of the Agents must justly entitle them to the Confidence and to the thanks of the Army. —

(Signed) J. Stuart
Lt Colo Presidt
Cattle

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Cattle Issued from the Prize Agents —

Full grown Bullock weighs from ... 60 to 80 ℔
Half Do — Do — Do — 30 to 40 ℔
¼ Do — Do — Do — 15 to 25 ℔

The Average of a full grown Bullocks 70 ℔ serves 47 Men
½ Do 35 ℔ do 23 Men
¼ Do 20 ℔ do 13 do

Northern Bullocks weighs from 80 to 102 ℔ —

If Buf or Mutton cannot be supplied, the Men receive in lieu of it 1 fanam which, at that rate, is 5¼ sheep for one Pagoda and every Bullock should weigh 63 ℔ as they are entitled to 1½ ℔ of Buf for each Man and ⅞ of a sheep according to the Book of Regulations —

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Deputy Agent to Govt

The Board can assign no other reason for the Exchange of 350 Rupees for 100 Pagodas being fixed for all Payments to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army than that it has been invariably the custom in the Northern Circars, (where the Rupee is rated higher than in the Southern Countries) to determine all payments at that Exchange —

Resolved

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Resolved in conformity with the wishes of Lord Cornwallis and General Medows to recommend to the Honble Court of Directors that the Company's Claim to a Moiety of the Grain and Military Stores captured from the Enemy be relinquished to the Army, whose Merits and Services justly entitle them to every mark of Indulgence that can be consistently bestowed upon them —

Agreed that a Copy of the abstracts of the Prize Funds from the 24th February to the 31st July 1791 be sent to the Committee, and that they be directed to adhere, as nearly as possible, to the Instructions with which they were furnished on the 3d May last, in ascertaining the Sum due to the Captors for the second Campaign —

Agreed that the Military Board be desired to call for a List of the Stores found in each Fort, and, having struck out such as are useless, or not eligible to be purchased for the Company, and caused a reasonable value to be fixed on the remainder, to send the List to the Committee —

Read the following Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Harris, Secretary to Major General Medows —

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William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

From the Secretary to Major General Medows
The General recommends that Mr Price, Assistant Surgeon, be suspended the Honble Company's service, for disrespectful conduct to his immediate superior Mr Fergusson.

Major General Medows has directed me to forward to you the two inclosed Copys of Letters; one from Mr Surgeon Fergusson to Colo Duff as Commanding in Bangalore, the other from Assistant Surgeon Price to Mr Fergusson; both which the General desires you will lay before the Honble Council, with the information that the Originals were forwarded by Colonel Duff to Lord Cornwallis, and that the General most perfectly agrees with his Lordship in opinion, that Mr Price should be suspended the service until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known, for writing so improper a letter to his immediate Superior

I have the honor to be,

Camp 26th September 1791.

Sir, &c &c

(signed) Geo: Harris

My Secretary to Major Genl Medows.

Colonel Duff Commanding Bangalore

Sir,

Having found it necessary, at different times, to

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to reprimand Mr. Price, Assistant Surgeon / who was taken into the Service in April last when the great want of Medical Assistance with the Army was known / for neglect of Duty; and were I am compelled to do so in more severe Terms than I had ever before found necessary to any person in his Situation, and still finding my Orders not attended to, and the Duty either neglected or done reluctantly, and in a slovenly manner, I yesterday informed him, that I felt it necessary to represent his conduct and Character to the Hospital Board and that my Duty required I should represent him in a Light that would be very disagreeable to me and prejudicial to him—

In consequence he this Day sent me the accompanying Letter which will give you a true Character of the Man drawn by himself—

It would be derogatory to my own Character to say any thing in vindication of my Conduct from such false scurrilous and — malicious Insinuations— Your Knowledge of the regid Strictness with which the Management of this Hospital has been daily / I may say hourly / inquired into, the Testimony of the Medical Gentlemen who prescribed for the Patients in general, and the predicament in to which Mr Price's Conduct had placed

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plaied him at the time he wrote the Letter, added to his Conduct in his Private Capacity, which must have reached your Ears, will I am persuaded render any other Justification on my part unnecessary.

He avows in his Letter having refused to dress the wounded Men, which he did in the most peremptory terms, but afterwards condescended to say that he had no Objection to superintend the Dressing, provided he had the sole Charge of prescribing for the Men also. From the situation of this Hospital, I thought it proper to lay Mr Price's Conduct before you Sir for the Information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, instead of following the Rule laid down by the Court of Directors as published in General Orders at Madras 5th July 1786, as follows —

Para 4th "That as the Head Surgeon of the Hospitals are to be responsible for the Conduct of the Officers under their command, and that the Duties of their respective Hospitals shall be discharged with Skill and Integrity, they are hereby to have the Power of suspending any of the Inferior Officers who may attempt to disobey their Orders, or prove negligent or Inattentive to the Public Service In which case they are to report the Conduct

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of such Officer to the Hospital Board, who are to lay the same before the Governor in Council to be confirmed or set aside as they shall judge expedient &c

Para 5 That the Hospital Surgeon shall assign the several parts of Duty to the inferior Surgeons &c

You will, I dare say, recollect Sir, that among other Difficulties I have mentioned to you in administring to the Wants of the Sick I have complained at different times (in Private Conversation) of the harsh Language I have been compelled to use to some of the Assistant Surgeons for not attending at regular hours and for refusing to dress the Wounded

When I was first appointed to the charge of this Hospital I represented to the Surgeon General that as my Duty would be of so various and extensive a Nature I could not undertake the immediate Charge of any particular Wards in the Hospital, but must confine myself to a general superintendance of the whole, and to see that others did their duty. — Therefore requested that, besides Assistants, two full Surgeons should be sent in, who were accordingly appointed, and whose Department it was to prescribe what Diet, Wine &c was proper. Under each

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I appointed an Assistant Surgeon to dress the Wounds and act otherwise as the Surgeon — directed. Two days have passed that I have not been in the Hospital several different times, and have never failed but when otherwise — employed —

I trust therefore to meet with that Support in enforcing a due Observance of Order and Regularity which is so Essential for conducting the Duty of my Station. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

(signed) F. Ferguson
Head Surgeon

Bangalore
23d September 1791

A true Copy
(signed) Geo. Harris
Aid de Camp to Major Genl Medows

Sir,

You last Night did me the Favor to inform me of your Intention of writing to the Medical Board & that you should be under the Necessity of saying disagreeable things concerning me, as you have had for once, <u>Candour</u> enough to confess the above, I hope you will likewise pursue the same Mode of Conduct by informing me who those are, that could allege such a palpable Falsehood, that for two days past I have not

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not turn round. I am well convinced, in my own mind, that Private Pique has a greater Share in this Business than any thing you can justly prove. You have felt that little Pride which you possess in no small Degree, hurted, when I told you, that I insisted if I dressed any Patients I should likewise prescribe for them. Let me still go further Sir, from the first time of your taking Charge of this Hospital, your Conduct towards me, has not been that of a Gentleman but the reverse in every Respect, dirty, mean, and — pityful, neither can you, on the other Hand, if you adhere to Truth, deny my having discharged the Duty allotted me with Alacrity, till my Hand got bad. You cannot but recollect I mentioned the Circumstance, as likewise my having laboured under a Bowel Complaint for a — considerable time. —

Now Sir had you performed your Duty with equal Propriety, had you gone round the Hospital and alleviated the Distresses of the poor Patients, instead of aggravating them by denying the little Wine allowed, and changing it to a single Glass of Brandy P Diem a Man, I say, had you but allowed them a generous diet, and the Quantity of Wine that was their due,

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I will assert before God and Man, that many a poor Fellow, who now lays low, would at this time have been able to serve his King and Country — and whose Death cannot be ascribed to any — thing but Carrion Mutton and want of Wine. I say had you gone round, which by the bye you never have done, had you instead of having an Eye to the amassing an immense Fortune been content with an ample, but moderate one, gained with Honor and Honesty or the good of your Country at Heart, it would have been far otherwise than is at present the Case. —

What I have said Sir, is not my mere Assertion, they are Facts not to be denied and what every Gentleman in the Hospital has already said, and will still say. May how many have not sufficiently pursued the Point, though at the same time, well aware of the illegality of your Conduct. One thing further I must add that however for a time a man may be blinded by Power, that a Day of Restitution will — arrive, when least expected, and that the man who endeavours to criminate another "should first pluck the Beam out of his own Eye, that he

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he clearly see the Moth in his Brothers" — With all due Respect —

Bangalore
23d September 1791

I am,
&c &c
(Signed) Price

A true Copy
(Signed) Geo: Harris
Aid de Camp to Major Genl Medows

Mr Secretary Jackson
Military Department.

From the Secretary to Major Genl Medows — the General recommends that Mr Price, Assistant Surgeon, be dismissed the Honble Company's Service.

Sir,

Since my writing to you Yesterday, by the General's directions, on the subject of Mr Price, it has been reported to him that Mr Price stood appointed by the Board, and which if it is so, the General has directed me to say, that it makes the Matter easy and short, as he can at once be dismissed the Service —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed Geo Harris
Aid de Camp to Major Genl Medows

Camp
27th September 1791

Resolved, that Mr John Price Assistant Surgeon, be dismissed the Honble — Company's Service, for an injurious and — scurrilous Attack on the Character of Mr Ferguson

Mr John Price — Assistant Surgeon dismissed the Honble Company's Service —

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Ferguson, his immediate Superior —
Read the following Letter from
Captain Flint. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President &c.

Sir.

From Captain Flint
-enquires to Mr Lawson
the cause of his not
surprizing the Garrison
of Attoor —

As it must appear extraordinary to
you, the Killedar of Attoor having such early
notice of designs against his Port, I think it
necessary to enforme you, that the first Intelligence
I had of Captain Stuart leaving Trichinopoly
was from Attoor. I cannot account for this —
otherways, than the Killedar's being alarmed by
three Men, said to be employed by Mr Lawson,
who came to the Neighbourhood of Tiagar the
beginning of the Month, and circulated a report
that the one was appointed Amildar, another
Paishcar, and the third Tougdar of Attoor, that
Mr Lawson had promised to furnish them with
Troops to establish them in those situations, and
occasioned the Killedar stationing Sircars at our
Garrisons, to know from whence the Troops were
coming. Convinced, from your Letter of the 23d Ultimo
Mr L— could not be authorized by you to send
these people, in order to check these reports, I
confind —

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confined the Men, the instant I heard of it but
imagine it was too late. All accounts seem to agree,
that near 1000 Men, variously armed, are in the
Fort; they have about 10 bad Guns, and Provisions
sufficient for some time. The Fort is of an
oblong form-q bastions on the long faces-and
four, with projections, on each of the short ones-
on the E. W. N. and part of the south side, the
Ditch is Deep, and covered with a high glacis; the
rest of the south side is without a Ditch, the river
runs close; and the wall exposed. but on this side
very high. we have continued close, in order to
confine the Garrison as much as possible. this
we give protection to the Inhabitants and every
encouragement to bring Grain to Camp, we have
hitherto been obliged to get our supplies from
the Stores at Tiagar The Country is covered with
dry Grain nearly fit for cutting. —

I have the Honor to be,

Camp near Attoor
26th September 1791

&c &c

(signed) Wm. Flint
Capt Lieu.

Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr Landon be called upon to state whether the People mentioned by Capt. Flint had his Permission to circulate such Report-and if so upon what ground he considered himself authorized to give it.

(Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Sir

From the Military Board — Guns & Stores sent from the Presidency to Camp — and Camp. Equip.ts — page from Vellore to Amboor — report that an exorbitant Charge has been made by the Committee of Stores at Negapatam for the freight of Canvas to the Presidency — orders required respecting the mode of bringing to account the Capture of the Carriage of the Bengal Clothing — recommending that Lieut Colt Moorhouse's Estimate of Military Stores captured in the first Campaign be adhered to — Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of August.—

We have been honored with your Letters of the 19th, 20th, 22d, and 24th Instant —

The Particular Statement of Stores for the Equipment of the Army, received in your Letter of the 24th Instant having occasioned a very considerable Reduction of the quantity originally intended to be supplied, We have the pleasure to inform you that all the Guns and other Articles therein Specified will be dispatched from hence on the 28th Instant —

In consequence of the Deputy — Adjutant Generals Letter transmitted to us on the 20th Instant, We directed all the Tents at Vellore to be dispatched to Amboor and, in order to increase the proportion of private Tents We shall forward from hence Two hundred in addition, making — altogether nearly six hundred — The Committee at Vellore have since however forwarded to us a Statement they had received from Lord Cornwallis of the Tents required for the Service of Officers and

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and Corps of the Army supplied from the Publick Stores; but as the date of this Statement is — subsequent to the Arrival in Camp of the Supply of Camp Equipage sent from this Presidency in July last and as the Application of the Committee renders it doubtful whether the quantity applied for is to be considered as exclusive of that ordered from Vellore, We have desired a Copy of his Accounts, by which we shall be accordingly Guided —

An Insufficiency of Canvas to answer the great Demands for Tarpaulins obliged us to draw a Supply of 400 Boats from Tanjore, but as the freight of 200 Pagodas, Agreed upon by the Committee at Negapatam, from whence it was forwarded by Sea, is uncommonly high and much exceeds the rate of Freight which has been long since regulated at half a Pagoda per Candy, or two Pagodas per Ton, by which the freight in — question would amount only to Twenty two Pagodas. We think it incumbent on us to report this charge to your Honble Board. —

We have Given the necessary directions for forwarding to Camp the Bengal Cloathing arrived on the Ship Hercules, as —

however

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however a Contract exists in Bengal for transporting Cloathing to the Stations where the Troops of that Establishment may be serving, We request to be informed under what head the Expenses of sending it to Camp shall be charged as a Consider- able number of Carts will be required for the purpose.

With respect to a List or valuation of the Military Stores captured during the first Campaign, We beg leave to remark that on your Appointment of the Committee to adjust the Claims of the Army to Prize Money, the whole of the papers before us relating to the Subject were delivered over to them, and as the Valuation made by the late Colonel Moorhouse, upon a personal Inspection of the Stores, and contained in those Papers appeared to us to be more just and accurate than could possibly be made by persons not immediately upon the Spot, We beg leave to recommend that the Committee may be permitted to make their Arrangements agreeably thereto.

The Commissary General of Stores has laid before us the Enclosed Copy of a List of Stores received from the Military Store- keeper in last Month, and having approved upon

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upon Examination of the different Articles therein contained We have directed them to be received upon the Company's Books ____

We have the Honor to be,
Sir Sir Sir
(Signed) Tho Musgrave
" J. Capper
" Geo Maule
" George Hall

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List of Military Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in the Month of August 1791

Lemon Plank Teak			17
Teak Rafters		Feet	172
Single Yokes	Common		100
Sponge Staves			150
Handspikes Purchasing			400
Platform Carts			100
Poles for Square Tent			1
Wedges for Pick axes			1000
Linstocks			55
Trincanamally Laists			1
Waxcloth 18 Cubits long	double Pieces		173
Iron Crows			24
Ct Charcoal		Sacks	1039
Paddy Husk		Do	33

(Pd)

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Potts and Pans			15
Mollays			"
Brooms		Buns	32
Turpentine Spirit of		Bottles	24
Coconut Brushes			50
Linseed Oil		Gallons	22
Wood Oil		Meas^{rs}	282½
Copper Nails		℔	9½
Malts			100
Salarmoniac		℔	6
Gun powder Madras 60 ℔ Barrels 340 ℔s ea			
Punches for Tubes			105
Gouges			12
Green Cloth for Flaggs		Pieces	2
Salt Petre ... Raw		Cs	4
Dusters ... Empty			3
Bullock Cottars Leather			500
Europe Junk ... Cut		Off^{t}	38 3
Flour		Meas^{rs}	100
			2000
Brattics			10
Tar double Barrels			
Firewood ... Small		Billets	2150
Cotton Lash for Tents		℔	72
Cotton Rope do		℔	90
Blue Rope do		℔s	2
Cotton Tape fine do		Yards	15
		Bamboos	

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Bamboo for Walls	for Tents		10
Grease		Duppers	6
Bengal Twine		Nº	1
Private Tents			294
Bell Tents			12
Sepoy Tents			2
Officers Tents			40
Field Officers Tents			7
Shoulder Belts	Country Leather		247
Pouch Belts			46
Leather Rings	Country		64
Bayonet Scabbards	do		1960
Sward Scabbards	do		232
Screw Worms			500
Chests	for Packing		3
Padlocks			120
White Lead		Nº	32
Europe Rope 2½ In' C 2B. 3. 12		Coils	15
Nails 4d		℔	10

From the Civil Stores under the Military Storekeeper.

Chizels	Europe		5
Planes	do		2
Gouges	do		2
Bolt Rope Needles	do		100
Buck Iron	do		3

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Hand Hammers Europe ---------- 4

From the Import Warehousekeeper

Hoop Iron ---------- 6c 2–26

Copper ---------- 6d 1–0

Signed George Hall

Comy General Stores

A true Copy

Signed Dan Ince

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Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Military Board.

Resolved that the Resident at Negora be called upon to explain the cause for so exorbitant a Charge on Account of the Freight of 600 Bolts of Canvas from Negapatam to the Presidency—

Resolved that the Supreme Council be requested to inform the Board under what Head they would wish the Expences of sending the Bengal Clothing to Camp to be charged. and of the Mode of bringing to account the expences which have been incurred in the article of Bengal Bullocks—considerable Advances having been made to the Officers in charge of them for the Carriage of Grain &c

Agreed on the recommendation of the Military Board, that the Valuation made by by the Late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse of the Military

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Military Stores captured from the Enemy, during the first Campaign be taken, after they have rejected such Articles as are useless to the Company —

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob entered in C.C. No 2371

Translation

From the Nabob Walla Jah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Dated 1 of Saffer 1206 Hegra

or 30th September 1791

Received 1 October 1791

From the Nabob requesting his application for Bills on the Collectors in the Tinnivelly and Arcot Provinces on account of his one fifth — states that his Son Amdut Ul Umrah is vested with full authority to transact Business in his Name

I have received your letter dated the 25th of September — You say that an application has been made to the President of the Board of revenue by my Son Amdat Ul Umrah Bahauder for bills on Mr Floyer, the Collector of the Southern district of the Arcot Carnatic for 40,000 Pagodas to be payable on or before the 1st of March, and that this sum, with the amount of bills given on Tinnivelly for 120000 Pagodas payable in November or December and the 30,000 Pagodas Monthly for January and February will exceed my fifth of the revenue — collected till that time from my Country by the Company's Servants — and that, in that case, it will not be in your power to give any further sums on that account — You likewise desire

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to know if the applications from my son Ambat Ma
Omiah Bahauder, upon my business, are to be
considered as equal to applications from myself
– All this I understand – My friend – Although I
could say a great deal to you on the subject of the
revenues – I will at present only reply to that which
has given me much surprize – That is – ever since
I have known the Company, which is now fifty
one years I have neither spared the blood of my
people or my treasure to support and defend them
against all their enemies – And now that they
have taken my whole country, and allow me only
½ of the revenues without doubt neither the
Company nor my friend Lord Cornwallis Bahauder
will refuse me something over and above my fifth
when the expences of my family and my
numerous relations require it –

When I see the amount of collections
and am informed that that Tasseldar at Tinnevelly
has paid the bills which the Board of revenue have
granted upon him I will be able to tell whether
I have received more than my fifth or not – I shall
be glad to find that the abovementioned Tasseldar
pays more regularly for the ensuing Month than
he has done hitherto – for if he delays —
payment

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payment in the manner he has done. It will be very prejudicial to my affairs, and it will be very different from the amount which you now mention

I hope you will give orders with regard to the bill on Mr Hoyer. That it may be done agreeably to my request I am surprized at your question about my Son Ameer ul Omrah Bahauder – because it is well known to every body that ever since he arrived at years of descretion I have employed him in transacting business with the Governor of Madras: certainly you cannot be ignorant of this: and until this time I never heard that any one disputed the authority I had given –

How can my son make any applications to the Governor of Madras upon my business without my authority and consent, and have I not a right to employ my son and assistor in the management of my affairs – I have at all times directed him to transact business between me and my friend Lord Cornwallis, who has no doubt of his authority and obedience to me and never asked me the question which you my friend have now done – ——

What can I say more

A true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

(Read

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Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue—

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Board of Revenue with a Statement of Collected Receipts from the Tinnevelly District shewing the amount that will remain due to the Nabob on the 1st April after discharging the Bills already drawn recommending that Mr. Wrangham be employed on a Confidential Footing a Plan for the Disposal of the sum assigned by Treaty on account of Daily charities

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your commands under date 25th instant requiring our opinion upon the payment of 10,000 Pagodas which his Highness the Nabob has desired should be paid Mr Lightfoot in February next from the Revenues of Tinnevelly on account of his 7th share Having already addressed your Honble Board on the 23d Instant upon the subject of an application on behalf of his Highness for Bills to the amount of Pagodas 40,000 on the Collector in the Southern Division of Arcot we take the liberty of referring you to that letter for the general onward of our sentiments, as far as they relate to the payment of any sums exceeding the Nabobs proportion of the Revenues actually collected. It is necessary however, to apprize you that we included in our calculation Pags 6,000, which we were informed, in your letter of 7th Instant, the Nabob wished should be drawn for

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for in the Months of February and January on the Collector at Tinnevelly: Previous however to our actually drawing the Bills we called upon Mr Torin to acquaint us how far his resources would enable him to comply with these Demands: that Gentleman has now furnished us with a Statement of his expected receipts. Copy of which, together with his letter upon the subject, We beg leave to enclose. By it your Honble Board will observe that instead of the Pagodas 60,000 which it was expected could have been paid in the Months of February and January, Mr Torin's receipts will only enable him to answer Bills to the Amount of Pagodas 20,000 after providing for payment of the Bills already drawn upon him to the amount of 12,000 Pagodas. This difference of 40000 Pagodas will reduce the Nabob's excess of receipts upon his proportion of expected Revenue to the 1st March (including the Bills for 40,000 Pagodas to be granted on Mr Floyer) to about 21,000 Pagodas.

If however with a view to accomodate His Highness, or to relieve the Treasury at Madras, to which may be added a considerable saving upon the Article of exchange) your Honble Board should be inclined to extend the calculation of receipts to 1st April — the account will stand thus —

Expected

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Expected Gross receipts to the end of March 116,721-- --

Charges 10 P cent. - - - - - - - - - - 11,672-- --

(15) 105,049-- --

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Of this sum the Nabob has received to this time,

at the Presidency - - - - - - - - - 35,000-- --

By Bills on Tinnivelly payable before --

15th January - - - - - - - - - - - } 120,000-- --

155,000-- --

by which it appears that if no further payments shall be made to his Highness, either at the Presidency or at Tinnivelly, to the first of April next, which remains with your Honble Board to determine, a Balance will be at the time due to him of about Pagodas 55000.

Under date 12th May we had the honor of addressing you upon the subject of daily Charities. But, as we have not yet been favored with your commands, and as the Upomakdars are suffering great distress, - We take the liberty of recommending that in disposing of the 21,366 Pagodas allowed by Treaty for Feby 1792 - All established Mook-allowances and Charities for Service-Prayers &c be first granted, and that the Remainder be distributed in equal proportions to the other - to the other Pensioners, - the whole not exceeding

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exceeding the sum stipulated for by Treaty—

As we believe that Mr Macleod's superintendance of Dindigul was the reason which weighed with the Honble Board in appointing two Assistants to Madura, we beg leave to recommend that Mr Wrangham be considered an Assistant at Dindigul and his allowance a charge upon the Revenues of that District—Mr Macleod having applied for our permission to send him to Dindigul—

Fort St George.
29th September 1791.

We have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obt
(Signed) Wm Petrie
" David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

To Williams Petrie Esqre
President & Members of the Board
of Assumed Revenue

Gentlemen

I have had the honor to receive your two Letters of the 9th and 16th Instant relative to the Payments to be made to the Nabob on October 60,000 Pagodas—and advising of two bills of Bills upon me of 30,000 Pagodas each—payable the 15th November and 15th December the 60,000 Pagodas I have the pleasure to tell you

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will be discharged in the course of October; and, when that is paid, you will perceive, by the inclosed Statement, that nothing remains unappropriated of the last years Revenue - it is true there is a balance of 5958 Pagodas, but that sum, as I have already informed you in my letter of the 19th, is likely to run in Arrear —

To provide for the Bills then, and for future monthly Payments, we must rely solely upon the Rists of July 1201 - The inclosed abstract of the Probable Receipts and unavoidable Disbursements will shew, at one view, the extent of my Resources, for little or nothing is received from the Poligars; and the Old balance of July 1199 is equally unproductive —

The Board will be pleased to observe that the Rists all fall due the last day of the Month, and it is not till the 31st of December I can calculate on 56,000 or 57,000 Pagodas, which is some thing less than the Amount of the Bills, and fifteen days after they shall become due: by delaying the payment to the Garrison for a few days

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Days I could however contrive to make up the Sum: but then a few days will be required to convert the Receipts into Pagodas, and every thing be put to the utmost stretch to discharge the Bills — I must at any rate request to abide by my first promise of paying them in all December — but it would greatly relieve the Treasury if you could postpone the Payments till the 15th December and 15th January - and, in future, determine not to make your Bills payable till 15th days after the date of the Kists in Tinnevelly —

I have, in my letter of the 19th, explained the Embarrassments attending all payments in this Country, to which I beg leave to refer, for the Consideration of the Board in respect to future Arrangements - As it is so little to the credit of the Assumptions to be provided for payments, which the extent and Nature of the Revenue do not provide for - after the above

Bills

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Bills will be discharged the Board will be pleased to prolong their next Draught to 15th February and that, to the amount of 20,000 Pagodas only.

Tinnevelly
20th September 1791

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Benjn Torriano

P.S.

The Bills are this moment presented - but I delay the acceptance of them till I am honored with your reply to the above

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbe
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Dr. Probable State of the Treasury at Tinnevelly — Cr

1791 Augt 7th	To His Highness the Nabob the 3d Instalment	20,000 " "	1791 Augt 7th	By Balance as per Account Current of July 1791	50,255.31.7
14th	To Tuticorin Poly Paymaster	10,000 " "		By Rent pt in full of June and July Rists	4,760.41.69
	To Palamcotah Paymaster for July and August 91	13,993 35.16		By do in full of August Rist	52,000 " "
	To Cutcherry disbursements &c for August	2,500 " "		By do Extra Revenue	5,435.16.26
	To Pay to His Highness the Nabob in the month of October, as directed by the Board	60,000 " "			112,452.5.22
		106,493.35.16			
	To Balance	5,958.12.6			
	Star Pagodas	112,452.5.22		Star Pagodas	112,452.5.22

Tinnevelly 31st August 1791
6 Errors Excepted
(Signed) Benj.n Torin Collr

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbe Secry

Examined & Certified

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Abstract of the Tinnevelly

	Total Summah for Fasly 1201	Kist due in Sept 91	Kist due in October	Kist due in November	Kist due in December
	P 76	P 76	P 76	P 76	P 76
Farms ... Chuck 31,767 ... or Pr. 453.926.4.52			16,361.4.53	21,111.4.53	23,752 " "
					28,583 14 "
Extra Revenue	19,947.6		11,082 " "		
	207,014.6		" " "		465,008 4 52.
To Monthly Disbursement		8,500 " "	8,500 " "	8,500 " "	8,500 " "
Balance unappropriated			8,361.4.53	12,611.4.53	15,252 " "
					20,033. 14 "

NB — The Extra Revenue is not paid Monthly but half yearly —

Tinnevelly
Errors

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Settlement and Kistbundy

Kist due in January 92	Kist due in Febry	Kist due in March	Kist due in April	Kist due in May	Kist due in June	Kist due in July	Kist due in August
p 76	p 76	p 76	p 76	p 76	p 76	p 76	p 76
32,944. 18. 53. 34,777. 32. 54	46,611	4 53. 52,222. 9 26. 56,666. 28	"	57,722. 9 26. 45,083. 14	"	57,592. 32. 54.	
8,500.	"	8,500	"	8,501.	"	8,500	"
8,500	"	8,500	"	8,500	"	8,500	"
8,500.	"	8,500	"	8,500.	"	8,500	"
24,444. 18. 53. 26,277. 32. 54.	38,111.	4 53. 43,722. 9 26. 48,166. 28	"	49,222 9 26. 36,583. 14	"	49,092. 32. 54.	

12th September 1791.

Excepted

(signed) Benj.n Torin Collector

A true Copy

(signed) J. Webbe Secretary

C W

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Mr Hudleston delivers in the following Minute —

Minute in Council

4th October 1791

Mr Hudleston's Minute on the subject of the Nabob's application for further advances on account of the collections from Tinnevelly and Arcot.

Mr Hudleston begs to record the reasons which he has uniformly urged against granting the Bills in question, and particularly the one on Mr. Floyer for 40000 Pagodas. —

1st ——— Because the granting these Bills in anticipation or mortgage of the Nabobs share of the Revenue cannot possibly be of any service to him since they are not to be paid till March next; and when that time shall have arrived, his Highness will receive their amount, if so much should be due to him, whether we grant the Bills or not. —

2d ——— Because, on the other hand, it will in all probability prove distressing to the Nabob, as we are apprized by the Board of Revenue that

looking

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looking forward to the progressive receipts from his Highness's Country the amount of those Bills, with the orders already granted on the Renneully Collector will exceed his share of the Revenue that will be collected before the Bills become due; and of course his Highness must forego the receipt of any thing here in the Interval: of this he has been apprized and his answer gives us as plainly to understand, as is consistent with the usual eastern mode of writing, that he does not assent to the conclusion, but that he will want and apply for money here altho' the Bill be granted him - It follows, that the measure must either prove inconvenient to his Highness, or that we must shift the Inconvenience from him to the Company -

3dly ------ Because no one can say that it will be in our power, or that it will not be attended with public Inconvenience, to pay so large a sum as 40,000 Pagodas in March next from the revenue of any particular district, and especially from that under the Poyer, as, in the event of any hostile Irruption of Cavalry into the Carnatic that district may

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may probably be the first scene of
their depredations —

Lastly, and principally,
because if the Nabobs purpose in the
present intended appropriation of the
considerable sum should hereafter prove
to have been in reality useless to his
Highness and injurious to his legal —
Creditors, many of whom are said to be
in distress for want of other just dues
from him — it will be matter of deep
concern to the Members of this Board
to reflect that in granting the Bill in —
question they had rendered such purpose
irrevocable, and, so far assisted in its —
accomplishment — nor would it be any
trifling addition to their regret to find
that the Nabob himself had repented of
the measure, and wished to have retracted
it. —

I hope it is not possible I can
be misunderstood in the advice which
I have offered, from the sincerest
motives, on this occasion — let us pay
the Nabob his share of the revenue

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as punctually as we receive it, and let his Highness then dispose of that I have exactly as he pleases— my only wish and object, in all I have now said, is, that this Government should not appear, even in the remotest sense, accessary to any appropriation of it that we — ourselves, or the public may censure.—

(signed) J. Huddleston

Sir Charles Oakeley and Mr Petrie enter the following Minute.—

Minute of Sir Charles Oakeley and Mr Petrie on the Nabob's application for a further advance on account of the collections from Tinnevelly and Arcot

We are of opinion that the request made by the Nabob for Bills on the Collectors on Account of his fifth may be complied with under the circumstances stated in the letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue, that is to say, by extending the calculation to the 1st April, when it appears, that after discharging the Bills drawn, there will be a Balance due to him of about Pagodas 55,000—

This mode of paying the Nabob is not only a great relief to the Treasury at Madras, but, as the Board of Assumed Revenue justly observe, it promotes a considerable saving in the Article

of

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of exchange. the less remittances from Tinnevelly being from 6 to 8 p.c. and in the same proportion from other places less distant—

It was to avoid this loss that bills, similar to those now applied for, were lately granted, without the smallest objection from any Member of the Board, and we confess that while we keep within the bounds of a reasonable estimate and can easily correct an excess or deficiency in the payments to the Nabob, we are not aware of any Inconvenience that can result from a compliance with his Application—

His Highness indeed may, if he choose, make an improvident use of the Credit he receives from us, but so he may of the money when it is paid into his hands—we cannot controul him in this respect; and if we fairly apprize him (as we have done in the present Instance) of the state of his Account, and what he has to expect, he will not hereafter have the smallest pretence for complaint on this head—with regard to any Injury that can arise to the Nabob's legal creditors from the use the Nabob may make of the Bills applied for, we do not perceive the smallest ground for apprehension. His legal Creditors

have

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have no claim whatever upon his fifth, and we should suppose it must be Matter of perfect Indifference to them how he disposes of it.—

If we could be sure that by waiting the actual receipt of the Revenue the Nabob would consent to take Bills for his fifth, in the way most convenient to the Company, we should feel it incumbent on us to wait, but we apprehend he would then acquire a right to demand it from our Treasury which, besides the inconvenience, would subject us to the loss abovementioned by remittances.—

But altho' we are of opinion the Nabob may be gratified with a Credit to a certain extent while the accommodation is mutual, it is not, by any means, our Intention that this should be carried so far as to endanger, in the smallest degree, the Company's proportion of the Revenue; and with a view to prevent any Possibility of this kind, we think that no more Bills should be granted on account of his fifth before the 1st April Next.—

Charles Oakeley
I signed { Wm Petrie

Resolved

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Resolutions upon the foregoing Letter from the Board of Ajsumed Revenue —

Fort St. George 4th October 1791.

Resolved that the Bills applied for by His Highness be granted but that he be informed no more will be given on Account of his Jesth before the 1st Day of April next —

Agreed that the sum allowed by Treaty for Fusly 1201 on Account of daily charities be disposed of in the Manner recommended by the Board of Ajsumed Revenue —

Agreed that Mr Strangham be considered the Assistant at Dindigul and that his Allowance be a Charge upon the Revenues of that District —

" Thos Oakeley

" Wm Petrie

" Hudleston

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

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Received the following Letters

To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

His Highness the Nabob having,

From the Accountant General the Nabob requests that his Account current with the Company may be authenticated by the Governor in Council and applies for sundry accounts and original Records.

in consequence of your late intimation upon the
delivery of his Accounts with the Honble Company,
called upon me for some further particulars and
explanations I am in consequence preparing,
such as fall within the province of my department
His Highness represents, that, heretofore, his
annual Account Current with the Company
was given to him under the signature of the
respective Governors and Councellors, and the
Seal of the Company, but that practice has
been discontinued since april 1772 the date of
the last account that has been furnished
him Authenticated in that manner He now
calls for those Accounts, Copy of which
I have the honor of layeing before you from
1st May 1772 to 30th April 1790. which, with the

accounts

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Accounts Current from this last date, Lately delivered Sirin, Completes the period required for the accounts to be authenticated, as above mentioned.—

His Highness further desires to be furnished with the following, in regard to which your Honble Board will be pleased to give the necessary Orders—

"Account Particulars of the moneys collected from the Circars Country by the Company's Servants and their expenditure, under the Signature of the Governor and Council and the Seal of the Company From July 1790 to the present time."

"Dividend Books and the Bonds of the Circar for the old Consolidated Debt."

"Ditto of the Cavalry Loans for Principal and Interest."

"Ditto for the Interest paid on the new Consolidated Debt."

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Geo. Mowbray
Asst. General
John

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4th October 1791

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John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary to the Honorable the Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Hydrabad respecting the Recovery of Money due from some Zemindars of Mortiza Nagur to Lingapah a Guntoor Banker.

At the particular desire of his Highness the Nizam I beg leave to solicit the interference of the Honble Board for the recovery of Debts contracted by some Zemindars of Mortiza Nagur to Lingapa, Banker, who advanced their Rists to his Highness's late Amils in that District.-

I have the honor to forward to you a Copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Hughes on this subject, and beg leave to request that any directions which may appear necessary to the Honble Board may be transmitted to him for his guidance in this business.-

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(signed) John Kennaway.

Camp at Paangul
16th July 1790.

To

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4.th Fort St. George October 1791

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor &c. of Fort St. George

The humble Petition of Singapah

Shewethe, Bhaggojee Naick Soubhakar by his

Gomistah Doondoola Narroonthaw Row

With due Submission craves leave to

address his Deplorable circumstance, and hope

the same will prove to your Honors approbation

that the Jamindars in the Districts of Guntoor

Circar stand indebted unto your Petr. in a

Considerable sum of money amounting in

principal Sum to about 15,000 Pagodas, and

upwards, which your Petr. did lend them by

Granting Sufs on their Accounts to the Circar

regarding the Punctual payments of their

Respective farms when the Guntoor

Districts were under the Amildarship of

Sydysang, one of the Nabob Sejamaddavals

man, at first your Petr. did, by their

earnest request and entreatments, granted

Sufs to Circar on their Accounts for the year

or

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4th or Thuzely 1196, and upon adjustment of accounts
they stood indebted unto your Petr a certain ſ
Balance they have earnestly request and ſ
entreated your Petr to grant Teeps for the ſ
ensuing year or Thuzely 1197. while they stood
indebted unto your Petr in a certain Balance
for the year or Thuzely 1196 as aforesaid, to ſ
which your Petr replied that he would ſ
Comply with such their request upon their
paying the Balance due up to the year or ſ
Thuzely 1196, in consequence whereof, they have
granted an agreement that they will get the
same Discharged by Paying a part money in
ready Cash, and a part by getting Bonds
Executed from the different Inhabitants of
aforesaid Districts, whereupon your Petr
granted Teeps on their Accounts to the Circar
for the year or Thuzely 1197, after which
your Petr received some money in ready
Cash on their account in part discharge of
the aforesaid Balance, and for the remainder
they have granted orders on Several Districts
to Discharge the same from the Produce of

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4th

the Grains &c and to the purpose of Performing, & according to the aforementioned Proposals, they have also granted Responsible Securities your Petr. did since continue to receive some money from the Produce & aforesaid, while the Cue was Thos. the Hon.ble Company became the Proprietors of the Guntoor Districts, and your Petr. was Deprived from receiving the remainder Balance, wherefore he has taken the said Responsible Securities with him & accompanied with the aforesaid Dyfyseing holding them to be Responsible for the remainder Balance as your Petr. and the said Securities were in the middle of the Road crossed the Kistna River and Drawn near to Vidapelly some Persons were sent by the then Collector of the Guntoor Districts, and retaking the Securities your Petr. did, after arriving on the Nyaud Country, addressed to the Nyaum Dwala of the aforementioned Circumstance who hath graciously be pleased to write to John Duering Esqr. the then acting Governor of Fort St. George, a yenadamah who hath been so good as to favour your Petr. with a Order Directed to Robert Hughes Esqr. accompanied with the said yenadamah

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the then Collector of the Guntoor Districts, which your Petr. taken to Mr. Hughes at Guntoor, by which Period Mr. Hughes' Collectorship was Discontinued, and Mr. Basil Cockrane was appointed in his Room; Mr. Hughes sent the same to Mr. Cockrane who, after Perusing the same, desired your Petr. to take Patience, for some time, till the affairs of the Collectorship are put in proper order, and promising most assuredly that he would enquire into the matter and see that the Balance Due to your Petr. by the several Jemeindars be paid, relying upon the aforesaid hope, he has remained there to this Period, and was deprived of any Settlement. your Petr. Possessing the deeds Granted by the Jemeindars ready to be Produced when required.—

—Wherefore your Petitioner most Submissively craves your Honor, would, upon taking the above Circumstances into your Honor's most serious Consideration, and Grant an Order to Basil Cockrane Esqr. the present Collector, to afford every aid and assistance in

this

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his Power in recovering the aforementioned
Balance by conferring this kind of Humanity
your Petr will ever Esteem and Pray for your
Honors Health and Prosperity
and as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Robert Hughes Esqr
Collector of
Guntoor

Sir,

His Highness the Nizam has
desired me to request that you will afford any
assistance in your power to Livingston, Banker,
in the recovery of debts due to him from the
Zemindars of Mortiza nagur which were
contracted by him during
Nuzjeem ul Moolk the late Nawab of this
Highness in that District.-

The above Banker, sometime ago,
represented his case to the Governor General,
through a Vakeel whom he sent along with
Meer abul Cassim to Calcutta and who
returned with an assurance that orders would
be sent to the Government of Fort St. George

to

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4th to comply as far as might be proper with his request. however, having hitherto received no aid in the recovery of his debts, he now proposes to repair in person to Madras, in the event of your efforts not proving successful.—

I am &c. &c.

/signed/ J. Kennaway

Camp at Paungal
16th July 1790.

a true copy

/signed/ Wm Stewart
a[ss]t.

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

Honble Sir.

From Mr R. Clerk applying for Payment of the Amount of Sundry Acknowledgements of the Committee of Works for Ground purchased in the Black Town in the year 1777.—

I take the liberty of requesting payment of the undermentioned acknowledgements from the Committee of Works bearing date the 22d February 1777 and Interest at the rate of 8 pr. Cent pr Annum; received by me from Mr. Francis Lind.—

	Pag. Pa. Fo
1 Acknowledgement to Noor Mahammed	167.—.—
1 Ditto to Soobiah	1704.18.—
1 Ditto to Moovary Rangapah	100.—.—
1 Ditto to Gregory Agapeery	200.—.—
1 Ditto to Nayroo Tombo	1621.—.—
Pagodas	3794.—18.—

For

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For the more full information
of your honor in Council, I beg Leave to
inclose a Copy of one of the acknowledgements
to which the others are of similar Tendency -

I have the honor to be, with
respect, -

Fort St. George
3d. October 1791.

Do. Do.
(Signed) Robert Clerk

Fort St. George the 22d. February 1777

We the Committee of Works of Fort St. George
on behalf of the Honble East India Company, do
hereby acknowledge that there still remains due
to Nayroo Tumboo on account of Compensation
the Sum of one Thousand Six hundred and twenty
Pagodas which is to run at Interest at the Rate
of 8 p Cent p Annum from the twenty second
Day of February until the same is discharged &
Witness our Hands

Comm. of Works
Geo. Mackay
Patrick Ross

Nayroo Tumboo, whose Name is inserted in the Company's
Books as the Person from whom the Ground for
which this Compensation is made was taken
having

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4th having deceased Sanna Seriya Jopeloo Chitty and Nayroo Ram Do's laid Claim to the amount of the Compensation. the Matter coming before the Committee of Works they gave it in favor of Seriya Jopeloo Chitty and he was accordingly paid the first Dividend of the Amount of the Compensation and is entitled to the Remainder for which Reason this Bond is given to him.—

(Signed) W. H. Torriano
Clerk to the C. W.

I hereby assign over to Alexander Davidson Esqr. or his Order, for his sole use and Benefit, all my right and title to the property hereon mentioned as belonging to me. Witness my Hand in Fort St. George this 1st. of August 1779.—

(Signed) in the Malabar Language

I assign to Francis Fourtan Esquire, for his sole use and benefit, or to his order, all my right and title to the Property within mentioned belonging to me. Witness my hand this 30th December 1783.—

(Signed) Alexr. Davidson

Fort St. George 22d. February 1784 The Interest on the within

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within mentioned Sum of Pag.s 1620 from the
22d. Feby. 1777 to this day being 7 years is Pag.s 907. 7/16.

/signed/ J. Balfour

Clerk to the Comm.e Works

Please to pay the Contents to Ragava Chitty

/Signed/ Edwd. Jourdan

Exec.r to the late J. Jourdan

Please to pay the Contents to Major Wm. Sydenham

11th. Feby. 1785. /Signed/ in the Malabar language

Please to pay the Contents to Danne Chitty Coone
Ram Chitty on account of the late Ragava Chitty

20th. May 1788 /Signed/ Wm. Sydenham

Please to pay the Contents to Francis Sind Esq.r
or Order.—

(Signed) in the Malabar language

5th. Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in Mis. Nos. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31.
32. 33. 34.—

To the Master Attendant Instructions
respecting the Disembarkation of the Honble
Company's Cargo arrived on the Ship Neptune.—

To the Board of Revenue communi-
cating the opinion of the Board upon Mr. Wyndh.d
application

To the Master Attendant.—

To the Board of Revenue.—

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5th Application for an additional Military Force to enable him to possess himself of the District of Tarocaul.—

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis dated the 26th and an Extract of His Lordship's Letter of the 28th ultimo.—

to the Secretary at Bengal.—

To the Military Board approving their Recommendation of calculating the Value of Military Stores captured from the Enemy during the first Campaign upon Colonel Moorhouse's Estimate; desiring them to apply to the Prize Agents for a particular Account of the Stores captured on each Fort, and (having struck out such as are not eligible to be purchased on account of the Company, and caused a reasonable value to be affixed on the Remainder) send the List to the Committee.—

to the Military Board.—

To the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money informing them of the Instructions given to the Military Board, and enclosing an Abstract of the Prize Funds from the 24th February to the 31st July 1791.

to the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money.—

To

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To the Resident at Ganjam informing

to the Resident at Ganjam.— him that in consequence of the Recommendation contained in his Letter of the 20th Ultimo, the Board have resolved that Lieutenant Lee's Bills on account of Intelligence shall be discharged & inclosing the Bills signed for Payment.—

To Vizagapatam consenting that the

to Vizagapatam. Further Sum of one Thousand Rupees be advanced to the Paymaster at Chicacole on account of Repairs

To the Accountant General

to the Accountant General.— desiring him to write off the Amount of the Ganjam Deposit in part Discharge of the Debt due from the Nabob to the Company.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller

to the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.— General of Army Accounts communicating the opinion of the Board upon Major Brown's Claim to Arrears of Gratuity & and informing him that Mr. Wright's Bills on account of Medical Servants are to be discharged.—

6th Sent the following Letters.—

To

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have been honored by the Receipt of your Lordship's Letters dated the 25th 26th and 28th Ultimo, and our Secretary has laid before us Major Close's Letters to him of the 25th and 29th ultimo.-

To Lord Cornwallis
Steps taken for abolishing the fine levied by the Nabob upon Cattle passing from the Mysore Country into the Carnatic enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors regarding the Assumption of the Carnatic and Tanjore Revenues Reference will be made to the Court of Directors respecting the Company's Moiety of the Prize Money-cause of the present Rate of Exchange with Captain Andrew Reads Detachment between the Nuppu and Star Pagodas two additional 18 Pounders sent to Amboor.-

We were not aware of any such impolitic duties levied on Cattle from the Mysore Country as those stated by your Lordship. We shall call on the Board of Revenue for an explanation of this circumstance and give Orders, in the mean time, for the abolition of this tax.-

We beg leave to enclose, for your Lordship's Information, an Extract of the last Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors on the Subject of the Assumption of the management of the Carnatic and Tanjore Revenues.-

It is not our Intention to remove Doctor Roxborough from his Station

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Station at Samulcotah Some Months ago, in
Consequence of the great want of Surgeons in
the Army, we directed him to proceed to Camp,
but the order was recalled upon his stating to
us the inconvenience that would attend his
Removal.—

We shall, with much Satisfaction
Recommend to the Honorable Court of Directors
that the Company's Claim to a Moiety of the
Grain and Military Stores captured from the
Enemy, be relinquished to the Army, whose
merits and Services, we agree with your
Lordship, justly entitle them to every mark
of Indulgence that can be consistently
bestowed upon them.—

With respect to the exchange
of 350 Rupees per 100 Pagodas fixed for
all Payments to the Detachment serving
with the Nizam's Army, we can assign no
other reason for its being so fixed, than
that it has been invariably the custom
in the Northern Circars, (where the Rupee
is rated higher than in the Southern
Countries,) to determine all Payments at
that

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6th that Exchange.—

We have the Pleasure to —

inform your Lordship that the two additional

Eighteen Pounders are on their way to Amboor.—

We have the Honor to be

with great Respect and Esteem.—

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

Fort St. George.

6th October 1791.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to inform

you, that, agreeably to your Recommendation, we

have dismissed Mr. John Price, assistant

Surgeon, from the Honorable Company's Service

For an injurious and Scurrilous attack on the

Character of Mr. Ferguson, his immediate

Superior. —

We have the Honor to be,

with Esteem.—

Fort St. George

6th October 1791.

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

To

To Major General Medows informing him that Mr. John Price has been dismissed the Honble Company's Service.—

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To Major General Musgrave

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

We have been informed by Lord Cornwallis that the heavy ordnance forwarded some time since from Bangalore to Gorumconda have proved unserviceable, and that it is absolutely necessary two of the best Madras 18 Eighteen Pounders should be sent from hence with the least possible Delay, so that they may be at Ambour in time to leave that Garison with the Escort of the last Party of Troops that repairs from thence to Camp - you will be pleased, in consequence, to lose no time in sending away the Guns requested. -

His Lordship has also informed us that he has directed that two 24 Pounders be sent to Camp from Vellore, in addition to the List of Ordnance already ordered from that Garrison. -

Lord Cornwallis having directed that two Thousand eight hundred, 18 Pound Shot

be

to the Military Board two eighteen Pounders to be sent to Ambour with all possible Expedition. advice of the Indent made by His Lordship on Vellore for two 24 Pounders. Do 2800 Eighteen Pound Shot. -

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6.to be drawn from Amboor and Vellore for the use of the Army, We think it necessary to apprize you of this circumstance, in order that they may be replaced from this Presidency, should it appear to you expedient.-

We are &c &c

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council.

Fort St. George
5th October 1791.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mins Nos. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42.-

From Lieutenant Neate -

From Lieutenant Neate.- requesting to be advanced two Months' Pay and Allowances to enable him to take the field.-

From the Commander of the

From the Commander of the Ship Neptune- advising of his Arrival from Ship Neptune Bengal with a Cargo belonging to the Honble Company.-

From Dr. desiring to know in

From Dr. what Manner he is to be reimbursed the Expence of feeding, for some Time, the Cattle arrived on the Hercules, and of victualling two

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two Servants for whom no Provisions were sent on board.—

From the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing Accounts of Sundries received from Bengal 5 Ships, Henry Commerce, and two Protests delivered to him by the Commanders—

From the Garrison Storekeeper.—

From the Commandant at Arnee stating that a Man named Ryloo is a principal Person alluded to under the Appellation of Emissary—and representing the Nature of the Reports prevailing at Arnee relative to his Intentions.—

From the Commandant at Arnee.—

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General recommends that Lieutenant Lane, of His Majesty's 52d Regiment, be appointed Adjutant at Poonamalee and that he be permitted to draw the allowances from the 21st August—

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General.—

From the Secretary at Bengal containing Instructions respecting an additional Quantity of Cloathing shipped on the Faze Allum for the Detachment of Bengal Artillery serving with the Army.—

From the Secretary at Bengal.—

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From Lieutenant Colonel

From Lieutenant Colonel Macdowal of the Majesty's 57th late of the 73d Regement.

Macdowal requesting that orders may be given to the Military Paymaster General to examine his Certeficates and pay him the Balance that may appear to be due to him on account of Pay and allowances.—

Sent Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry Venecataghenry and Bomrauze &

Substance of Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry Venecataghenry and Bomrauze.—

/ as entered in C C N. 238 / directing them to & give positive orders to their People to convey to & Arnoor, without a Moments Delay, all the & Grain that can be collected in their several Countries.

Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M B. F. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48

49. 50. 51. 52.—

To the Commandant at Chandra-

To the Commandant at Chandragherry.—

-gherry enclosing the abovementioned Letters for the Rajahs of Calastry, Venecataghenry. and & Bomrauze— and desiering him to urge them to the immediate Execution of the Board's Orders.—

To the Collector in the Southern

To the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire.—

Division of the Jaghire desiering him / if he & cannot otherwise obtain Housekeepers and Grass Cutters / to press every Man fit for that Service,

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and not actually employed in the Cultivation of the Country, that he may send in the Neighbourhood of Chungleput and Conjeveram making them such advances of Cash as he may judge proper. —

To the Collector in the Centre Division of the Arcot Province

To the Collector in the Centre Division of the Arcot Province desiring him to state whether the three People who reported at Attoor that they had been appointed the one Amildar, the second Paishcar and the third Tongder of Attoor had his Permission to circulate such Report, and, if so upon what Ground he considered himself authorized to give it. —

To the Board of Sayer Revenue

To the Board of Sayer Revenue containing Instructions for the Fine levied by the Nabob upon Cattle coming from the Mysore Country into the Carnatic and desiring them to authorize the Collector in the Nellore District to raise Fifty Sibbendy Sepoys for temporary Service and instruct him to indent on the Presidency for such Arms and Accoutrements as may be wanted. —

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To the Storekeeper at Trichenopoly

To the Storekeper at Trichinopoly

desiring him to furnish upon the written applica-
tion of the Collector at Carour, one hundred Stand
of old Arms and a proportionate Quantity of
Accoutrements for the use of one hundred Pi
Militia Troops ordered to be raised for temporary
Service.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

enclosing an Account of Sundry Articles received
by the Ships Henry and Commerce, and the P
Protests of the Commanders against the Winds
and Weather on their Voyage from Bengal.—

To the Comptroller General

To the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

of Army Accounts desiring him to report upon
the Bills of the Commandant of Dindigul
for travelling Batta and for allowances to a Camp
Colour Man.—

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz.—

informing him that the Rajah's Request to
have the Management of the Free lands, the
Revenues of which are exclusively appropriated
to the Service of the Bramins, cannot be P
complied with.—

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To the Commandant at Arnee

To the Commandant at Arnee.—

informing him that the Reports respecting the Intentions of Rylor, as mentioned in his Letter of the 3d. Instant, do not appear to have been of sufficient Consequence to make it necessary for him to address Government on the Subject.—

Received Letter from the Paymaster at Dindegul / as entered in W B No 52 / referring, for the decision of Government, sundry Bills presented by the Commandant of which are not authorized by the Book of Regulations, and complaining of Captain Bowden's Conduct in withholding the Building ordered to be given up for the use of his Department and in communicating his Instructions to him through the Medium of the Acting Fort Adjutant.—

From the Paymaster at Dindegul.—

Received the following Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General.—

Duplicate, with Postscript of late Date subjoined

To W. C. Jackson Esquire, Secretary Military Department

Sir,

From the Deputy adjutant General to Captain Bowden to desist from the Proceedings to Amboor, advise of the Orders to make on Amboor and Vellore for heavy Guns and 18 lb Shot. Applications respecting much wanted in Camp.—

As the heavy Ordnance forwarded some time since from Bangalore to Gowrumdah have

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have, by accounts received from Captain Andrew Read, proved unserviceable, I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to signify his desire, to be communicated by you to the Honorable Board, that two of the best Madras 18 Pounders, if means can be provided for the purpose, may be sent along with the heavy Ordnance already ordered from the Presidency for the use of the Army - should it be found impossible however to get these 18 Pounders in readiness to accompany the heavy Guns already ordered, His Lordship wishes they should be sent after them with the least possible delay, so as to be at Ambore in time to leave that Garrison under the escort of the last party of Troops that repairs from that Garrison to Camp. -

His Lordship has likewise desired that two 24 Pounders may be brought from Vellore, in addition to the list of Ordnance already ordered from that Garrison. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed By Close.
Dep. Adjt. General

Head Quarters Camp near
Elwanash 29th Sept. 1791.

P.S. His Lordship has just dispatched orders that two

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6.th two Thousand 18 Pound Shot at Vellore, and eight hundred 18 pound Shot at Ambore, which were to have been left at those Garrisons, may be brought along with the Stores that accompany the next Convoy to Camp, and wishes the Honorable Board to be informed of this circumstance, as it may be thought necessary to replace those Shot from the Presidency.-

You will also be pleased to acquaint the Honorable Board that His Lordship wishes the whole of the Assistant Surgeons that can be spared from the Presidency, to be sent to the Army by the first occasion that offers from Ambore, their service being required in Camp, but particularly at Bangalore -

(Signed) Hy Close

Dispatched from Camp near Elevenoth 30.th September 1791

To the Hospital Board.-

Dispatched a Letter to the Hospital Board as entered in Mb N.o 53/ desiring them to report the Number of Assistant Surgeons that can be spared for the Service of the Army.-

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Substance of a Letter from Senarden Row Maratta Vackeel

Received Letter from Senarden Row, Maratta Vackeel / as entered in CC N° 239 /
requesting that the customary allowance may be
paid regularly to the vakeel residing at Tanjore.—

Sent the following Letter

to the Military Board.—

To Major General Musgrave
President &c. Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board the spare 18 Pounder Carriages arrived from Bengal to be mounted by the best Iron guns at Madras, and sent to Amboor without Delay.—

Lord Cornwallis having / expressed a desire that the spare Eighteen / Pounder Carriages lately arrived from Bengal / may be mounted immediately by the best / Iron eighteen Pounders at this Presidency and / forwarded with the least possible Delay to / Amboor, we desire you will lose no time / in executing this Service.—

We are &c. &c.

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/ Signed / Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

Received the following / Letters.—

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Commissary and Comptroller of Stores & Accounts submitting Claims of Pay &c. of Mr. Surgeon Walker for Batta and Captain Bell for House Allowance

At the request of Mr. Walker Surgeon of Chingleput I beg leave to lay before you his Claim for Batta, as constantly & frequently called upon, see says to attend Sick Officers at and near Conjeveram. It is not in my power to add any thing in his favor to what he states himself, I must therefore submit it to your consideration and decision.—

Captain Bell has applied to me for House allowance, whilst acting as Commissary of Stores. Staff Officers abroad & generally receive the allowance, but the Commissaries of Stores are not included amongst those entitled to it by the book of Regulations.—

I am with great Respect

&c &c

(Signed) J Cappon

C.G &c

Fort St. George
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To