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Diary.

18. Received the undermentioned Letters as — entered in M.B. Nos. 158. 159. 160.

From the Collector in the Centre Division of the Arcot Province

From the Collector in the Centre Division of the Arcot Province - advising of his having collected and sent to the Cavalry Cantonment one hundred and twenty seven HorseKeepers and Grass Cutters

From Lieut. Tenison of the Bengal Establishment

From Lieutenant Tenison - requesting to be furnished with a Permit to be received on board the Phanix as Passenger for Bengal.

From the Military Storekeeper - enclosing the Accounts of Military Stores provided in the Month of August

From the Military Storekeeper —

Recd & Thereon —

The Enclosure of the abovementioned Letter is lodged in the Office

19. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal - reporting the apparent State of the Packages of Cloathing — arrived on the Hercules and Fazellum - and requesting that the elevating Screws &c. for the Mosq. Beds lately received from Bengal may be sent round by the first opportunity

To Captain Welsh

To Captain Welsh - desiring him to take charge of Eight additional Tumbrills containing — Rupees 96,000 for the Use of the Army —

(To —

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To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Phanix 19. To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Phanix, permitting him to receive Lieutenant R. Tenison on board his Ship as Passenger for Bengal; the Company being at no Expence thereby.

To the Town Major To the Town Major - desiring him to furnish a Havildar's Guard to escort to Captain Welsh at the long Tank Eight Treasure Tumbrills.

To Major General Musgrave - To Major General Musgrave communicating Intelligence of a Party of the Enemy having entered the Baramjaul

To the Military Boards To the Military Boards - informing them that the Articles of Captured Stores which in their present State are useless to the Company must be rejected from the List upon which the Valuation is to be formed and that Application has been made to Bengal for the elevating Screws req. for the Mortar Beds received from that Presidency

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob Received Letter from the Nabob (as entd in C. C. N° 247.) enclosing Copy of a Letter from his Agent in the Chittoor District in which he states the Exertions he has made to supply English and the Nizam's Army with Grain Provisions, Sheep, Fowls &c.

Received the following Letters

To W. C. Jackson Esquire, Secretary Military Department

From the Deputy Adjutant General - improper Conduct of Mr. Jones acting Assistant Surgeon in Camp, Steps to be taken in Consequence

Sir, I am directed to intimate to you for the information of the Honorable Board, that Mr. Jones

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19. Assistant Surgeon who formerly stood appointed to the 27th. Battalion of Native Infantry, and was afterwards Stationed with the Hospital at Bangalore, having been guilty of Conduct highly exceptionable and refractory while serving in that Garrison. — Lord Cornwallis to put a period to the Vexation and disturbance he occasioned, found it necessary a short time since, to order him to repair to Amboor, there to remain until he should receive further instructions — however, as he proceeded, he found means to evade the Commands he had received by halting, from some pretended Cause, at Oscotta where he now is, persevering to engage further in those transactions for which he was removed, of which a principal one was, his having carried off and secreted, a Serjeants Wife, whom in defiance of the most positive injunctions he has still managed to retain, prevaricating from time to time, when charged with the fact, and availing himself of the most evasive measures to screen him from detection —

Such a train of Un-Gentleman like and injurious behaviour, Lord Cornwallis and Major General Medows are of opinion has totally disqualified him for further serving in the Employment he held with the Army — They are in doubt, however, whether he has ever been appointed an Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment by Government, or has only been acting as such in the

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19. Field, especially as they understand that he belonged some time ago to the Crown Man of War, from which they have had no certain information of his having been transferred – If Mr. Jones does not belong to the Coast Establishment therefore His Lordship and the General earnestly recommend it to the Honorable Board, that he may be rendered ineligible for further employment under Government, and delivered over to the Vessel that may have a claim on him, or forwarded by the first occasion that offers to England; and that should he be an Assistant Surgeon, regularly appointed by Government, he may in such case, be dismissed from the Honorable Company's Service and sent to England.

I am further directed to report to you, that Mr. John Price lately dismissed from the Company's Service is desired to hold himself in readiness to proceed by the first safe opportunity to the Presidency, in order that after his arrival there, he may likewise be sent to England, when an opportunity presents itself for the purpose –

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

Head Quarters Camp near Elevancah – 13th October 1791

(Signed) B. Close
Dep. & Adj. General

Sir Charles Oakeley Esqr. Baronet
President & Governor of Fort St. George

Petition of Dam row representing the oppressive Conduct of the Nabob Sullivan ul Mulk towards his family and requesting that an order may be issued for removing the Guard which he has placed over them –

Sheweth.

The Humble Petition of Dam row

That in the District of Tuticorin the

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19. Enam Lands.

To

the Right Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor in Council &c &c &c

The Petition of Samroyer

Sheweth

That your Petitioner was near Seven years in the Service of the Nabob and was employed by him in collecting the Revenues of the Country and paid the Peshcush regularly to the Nabob's Sircar for these four or five years past

That your Petitioner came into the Nabob's Country at the Request of Muluk Jehan Begum the Nabob's Mother and was employed by her in collecting the Revenues of the Country and paid the Peshcush regularly to them after the Country was taken possession of by the Honble Company's Troops

That your Petitioner was near Seven years in the Service of the Nabob's Sircar and was employed by him in collecting the Revenues of the Country and paid the Peshcush regularly to them after the Country was taken possession of by the Honble Company's Troops

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tho' probably ... have already gathered; which ... not altogether depend on, I ... is Commanded by Tucker at ... bject is Coimbetore Dist., 2 to ... Capital - that much has ... ore, that many Boats ... to convey it across ... Vessel ... ordered by the Intelligence that I think ... that she immediately forward it ... not write this as I cannot ... have be dirty ... has relieved Mr. Wy and ... to tell you that Lieut. Dyce ... Carore yesterday - with his Party, & they arrived safe ... for his exertions in ... his praise is due to Lieut. Dyce ... & my mind is much ... dition of that piece of duty ... having omitted to inform ... received by his return, for ... that a considerable ... after his departure, & hearing ... to the relief of Attore ... & the Enemy had marched ... have fallen in with him ... apprehensive they might ... their return.

Lieut. O'Hara ... nson having left this ... some days ago for Palg ... cheery to join the 11th ... Battalion with General ... erorombies Army, when ... he got within 18 Miles ... imbetore, the Moneger of ... Pallampet informed him ... it a considerable Party of ... Horse & Foot had been ... oned between Coimbetore ... & Shaloor for some time, ... at a Detachment from it ... had crossed the River ... days before & after

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19. cutting three of the Inhabitants drove off much Cattle, and therefore strongly recommended his return, but from being so near to Coimbetore & much Rain having fallen in the night and likely to continue, he went on to Shaloor, close to which is a River, which the Rain had rendered impassable shortly after his arrival there a Party of Horse had been sent to the opposite Bank with a view of crossing it when fordable, as he intended and the Inhabitants appeared on that account sent to the Village the Evening before, with information that a Party would be there the day following for Provisions. Lt. Johnson was therefore necessitated to return to Carore after receiving the greatest attention & civility from the Inhabitants; those at Shaloor offered to carry his Baggage and shew him a road that the Horse would not follow him on, & refused accepting any acknowledgment from him for their generous behaviour, by saying they were Company's Servants.

He was informed by the Inhabitants of Coimbetore & Buckshee had sent to Gopalchetty Head Dubash at Coimbetore with information that a Party of Horse, & 10 Guns of different Calibres & Matchlock Men were to join him on the execution of his Orders &

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most humble Servant
(Signed) Tho.s Bridges

Trichinopoly
16th. October 1791.

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178.

To Captain Edward White

To Captain Edward White informing him that the Sum of one hundred Pagodas will attend his Order at the Presidency or at Tanjore as covered most convenient to him - and that the Board admit his Charge on account of Money paid to the Nabob's Sepoys -

To the Secretary to the Directors of the Male Orphan Asylum

To the Secretary to the Directors of the Male Orphan Asylum - informing him that the Board cannot extend the Company's Bounty to a greater number than 100 Boys except by the Permission of the Honble Court of Directors -

To Mr Samuel Johnston

To Mr Samuel Johnston - desiring him to return to the Pay Office at Trichinopoly the Offices Accts for temporary allowance for the Years 1788. 1789. to the 30th June 1790 together with the Mess Books & Registers of the Certificates granted by him for the said Period -

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General inclosing on behalf of the 60th Paragraph of the Political Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 6th May last.

To the Commandant at Tiagar

To the Commandant at Tiagar - with Copy of Mr Landon's Letter respecting the authority given by him to the three People to circulate the Reports mentioned in his Letter of the 26th ultimo -

To

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To the Commandant at Amboor

20. To the Commandant at Amboor - desiring him to state whether he can take upon himself the Conduct of the Post Master's Department at that Place.

To the Military Storekeeper

To the Military Storekeeper - informing him that as it does not appear necessary to issue immediately the whole of the Sum required for making up Stores to replace those that have been taken from the Arsenal, an Advance of four thousand Pagodas will be made for the present and the Remainder supplied him at Intervals as he may have occasion for it.

To the acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - desiring that no time may be lost in selling off the old Grain at Tanjore.

To the Barrack Master in the Center Division

To the Barrack Master in the Center Division - desiring him to point out what part of the Barrack Regulations established by Sir Archibald Campbell authorizes the Provision of new Cots for Recruits, and sanctions the Barrack Master in such Provision without a previous Reference to Government.

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery - approving his Zeal in the execution of the different Orders which have been given him on the public Service and enclosing a Letter for Bombay.

To the Commandant at Vellore

To the Commandant at Vellore - desiring him to call upon Lieutenant Baillie for a Copy of the Instructions he may have received from the Commander in Chief impowering him to act as

Commissary

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20. Commissary of Prisoners of War: and to report his opinion upon the Monthly Estimates of Money and Grain required for the Maintenance and Subsistence of the Prisoners which accompanied his Letter of the 16th. Instant.

To the Commandant at Pondegul

To the Commandant at Pondegul-informing him that the Board do not think it necessary to authorize him to keep up an Establishment of Bullocks for two field Pieces.

Substance of the Letter to Bonrauze

Sent Letter to Bonrauze / as entered in C.C. No. 2118. / expressing the Satisfaction of Government at the Exertions made by him to procure Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters for the Company's Cavalry.

21st. Sent the following Letters

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz. at Tanjore

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz stating the Reasons which induce the Board to wish that no Overtures should be made at present to Serfoge's Establishment - and requesting him to use every Means in his Power to discover the Channel through which so early Information was received at the Durbar of the late Orders from the Court of Directors.

Sir.

I am directed by the Hon: the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 13th. and 14th. Instant, and to inform you that as the allowances which have been granted to Serfoge are deemed sufficient by you, the Board do not wish, by adding to them, to add to the Jealousy which the Rajah already entertains towards this young man, regarding whom the Honorable Court have no other Intention than that his Situation should be rendered comfortable

By

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W. by a suitable Establishment, which the Board under=
=stand to mean precisely what has been adopted,
viz.t, that his subsistence should be liberal, and not
left altogether to the will of his Excellency, whose
oppressive Conduct towards all the Family of his late
Brother, had gone abroad, and rendered the Interfereno
of the Company a Matter of necessity. It would be
desirable, if Serfogee could be removed entirely from
the Palace, but as that seems impracticable, from the
Circumstances you have stated, it might be good
Policy not to inflame the Rajah's Mind, already
too much heated, by any fresh act of attention to
the Boy. — If, however, it shall ever appear to —
you that the Person of Serfogee is in danger, and
that his only safety depends on his removal from
the Palace, the Board will upon your representation,
take immediate Measures for his Security. —

On the Subject of your Letter of the 14.th
Instant, I am directed to observe that the Board
are totally at a Loss to discover by what Mode the
Rajah and his Servants obtained so early a —
Knowledge of the late orders of the Honorable Court
respecting Serfogee. — It would appear, however, —
from what you have stated, that his Excellency —
must have been in possession of them for a conside=
=rable Time, as many of the actions of the Palace,
you observe, had received a new Light, when you
came to peruse the Extract — As the Court's Letter
was only received here a very few days before the —

Extract

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Extract was sent to you, and as during that time the Letter in question had not even been sent to the Public Office, it is very evident that his Excellency if he really did know the orders, must have received the Communication from England. It would be matter of much satisfaction, if Government could arrive at any certainty regarding this Transaction, and the Gobr. Looks for an explanation from you, in case you should discover the Channel through which his Excellency obtained the Information.

With respect to the administration of Justice in the Tanjore Country, it is not supposed that his Excellency can have a single objection to the measure of uniting the two Courts, when it is clearly explained to him, that Justice in every case is to be administered in his Name. So little indeed has this measure the appearance of a "degrading Step" on the part of the Rajah, that in the Judgment of the Board, it's Tendency is obviously the reverse.

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secy
Secret Department

Fort St. George
20th October 1791.

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

Gentlemen,

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of

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To Bengal - with a Letter N. of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis, with the Packet received from Earl Cornwallis under a flying Seal - enclosing Copy of the Master Attendants Report respecting Foreign Ships trading in this Country. referred to by his Lordship -

Similar orders had been sent to us by the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, Copies of which were immediately transmitted to the Bombay Government and to the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis.

Conceiving it necessary to ascertain whether any of the Vessels mentioned by the Secret Committee had touched at Madras we directed the Master Attendant to state such Information as had come to his Knowledge regarding them, and we have now the Honor to enclose a Copy of his Report.

We have the Honor to be
Yr. a. Yr. a. Yr. a.
(Signed) Cha.s Oakeley
Vo.s Council.

Fort St. George
20th. October 1791.

Secret Department

To the Honble Major General Abercromby
Governor in Council
at Bombay.

Honorable Sir,

To Bombay enclosing Copy of the Master Attendants Report respecting Foreign Ships trading in this Country.

On the 13th. Instant we had the Honor to address you on the Subject of the Vessels supposed to have been fitted out in different

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W.m Parts of Europe for the Purpose of carrying Military Stores to Tippoo Sultaun. Having since then been furnished with some particulars relative to those Vessels, in a Letter from the Master Attendant, we think it necessary to enclose a Copy for your Information.

Fort S.t George
20.th October 1791.

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

(Signed) Cha.s Oakeley
&c.a Council.

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

My Lords,

To Lord Cornwallis stating what Steps that have been taken in consequence of Instructions from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors respecting Foreign Ships trading in this Country

We have had the Honor to receive your Lordship's Letters of the 9.th and 11.th Instant.

By the Company's Ships Bridgwater we received from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors similar Instructions regarding the Vessels supposed to have been fitted out for the purpose of carrying Military Stores to Tippoo Sultaun, to those which your Lordship had transmitted to us, and we lost no time in forwarding Copies to the Bombay Government and to the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis, in doing which, we observe with Pleasure,

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P.S. that we had anticipated your Lordship's Wishes.

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

Fort St. George
20th. October 1791.

/Signed/ Cha.s Oakeley
&c.a Council

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

Honble Sir,

For Major General Medows enclosing Copy of the Proceedings of the Court-Martial held for the Trial of Captain Stephen Towns, and of the Board's Minute thereon recommending that Captain Towns be removed to some of Southern Stations.

Major General Musgrave having laid before our acting President, the proceedings of the Court-Martial assembled for the Tryal of Captain Stephen Towns, who had been charged by us with carrying on pernicious Intrigues with a View to defame the Characters of Messrs. Revell, Scott and others employed in the Management of the Company's Revenues, we have the Honor to enclose a Copy thereof for your information.

We confess we were surprized to observe, after an attentive consideration of the Proceedings so unqualified an acquittal of Captain Towns by the Sentence of the Court, - for it cannot escape notice, that in no Instance throughout the Trial, does there appear a single Circumstance tending to disprove the Charge - on the contrary Captain Towns in his Defence, informs the Court

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21st 21. That, he means to persevere in the same conduct - and this Language he held before the Judgment of the Court had been pronounced. - The Judge Advocate as Prosecutor for the Crown, takes no notice of this improper and disrespectful Proceeding, but in the conclusion of his address to the Court enters into a sort of Apology for the Prisoner. - (In short, the Charge itself, could not, we think, have been deemed a Crime in a Military Point of view, by the Court, for the Prisoner avows the Fact, and the Evidence in support of the Prosecution establishes it in a clear and distinct manner. -

We consider this matter of so much consequence to the Interests of the Company, that we have resolved to call the attention of the Court of Directors to the subject, and to request of them to instruct us particularly by their opinion, in cases similar to that of Captain Towns. -

We beg leave to enclose a Copy of our Minutes upon the above occasion, and to offer to your Judgment whether Captain Towns should not be removed to a distance from the scene of his Intrigues, we mean to some Southern Station, in consequence of the Assertion introduced in his Defence. -

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

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20th October 1791.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c.a Council.

5427. Fort St George October 1791.

Mr Hudleston's Remark upon the foregoing Letter to Mr General Medows. 21.

Mr Hudleston hopes his assent to this Letter will not be judged inconsistent with the opinions expressed in his Minute of the 17th June last, but lest, on a superficial view it should appear liable to that construction, he begs leave to observe that altho' he was fully of opinion for the reasons stated in his Minute that the result of the Trial would not be a Sentence of Condemnation yet considering the nature of the Defence, Mr Hudleston is certainly surprized that it should have been "an unqualified acquittal"; that part therefore of the Letter is included in the entire approbation which Mr Hudleston gives to all the other parts of it.

20th October 1791. (Signed) J. Hudleston

Substance of a Letter from Vencata Row

Received Letter from Vencata Row / as entered in C. C. No. 219 / stating that he has received from Major General Medows a promise that his Claim to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee should be fully investigated. and requesting that no time may be lost in bringing such Investigation to an Issue.

Received the following Letters.

W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary
&c.

From the Commandant at Dindegul communicating the Reports which prevail in the Enemy's Camp in regard to the Destination of the Detachment at Palamcottah.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours the 11th Instant.

I have all along officially corresponded with

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21. Capt.n Madan, one of his Lordship's Aid de Camps giving the same Intelligence. I have hitherto done the Board. I shall likewise give every Informa to the Officer Commanding the Party near Ambore of whatever movement the Enemy may make from the Coimbitore Country towards the Baur Maul Country.

Khin Doa Kaun has Lately descended the Guzelhatty Pass, and now at Sattimungulam with 4000 Horse, 4000 Infantry, 2 Guns several Elephants and Camels - he expects, in the course of a few Days, to be reinforced. It seems to be a secret what Route he intends, but I think it will be towards the Baur Maul Country, more particularly so, as a Party / of which I advised you Yesterday / has already marched to Bovanee. The reports prevailing in their Camp are that they only intend retaking Coimbitore, and other Countries contiguous, which I apprehend they will find impossible; no Tappall as yet from Paligaudchery - or the Detachment.

I am &c.a &c.a

Dindegull
October 16.th 1791.
5 P.M.

(Signed) J. Bowser.
Capt.n Commanding

W.C. Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Dindegul intends setting off 1000 Bullocks on the Receipt of favorable Intelligence from Capt.n Roper as Party of the Enemy moves towards Bovanee all from Collimore

So late as the 12.th Instant, Lt Chalmers had (not

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H. not been able to open the smallest Communication between Coimbitore and Paligautcherry, so effectually have they blocked up the Roads and I believe he is hard pressed as Coimbitore seems to be their grand object at present; the Cattle in that case, may stand a chance in escaping ~ Capt.n Vigors with the 16.th Batt.n and two Travancore Batt.ns are intended to join Capt.n Hope, about Woody Maody Cottah ~ I have here towards 4000 Cattle, to push on, the moment I hear from Captain Hope ~ and whenever I am informed of their operation I will instantly transmit the same to you ~

~ I have received accounts that a Party of the Enemy have moved to Bovincoral from Sattimungulum, and from thence it's supposed they will proceed by Salem, to Attore. I have advised Colonel Bridges of this, that he warn Capt.n Flint, in case that should be their real Intention

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

Dindegull
October 15.th 1791.

/Signed/ J. Bonser
Capt.n Commanding

W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Dindegul ~ Steps taken for procuring authentic & early Intelligence of the Motions of the Enemy.

I have for the present stationed Peons, between this & Trichinopoly the Marapar Road

(For

5430 Fort St. George October 1791.

P.S. for the quick conveyance of any News of Importance - as no Tappy has been established that Road as yet - I hope the Board will approve of this - I have likewise desired my Hircarahs to accompany any Party of Tippoo's that may be moving towards the Baur-maul Country, (one returning to give me Information) and when within three or four Days march of any Part of our Army then, to make the best of their way, and give every Information they may have met with.

I am &c. &c. &c.

Dindegull
October 17th 1791.

(Signed) J. Bonser.
Capt. Commandg.

William Collins Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly with Intelligence respecting the Operations of the Enemy in the Coimbatore Country.

The accompanying Intelligence I have just received, & forward for the information of the Honble Board.

As I have not, as yet, got any accounts from my own People, I do not write his Lordship, tho' I think this corroborates, in a great measure, what I had the honor to send you on the 16th Inst., & Lieut. Desse tells me it agrees with the Intelligence he has received from several others.

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

Trichinopoly.
12th October 1791.

(Signed) Tho. Bridges
(Extract)

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21. Extract of Intelligence received from Tomba Gownah a Head Polygar in the Coimbetore Country, through Lieut. Depse commanding Carore —

Meer Kumer ul Dein Khan arrived at Talemate with 10,000 Infantry, 1000 Horse, 8 Guns, 5 Elephants, 10 Camels loaded with Rockets & 10,000 Bullocks to carry Provisions to Seringapatam which is in great distress — That almost immediately on his arrival at Talemate, Kumer ul Dein received an order to return back with part of the Force, which he accordingly did — The remainder under a Dewan came to Damicotta, where he left his sick Horses & proceeded to Coimbetore, is now there — That he is collecting a quantity of all kinds of Grain and Provisions, & sending it off to Seringapatam by every way & means — That much has already been sent off — 200 Bullock load of Ghee the Polygar Gownah attempted to intercept, but without success — That he is threatened, as promised will not do — That many presents have been made to other Polygars, who now assist the Enemy by furnishing them with Grain Provisions &c.a &c.a

The Troops under the Dewan, said to be now at Coimbetore are 6000 Infantry & 500. Horse —

From the Hospital Board recommending that Mr. Patrick Nicoll Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the Garrison of Amboor till further orders. —

Hospital Board
20th October 1791.

The Hospital Board have the honor to acknowledge the

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Approved

The Receipt of the orders of Government communicated in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 16th. Instant for an Assistant Surgeon to be Stationed at Ambore. And recommend that Mr. Patrick Nicoll Assistant Surgeon at present doing Duty at Arnee be appointed to the Garrison of Ambore till further orders:—— As the Hanoverian Assistant Surgeon being continued there, renders further Medical aid unnecessary.

[Signed] Jas. Anderson
Physician General.

" W. Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon.

" William Duffin
Head Surgeon.

To the Commander of the 22. Honble Company's Ship Bridgewater.

Dispatched Letter to the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Bridgewater, as entered in M.B. No. 179. desiring him to land without loss of Time, and deliver to Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. all the Wine on board his Ship belonging to the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis.

Received the undermentioned Letters

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22. Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186.

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

From the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Bridgewater — stating that in consequence of his Ship's being under weigh at the Time he received the order above mentioned, the Wine belonging to Lord Cornwallis will be delivered to His Lordship's Attorney in Bengal.

From the Contractor for Military Cloathing.

From the Contractor for Military Cloathing — enclosing an Indent upon the Import Warehouse Keeper for Cloth, for the Countersignature of the Secretary.

From the Resident at Anjengo.

From the Resident at Anjengo — stating that the necessary Number of Boats will be held in Readiness for the accommodation and conveyance to Cannanore of the Drafts for the 14th. Battalion of Native Infantry.

From the Resident at Nagore.

From the Resident at Nagore — enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Beach Master relative to the Freight of 400 Bolts of Canvas shipped for the Presidency on the Cutter Good Fortune.

From the Commandant at Tiagar.

From the Commandant at Tiagar — stating that every Exertion in his Power shall be made to procure early and authentic Intelligence of the Motions of the Enemy.

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

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province — representing the great Scarcity of Grain in the Districts under this

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22. his Management, and recommending that all the Grain at the Presidency be purchased on the Company's account.- stating that 306 Housekeepers have been delivered over to the Senior Cavalry Officer at the Cantonments near Arcot

From the Garrison Storekeeper.

From the Garrison Storekeeper - enclosing an Account of sundry Articles received by the Ship New Triumph and a Protest delivered in by Captain Elliot.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry. 23. Received Letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry (as entered in C.C. N.º 230.) repeating his Request that the Slave Soobah may be delivered up to him.

Received the following Letters.

To W. C. Jackson Esquire
Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General - advising of the Capture of the Fort of Nundy Droog.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, for the information of the Honorable Board, that the Fort of Nundy Droog was carried by Assault at one o'Clock this morning, with little loss

Head Quarters Camp 6 Miles from Nundy Droog 19th October 1791 ½ past three a. Morning

I have the honor to be &c.ª &c.ª &c.ª

(Signed) B.ᵗ V.ᵗ Close
Dep.ᵗ Adj.ᵗ General

W. C. Jackson Esq.ʳ
Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Dindigul - stating that the Enemy had not opened their Batteries against Coimbatore on the 14th Instant & that the Bullocks for General Abercrombie's Army are past Dangle

Sir,

The Enemy had not opened their Batteries

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d/23 the 14th Instant against Coimbitore – but were making great preparation – and that Kummur a Deankaun Commands. the same Hircarrah says that the Cattle are very safe, in the Aminahally Wood, and past all danger.

I am, Sir.

Your obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Bowser
Capt.n Commanding
Secret Service

Dindegull
October 19th 1791.

To
The Honble Sir Charles Oakely Bart.
Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From the Commandant at Carroor with Intelligence respecting the Operations of the Detachment of the Enemy's Army in the Neighbourhood of Coimbatore

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 11th Inst. and in reply beg leave to inform you, that you may depend on every Exertion on my side to endeavour to procure the earliest and best Intelligence respecting the Enemy's Movements &c.a &c.a – I have already several Spy's in their Camp with particular orders for part of them to enter into their Service if possible, by which means I am in hopes of sending Lord Cornwallis, and the Officer Commanding the Detachment the earliest information –

I have also the Honor of enclosing you a Letter which I have just received from

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23 Tomba Gownah a head Poligar in our Interest the Intelligence I believe you may depend upon, Copies of which I have dispatched to Lord Cornwallis, and the Officer Commanding the Detachment.

I have the honor to remain with high Respect,

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

[Signed] H: C: Dosse
Lieut Commanding

Carrore
18th October 1791.

From Tumma Cavonden to the Commanding Officer

I am honored with your Letter, desiring me to inform you about the Cavalry and Infantry said to be expected at Coemptore and that I am to be on my guard against any attempts.

Meer Cumrud dien Cawn with 10,000 Sepoys and 1000 Horse, 5 Elephants together with 8 Guns and 10 Camels load of Rockets also 10,000 Bullocks load of Stores came as far as Talamal but as he has been called, he was obliged to return to Seringapatnam with some of them leaving the remainder at the Fort of Tanoycottah, from whence a Syrdar with 500 Sepoys and 1000 Horse marched and encamped near the Fort of Coemptore. The Fort with 200 Sepoys sallied out and the Enemy moved

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d/23 and halted at a distance where no Guns will reach, It seems the Enemy is not inclined to make any attempts against the Fort, a great Scarcity of Provisions is took place at Seringapatam, the Enemy near Coemptore is always Employed in collecting and sending all kinds of Grain for the relief of Seringapatnam, his principal Object is to collect the Provisions Venahwodyah Cavonden, Munnady Cavonden, Chacharoy Cavonden &c.a have in consequence of the requisition sent 200 Loads of Ghee through Pullaoum, our Men hearing the above Supply, and attempted to attack them, but it was not in their Power — There is some Paddy at Chuckaraghery & Dauraporam District, if you will send me some Sepoys and Horse, I shall see what I can, The Enemy thinking that our Troops will soon be there and therefore he sent a Present of Gold hand Ring, Chain and Shawl to Vanavoodyah Cavonden that he may be encouraged to collect 3 or 4000 Men to join with 1000 Sepoys near Coemptore and seize me at all events and thereby to secure all the Provisions at Dauraporam and Chuckaraghery, for which purpose they are employed in collecting Grain from all quarters. There are Men assembled at Pullyadyah & Ramaghery Cottah Mahratte Cavonden, booteyah Cavonden &c.a been to Chinnatomby Cavonden Brother of Vulla Cavonden of Dungumvaudy and collecting Troops and sent 2000 Rupees and 3 horse (through Vanahvoodyah Cavonden of Coemptore (and

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10/23 and Mootoorattena Cavunden / to Dewan requesting him to send to their assistance 1000 Sepoys to serve me. I have no any other protection but Mr. Corbett and Mr. Chamber at Coemptore — I have neither Guns nor Sepoys — The present situation of affairs is such, which I can only submit to you — The Enemy collects Troops in this Country & whatever their Motives be thus I will bear them as much as I can — I would not be negligent in the Company's Service and will furnish you with all the Intelligence respecting the Enemy's Troops — I wish to be honored with your Commands on the above occasion.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos 187. 188. 189. 190.

To the Secretary at Bengal — enclosing a Packet addressed to the Honble Court of Directors to be forwarded on the Queen.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Do — enclosing an Account of sundry Articles received p Ship New Trinity and a Protest delivered in by Captain Elliot.

To Do 24 To Do — with a second Letter addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors to be forwarded by the Queen, containing Advice of the Capture of Nundy Droog.

To the Collectors in the Southern Division of the Jaghire & the Northern Division of the Arcot Province

To the Collectors in the Southern Division of the Jaghire and the Northern Division of the Arcot Province — desiring them to hire

(Coolies

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21 Coolies to assist in drawing the Guns, Tumbrills, &c.a from one Village to another through the Districts under their Management.

Received the following Letter from the Military Board.

Military Department.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board - small Stores detained at the Presidency for want of Tarpaulins - Stores received from the Military Store-keeper in the Month of September -

The Cattle necessary for the Carriage of the small Stores, mentioned in our last Letter, being now arrived, and the Stores themselves already packed, We have directed such of them as are secured by Tarpaulins, or are not liable to Injury from Rain, to be forwarded without delay to Amboor. But as there are not a sufficiency of Tarpaulins in Store to secure those Articles from Rain, which are of a very perishable nature, Viz.t Musquet Ammunition & Country accoutre-ments, We are induced to postpone their Departure, until the appearance of the Weather shall seem rather more favorable that at present -

We have examined the Musters of the different articles specified in the accom-panying List of Military Stores received from the Storekeeper in last month, which having been approved, We have directed to be received

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21 upon the Company's Books.

Fort St George
21th October 1791.

We have the honor to be
Sr. Sr. Sr.

[Signed] Tho.s Musgrave

" J. Capper.

" Geo: Maule

" George Hall.

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

Simmon Plank Teak		12.
Teak arties		1.
Platform Carts		45.
Sponge Staves		116.
Tent Pins		100.
Mallets		2.
Firewood	Billets	13.00
Wax Cloth	Double Pieces	15
Linseed oil	Gallons	14.
Wood oil	Measrs	7.
Charcoal	Sacks	318
Paddy Husks	Do.	5.
Pots and Pans		44.
Mollas		10
Flour	Measrs	100.

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24	Coconut Brushes		60.
	Broom	Bundles	42.
	Matts		100.
	Soops		12.
	Tar	Barrels	38.
	Grease	Duppers	15.
	4d. Nails)	lb	12¼
	6d. Ditto	lb	5.
	10d. Ditto	lb	61.
	20d. Ditto	lb	5.
	Hammers		757.
	Screw Worms		400.
	Pickers		1060.
	Shoulder Belts		287.
	Tinfoiled Barrels		400.
	Ammunition Barrels		600.
	Copper Rewits		50.
	Bayonet Scabbards		291.
	Copper Nails	lb	15.
	Adzes, Carpenters		42.
	Salt Petre	Candys	2.—
	Gunny Bags		2000.
	Gunny Carriage Bags for Powder		600.
	Ditto Do. for Shot		2140.
	Bullock Collars		680.
	Leather Buckets		10.
	Field Officers Tents		4.
	Officers Tents		51.
	Sepoy Tents		58.

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24 Bell Tents		100.
Europe Twine	lb	184
White Lead	Maunds	4
Brandy	Bottles	12.
Bellows, Country	Pairs	5.
Europe Junk	@ 8	57. 11.
Cotton Bullock Collars		12.
Targets		12.
Drum Slings		10.
Europe Rope 2½ Inch @ 11. 19. 2. 11.	Coils	10.
Ratline @ 11. 2. 3. 15.	D°	5.
Chests		12.
Canvas	Bolts	24
Cases		2.
Yokes Quadruple Traces		30.
From the Civil Stores under the Military Storekeeper		
Whip Saws		4
Hand Saws		5
Chalk	lb	56.
Handles	Pcs	8
Palms		56.
Sea-Coal	Bushels	4
From the Gun Carriage Contractor		
Carriage Depressing 12 Pounder for Iron Guns		2

/Signed/ George Hall.
Com.r Gen.l Stores

A true Copy

/Signed/ Dan.l Ince
Secry Mil: Bd.

/Received

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21.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos 191. 192. 193. 194.

From the Garrison Storekeeper.

From the Garrison Storekeeper - enclosing an Account of Rice received into the Honble Company's Stores from the Ships Lord Camden, Kent and Phanix

From the Commandant at Amboor.

From Lieutenant Cuppage - offering to undertake the Management of the Post Master's Employ at Amboor.

From the Contractor for Military Cloathing.

From the Contractor for Cloathing - requesting that he may be announced in General Orders as the Person to whom the Commanding Officers are to apply for the half Mounting as well as the Cloathing for the Revenue Corps.

From the Commandant at Nellore.

From the Commandant at Nellore - requesting that he may be permitted to draw the usual Allowance of House Rent during the Period that the Commandant's Quarters may remain occupied by the European Invalids.

Received the following Letters.

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

Honble Sir,

From the Commandant at Paliamkotcherry communicating Intelligence received from Lieutenant Chalmers. Intends sending on 7000 Bullocks on the 18th Instant under Escort of the 2d Bombay Battalion.

I have the Honor to inform you that on the 7th Instant the Enemy encamped before Coimbatore, and last night I had a Letter from Lieut.

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21. Lieut.t Chalmers of the 13th. He makes their Force to consist of ten Rosallahs, 300 Horse, and some Irregulars, 2-18 and 6-6 pounders Commanded by Cummer ul Dien Cawn.

They have commenced their attack from the bank of the Tank to the Southward; and that morning had erected a Battery for two Guns; it is by much the weakest part of the Fort, and I am afraid their Force is superior to any thing that I can bring to oppose them.

I was joined by the 12th Bombay Battalion on the 10th and have the pleasure to inform you that seven thousand Bullocks will be here to morrow, and I shall forward them, on the 17th escorted by the Bombay Battalion, Captain Oakes. There is no danger of them after they pass this Fort till they arrive near Callicut; and I have taken care to advise Colonel Balfour accordingly

The remaining three thousand are not arrived at Dindegul; and Mr. Torin proposed sending them through the Travancore Country

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

/Signed/ J. Cuppage
Major Commandt.

Paligautcherry
15th October 1791.

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

Fort St. George.

Hon.ble Sir.

From the Collector on the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country – applies for Instructions respecting a Bramin, apprehended for the Murder of a Boy at Tiruvanum Gnorum

I have just received Intelligence of a Murder & Robbery committed by a Bramin of Tiruvanum Gnorum, about six Miles west of Combiconum, on the Person of a Boy, whom he enticed into the Pagoda. The Fact, as stated to me, appears to admit of little doubt. I have ordered the Party, with the Witnesses, to be sent to this Place, and request to be favored with your Orders, whether he shall be sent to Madras, or in what other Manner he is to be proceeded with.?

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

Tanjore
17.th October 1791.

William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department

Sir,

From the Resident at Hydrabad – expected Departure of the Nizam soon – requests that a small Guard may be furnished to escort Hydrabad some Presents exchanged at Madras.

I have the pleasure to inform you for the information of the Board that the Prince and the Minister received their Dismission from the Nizam (Yesterday

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21. Yesterday I am inclined to think that we shall begin our March in the course of three or four days.—

Having commissioned from Madras certain Articles on the Company's account for the purpose of Presents to Natives. I have to request that Mr. Charles Binny may be furnished with a few of the Company's Peons or a small Guard to send with them as an escort by way of Cubapak or by such other route as he may desire.

I have the Honor to be
Sr
Yr
Yr

Paangul
7th October 1791.

/Signed/ John Kennaway

Revenue Department.

To the Honble Major General Medows
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Revenue with information respecting Collections said to have been made by Captain Parr.

We have herewith the Honor to lay before you further information received from Mr. Wynch respecting Collections said to have been made by Captain Parr, Commanding at Carore, in the Name of the Company

We have the honor to be
Sr
Yr
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Fort St. George
22d October 1791.

/Signed/ Wm Petrie
T. Oakes
Wm Oram

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To the Honble the Governor in Council

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

Honble Sirs

From Major General Musgrave - opinion on the application of the Resident at Ganjam for an augmentation of the present Strength of the Garrison.

I am honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter enclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Ganjam and desiring my Opinion on the Requisition contained therein.

Considering the weak State of the Garrison of Ganjam, and the Duties they have to perform, which from the Resident's representation, I perceive extend to the protection of a District, as well as the Defence of the Fort - I therefore conceive the Request to be very reasonable, and have the honor to acquaint the Board that an Invaliding Committee being ordered to assemble on the first of November, I imagine that the Establishment of Ganjam may be completed by those Men whom it is probable the Committee will find unfit for field Service

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

20th October 1791.

/Signed/ Thos. Musgrave

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At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
25th. October 1791. Acting President

William Petrie and John Hudleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General Medows
Absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Paupiah, and his Securities, having signed their Recognizance, (vide Minutes of Consultation the 18th. Instant) Ordered that all the Papers taken from Paupiah, and now deposited in the Company's Cash Chest be returned to him

The Papers & Effects taken from Paupiah and now deposited in the Company's Cash Chest to be returned to him

Ordered that the following Receipt be given to Paupiah for the Sum of 30,000 Pagodas, being the Full amount stated in his Recognizance

Draft of the Receipt given to Paupiah for the Sum of 30,000 Pagodas.

Fort St. George Septr. 30th. 1791. Received of Swadanum Paupiah Braminy the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pagodas (which is the Full

(e Amount

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Amount stated in his Recognizance of this date on his part, to answer to such Charges as may be preferred against him by the Government of Fort St. George for the time being, by virtue of such orders as he may receive for that purpose, or otherwise, howsoever at any Period within Three years from this day, for which Sum we promise to pay at the rate of Eight per Cent Interest per Annum, payable every year, during the said Term of Three years, and the said Principal Sum of Thirty Thousand Pagodas at the Expiration of the said Period of Three years, provided he answers to the Condition of his said Recognizance. And we engage to take, at any Time within ~~within~~ the said Period, Bonds of the Honble Company, in Deposit for the whole or any Part of the said Sum of Thirty Thousand Star Pagodas, and to return the Specie to the Amount Principal which may be specified in such Bonds.

Signed By Order of the Honble The President in Council

Signed W.m C. Jackson
Secry

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
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Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that we last Night carried by Assault the strong hill Fort of

From Lord Cornwallis — advising of the Capture of Nundy Durgum — and of the arrival of the first Convoy at the Head of the Pass under Gumbaze — intends moving to the Eastward the 20th Instant —

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of Nundy Durgum which is a Post of infinite consequence as it will tend to give us quiet Possession of a large tract of Country & to secure very extensive communications behind us when we move forward towards Seringapatam.

Although the Killedar refused to listen to any Terms that were offered him, and the Garrison appeared very vigilant during the whole Seige & they made but a feeble resistance against the assailants, and our Loss has been inconsiderable. The first Killedar and Buckshey are prisoners and the second Killadar and a few of the Garrison were killed, but the greatest part of it escaped by scrambling down the Rocks on the back of the Fort.

Reports of a Force in the Baramaul have for some days made me a little uneasy about affairs in that quarter but from the best Information I have been able to procure that its Number has been greatly exaggerated and it is by no means of sufficient Strength to occasion any serious inconvenience to us.

The first Convoy is already come up the Peddanadurgum Pass and I am now at liberty to give my whole attention to the protection of the second. I shall march to the Eastward to morrow, and can move with dispatch if it be necessary

I am, with much Respect &c &c

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp four Miles South of Nundy Durgum October 19th 1791

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Minute thereon

Agreed that a short Letter be written to the Honorable Court of Directors, via Bengal, and that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted with it.

Agreed that congratulatory Letters be written to Lord Cornwallis and to Major General Medows on the Fall of Nundy Durgum

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart.
Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

From the Garrison Storekeeper, enclosing a Manifest of Articles imported on the Hon.ble Company's Ships Lord Camden, Kent and Phœnix, and a Return of the Boats employed in landing their respective Cargoes.—

Hon.ble Sir,

I beg leave to enclose an Account of Sundry Articles landed from the Hon.ble Company's Ships, Lord Camden, Kent and Phœnix, and also a Return of the Number of Boats employed daily by each Ship, that your Honor in Council may be enabled to judge in some degree how far the importation of private Trade from Bengal on the abovementioned Ships, tended to impede the Public Service, at a time when the approaching Monsoon was daily expected.

I have the Honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
Your very obedient Servant
(Signed) J Greenhill
Garrison Storekeeper

Madras
25.th October 1791.

(Manifest

Manifest of Sundry Articles Imported at this Port by the Honble Company's Ships Lord Camden Kent & Phanix

Ships Names	Captains Names	By whom Imported	Rice	Rice	Wheat	Sugar	Claret	Millinary	Wine	Cheese	Sugar	Tobacco	Biscuit	Cork
		The Honble Company						Private						
Lord Camden	Capt. Dance	The Honble Company 1,749 Bags												
		Captain Dance			1400 Bags	185 Bags	162 Bags	10 Chests	"	"	"			
		Mr. Clark							1 Chest	"	"	"		
		Lord Cornwallis								10 Chests	"	"	"	
		Third Mate											2 Boxes	1 Keg
		Doctor											1 Do	
Kent	Captain Hardinge	The Honble Company 2,686 Bags												
		Capt. Hardinge		328 Do						6 Pipes 1 Chest	"	"		
		Mr. Spanon						20 Do	"	"	"	"	"	
Phanix	Capt. Gray	The Honble Company 3,265 Do												
		Captain			1525 Do	383 Do	357 Do							
		Chief Mate						14 Do		2 Casks		1 Chest		
		Mr. Chase						15 Casks						
		Mr. Balfour											6 Jars	2 Bags

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(Signed) J. Greenhill
Garrison Storekeeper

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Return of Boats employed for landing the Rice &c. from on board the Ships Lord Camden, Kent and Phenix

1791.	The Hon'ble Company Pr Ship Lord Camden Boats	Trips	Bags	Captain Dance Trips	Bags	The Hon'ble Company Pr Ship Kent Boats	Trips	Bags	Captain Hardinge Trips	Bags	The Hon'ble Company Pr Ship Phenix Boats	Trips	Bags	Captain Gray Trips	Wheat Rice & Sugar Bags	
Oct. 10th	6	3	90	9	282	8	"	"	32	960	8	1	30	20	600	
11th	13	16	480	20	600	8	1	30	28	840	9	9	270	11	264	Company's
12th	7	6	180	21	630	10	12	348	12	372	10	6	180	7	210	1,749
13th	9	22	660	"	"	9	27	810	6	180	9	"	"	17	510	2,686
14th	8	11	339	2	37	8	18	540	7	210	8	4	120	9	270	3,265
15th	"	"	"	"	"	8	11	330	10	300	11	21	630	4	91	7,700 Bags
16th	"	"	"	"	"	8	14	420	7	210	10	16	506	16	486	Captains
17th	"	"	"	"	"	8	7	208	7	209	12	29	870	6	148	1,549
18th	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9	17	510	"	"	3,281
19th	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	5	150	"	"	2,580
																7,410 Bags
	43	59	1,749	52	1,549	67	91	2,686	109	3,281	91	108	3,265	90	2,580	

E.E. (Signed) J. Greenhill
Garrison Store Kr.

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper —

Agreed to inform the Supreme Council that on the late discharge of the Cargoes of the Company's Ships Kent Phanix and Lord Camden the Board were much surprized to find that, instead of 6000 Bags which by Mr. Secretary Hay's Letters of the 16th and 19th Ultimo, it was understood had been sent on Board each Ship at Bengal, only 7,700 Bags of Company's Rice has been received into the Stores at this Presidency from the three Ships

Do.

Ordered that Copies of the Papers sent up by the Garrison Storekeeper be transmitted to Bengal

Read the following Letter from Captain Gray, Commanding the Honorable Company's Ship Phanix

To

Jackson Esqr.

Secretary &c.a

From the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Phanix advising of his having been obliged to put to Sea, Owing to the unfavorable appearance of the Weather, with part of the Company's Cargo on board

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Honble Board that I have found it absolutely necessary to put to Sea — the Weather bearing a very unfavorable appearance. I have considered the delivery of a few hundred Bags of Rice (which now remain) of little Ornament when the Safety of the Ship is in question

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

Phanix Off Jnd.a Madras Roads 19th October 1791

(Signed) C. A. Gray

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Minute thereon

The Board remark that although Captain Gray had not had time to deliver all the Company's Cargo, yet he found time to deliver on his own account 2850 Bags — Agreed that this Circumstance be mentioned to the Supreme Council, and that their attention be drawn to the Return of the Boats employed, by which they will see, that the landing of the Company's Cargoes bore no proportion to the Private Trade, untill the latter had been nearly delivered —

Read the following Letters from the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly —

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary.

Sir.

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — representing fruitless Situation into which Lieutenant Dejse Detachment was placed owing to the Conduct of Mr. Wynch —

Since my Letter to you of Yesterday's date I have received yours of the 12th Instt. & am happy to find that my Conduct was approved by Government —

I now enclose a Copy of a Letter I wrote and sent to Lieut. Dejse previous to the Receipt of yours, which I doubt not will prevent any thing of the Kind happening in future.

I understand that Lieut. Dejse was obliged to take with him the greatest part of his Garrison, & Mr. Wynch was on the North side of the Cavery within 5 Miles of Namcull, therefore had the Party said to have gone to

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the Relief of Attore overtaken him on their return, or a Body had come down from Coimbetore, or Sattimungalum to the South side of the Cauvery they might have effectually cut him off from Carore, & thereby rendered the Fall of that Place, with many Supplies for the Army &c it inevitable, as it would have been totally out of my power to succour it. I therefore cannot express the uneasiness I felt 'till I received Lieut.t Dejoi's account of his return —

I shall write Lt. Dejoi the Board's Orders with respect to the Mode the Collector is to employ the Revenue Troops —

The General Court Martial which was ordered by Major General Musgrave, was directed by me the 22d. in G. O. & sent to Carore, & the other Garrisons South of the Coleroon immediately after, to assemble the 28th. Ultc., but the Prosecutor & Evidences not appearing on that day, it was postponed till further Orders — it then assembled on the 11th. Instant & proceeded to the Trial of Captain Lt. Brudenell, which having finished they adjourned, as Lieut.t Rankin was sick & Mr. Wynch & his Evidences not arrived —

The President & Members are still here, but should the Movements render the Presence, at their different Garrisons, necessary I shall of course be obliged to order them there

Trichinopoly 25th October 1791. — I have the Honor to be &c &c &c

(signed) Tho.s Bridges

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Lieutenant Defse
Commanding
Carore.

Sir

My Mind was much relieved this Morning on the Receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date, your having omitted telling me of your Departure, & the repeated Accounts I have had of so large a Force of the Enemy having descended the Ghauts, and that a Division of them had marched to the relief of Attore, and made me apprehensive that they might have fallen in with your Detachment on their Return.

Accept my Thanks for your conduct and exertions in the execution of the Business which has terminated so well, and of which I shall not fail of immediately acquainting Government.

As the Enemy's Movements are so quick and uncertain, till we have a respectable Force to the Southwards, our first care must be of our Forts, and a place of such Consequence as Carore; must not again be endangered by Detachments of regular Troops on any account whatever.

Trichinopoly
16th October 1791.

(Sign'd) Tho.s Bridges.

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly enclosing Copies of Correspondence which passed between Lieut. Dejoe and Mr. Wynch in consequence of the wish of the latter to employ the Detachment under the Command of the former in the Reduction of the Fort of Chandrasungulum.

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honble Board, a Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Dejoe to me under Date the 18th. Instant covering Copies of his Correspondence with the Collector of the Carore Districts, on his arrival, with the greatest part of the Carore Garrison to his relief

After the Information on the Subject which Government is already possessed of, any Comment of mine would be superfluous. I therefore can only remark that at that critical Period when accounts were received of a large Force of the Enemy's having descended the Ghauts, a Division of them penetrated into the Coimbatore Country, and another said to be gone to the Relief of Attore, and every Artillery Man drawn out of Carore to accompany the Brigade of 6 Pounders with Lieutenant Dejoe, were the enclosed Letters dated.

Trichinopoly
19th. October 1791.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most humble Servant

(Signd) Tho.s Bridges

Colo.

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Colonel Budges

Commg. South Coleroon.

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 16th. Instant, & beg leave to offer my grateful acknowledgment for the Honor conferred on me, in your approbation.

As you was pleased to say in that Letter that you intended laying the Circumstances of my Expedition before Government, I, of course, think it necessary to transmit you the enclosed Correspondence, which passed between me & Mr. Wynch, on the Subject of the Capture of Chandemunga-lum.—

From the critical Situation in which the Troops under Mr. Wynch were, & a remembrance how much our Army suffered last War from the many small Detachments sent out, I thought it highly necessary to carry out a respectable one in the late Instance — It consisted of two Companies of Europeans, four Companies of the 20th. Batn., & a Brigade of Guns with a proper compliment of Artillery

Carore
18th. October 1791.

(Signd) L. C. Dyse

A true Copy
(Signd) J. M. Kerras Secy.
to Col. Bridges —

Copies

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Copies of Letters which passed between Mr. Geo. Wynch. Collector of the Carore &c. Districts, & Lieut. Dyse Com. Carore on the Subject of the Capture of the Fort of Chandemungalum.

No. 1

Lieutenant Dyse
in Command

Sir.

Particularly convinced of your attention to my requisitions & wishes to promote the good of the Service, I think it incumbent on me to inform you that I have taken Possession of the whole of the Country & given Cowle to the Inhabitants Ramchunder Naig has been in Possession of since August 1790. when he was appointed in the Company's Name to this Country by Captain Parr - The Fort which we are now before is very thinly garrisoned, & out of 300. fighting Men; all the Carnatica Men are disaffected - The Revenues of these Countries depend materially on the fall of the Fort, as the Hill People decline paying any Kists until its Reduction & the Inhabitants of the other Villages who have taken Cowle will have no Protection should I

be

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be obliged to leave this Post — It is therefore I request your earnest attention, & trust you will consider the absolute necessity of reducing this Fortress — before your departure.

Chandemungalum Pettah
12th Oct.r 1791. /Signed/ George Wynch.

No. 2. Mr. George Wynch
Collector of Carore &c.a

Sir,

I have received your favor of this Evening, & have perused it with particular attention, & in answer must beg leave to refer you to Colonel Bridges's Letter of the 8th Inst.t (transmitted by me to you) wherein you will see that the — Detachment now under my Command is intended merely to protect you & bring off the Troops placed (in consequence of the Orders of the Board of Revenue) under your Command — & not to make any Conquests of Forts &c.a in an Enemy's — Country —

I enclose you Copies of Letters I this day received from Col. Bridges, to which also I must request your particular attention — It is necessary for me likewise to observe to you that their —

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Contents are of a very serious & alarming Nature.
& such as that I find myself obliged to proceed
to morrow morning towards Carore, & to take the
Troops now along with you. with the Detachment

Chandemangalum
Pettah - 12th Oct. 1791

(Signed) P. C. Dyse
Lieut. Commandt.

No. 3

Lieutenant Dyse
on Command -

Sir.

I am favored with your Letter with its
Enclosures; & beg leave to observe it will be impossible
for me to move from this before to morrow afternoon,
as I have the Revenues of these Countries to settle
for above a twelve-month, the whole of which
would probably be lost if I was to return with
such precipitation - The Detachment with me
can overtake that with you - If, however, you
think it necessary to withdraw them, I must
remain here without Troops 'till the afternoon

As the Revenues of these Districts
are put immediately under my controul, I
have to request that 24 Sibendies may remain
for the Collections of Chandemungalum, under

Ramchundra

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Ramchunder Nacq. & 12 for Permatty.

I have desired Lieut. Moore to consider himself as under your orders.

Chandemungalum Pettah.

(signed) George Wynch
Collector of Carore &c.

N.o 4.

To Geo: Wynch
Collector of Carore &c.

Sir,

As I have just before informed you, I find it absolutely necessary to move to morrow morning - I am sorry I cannot comply with the Requisition contained in your last Letter; with respect to the Sibendies you speak of, you have my Permission to retain them on the Revenue Service

Chandemungalum Pettah.
12th Oct. 9 oClock P. M.

(signed) P. C. Dejse
Lieut. Commanding

N.o 5. Lieutenant Dejse
On Command.

Sir,

I have received your's informing me that the Sibendies may be retained on the Revenue

(Duties

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Duties, I have now to inform you that you must be accountable to the Company for all their Records which are with me, leaving me in front of a Fort without a Guard for my Defence — This matter I shall represent to Government early to morrow

Chandemungalum Pettah
12th Oct. 9 o'Clock at Night } (Signed) Geo. Wynch.

No. 6. Wm. Geo. Wynch
Collector of Carroor &c.

Sir,

As you seem so anxious to remain for a few Hours to settle the Revenue Concerns, I have come to the Determination of waiting here for you until 12 o'Clock, & no longer, as from the Intelligence I have received (& which I before communicated to you) I think it absolutely unsafe to remain beyond that Time.

Chandemungalum Pettah
12th Oct. 9 o'Clock P. M. } (Signed) P. C. Dejse
Lieut. Commanding

No. 7. Lieutenant Dejse
In Command

Sir,

I have received your Letter, & hope 12

o'

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o'Clock to morrow to be able to proceed to Carroe, as I have ordered the Polygars to attend at Day-break

Chandemungalum Pattah, 12th Oct. 1791. } (Signed) Geo Wynch

P.S. It was not thought necessary to answer the last Letter —

A true Copy of the Originals

(Signed) P. C. Dyse
Lieut. Commandg

A true Copy

(Signed) J. M. Kerras
Secy to Col: Bridges

Minute thereon

The Board feel so much dissatisfaction at the Conduct of the Collector at Caroor, that it is Resolved to write him the following Letter.

To Mr George Wynch
Collector at Caroor

Sir

The Letter which I wrote to you on the 16th Instant, by Command of the Board, will have appriezed you of their Sentiments of your Conduct in the Misapplication of the Force placed under your authority for the securing of the Company's

To the Collector at Caroor expressing the Dissatisfaction and Astonishment of the Board at his Conduct in writing to detain Lieut. Dyse's Detachment at Chandemungalum and desiring him to explain some particular Circumstances mentioned in his Correspondence with that Officer

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Company's Revenue - I am now to inform you that Copies of your Correspondence with Lieutenant Dejoe at Chandemungalum have been received and that it was with no common Surprize the Board noticed your extreme anxiety to relieve the Detachment in so perilous a Situation, after you had been pointedly told by that Officer that he had come purposely to relieve you and your Party, and that the Intelligence which he had received of the Enemy's Motions made it absolutely unsafe to delay his return to Caroor beyond the next [illegible] - In the improper advantage which you took of your Station to carry Hostilities into the Enemy's Countries every prudent Consideration was over-looked, and your whole Proceedings appear to have aimed at drawing the second Detachment into similar danger with the First, and which but for the sensible Resistance of Lieutenant Dejoe might have been the loss of both. - It was with equal astonishment that the Board perceived you had not only threatened Lieutenant Dejoe with a Reference to Government for his refusal to obey your requisitions, notwithstanding you knew

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knew at the same time that he was acting under orders that he dared not to disobey; but that you had affirmed, as an Inducement for his remaining at Chandernungalum, that "the Revenues of that District had been put immediately under your Controul" — The Accuracy of this Assertion is not to be traced in any part of your Instructions, under which you could alone act; and it behoves you therefore, to shew by what other authority you conceived yourself justified in stating as a matter of Fact that which the Board deem otherwise from the Circumstances within their Knowledge. — after you have explained yourself upon this, and other Points which have been the Subject of Animadversion, the Board will finally determine upon your Conduct.

I am &c.a &c.a &c.a

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25th. October 1791.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy.

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Military Board.

Military Department

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council.

Sir.

Having communicated to Captain

&c.

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From the Military Board recommending the Case of Captain Bell to the favorable Consideration of Government - Opinion on Captain Vigors's application for a second Set of Tents - three 24 Pounder Carriages dispatched to Cuttack - Small Stores detained for want of Cattle - enclosing a Letter from Messrs Topping and Parry

Bell your determination respecting his contingent Bills. he has transmitted to us an Address to your Honble Board, which at his particular request, We take the liberty to enclose, together with the Papers, which he is solicitous should accompany it.

We have presumed thus far from a Conviction that it cannot be your Wish or Intention that Captain Bell should suffer a Loss so seriously distressing to him, for a Service, which appearing to have been actually and efficiently performed, must have incurred a considerable Expence to him. And, as he professes himself ready to attest the Account of his Expenditure on that Occasion, We are induced to recommend this Matter, in the Form it now presents itself, to your favorable Consideration.

We have considered with attention the Request of Captain Vigors to be furnished with a second Set of Tents, and as, under the Circumstances stated by the Deputy Adjutant General, it appears to his Lordship, and equally so to ourselves, that Captain Vigor's Claim is of a singular nature and not without

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without Grounds, We conceive he is entitled to be placed upon an Equality with those Commanding Officers who did not engage to contract for their Camp Equipage at so early a Period.—

We have the pleasure to inform you that the three twenty four Pounder Carriages, mentioned in your Letter of the 12th were dispatched to Amboor on the 21st Instant; the Small Stores indented for by Mr. Commissary Morris are also in readiness to follow when the requisite Carriage Cattle can be collected if the Weather will permit.

In consequence of your Letter of the 13th Instant We called upon Messrs. Topping and Parry to inform us whether they thought proper to adhere to the Prices of their original Proposals, and beg leave to submit to you a Copy of their Reply.

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

Fort St. George
25th October 1791.

(Signed) Tho.s Musgrave
J. Capper.
Geo: Maule
George Hall.

To

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To the President

and Members of the Military Board

Fort St. George

Sir, and Sirs,

Having been called upon by the Honorable the Governor in Council to refund the Amount of certain Bills signed by me the Month of March 1790, in consequence of their being objected to by the Comptroller General for want of Explanation respecting such Charge

I beg to inform the Board that I instantly complied with the Requisition of Government, as they were pleased to say "they will be ready to receive and attend to "any Explanation I may have to offer."

I beg to inform the Board that neither time nor my Situation would admit of entering into the Business when the Army was near Madras, being ad a particular Indulgence, allowed half a Day only, to be in Town; Colonel Capper, Comptroller General then seemed

(sensible

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sensible of the Impossibility of my having Time to give the necessary Explanation respecting the various Matters, and was of Opinion it must lay over till after the War.-

Respecting the Charge for Repairs of Tents in March 1790: I will now give such Explanation as will, I trust, induce this Board to satisfy the Honorable the Governor in Council of the Propriety of the Charge.-

The Objections are on Supposition that one Committee of Inspection was ordered, because the Proceedings did not accompany the Bill, and that supposing a Committee of Inspection was held, that the Materials for such Repairs should have been drawn from the Stores at Trichinopoly

A Committee of Inspection was held, and a Report of the Tents requiring Repairs, delivered in to Colonel Nixon, Commanding Officer, who, from it, thought proper to (direct

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direct the Tents to be repaired.~

Extract G.O. 7th March

The originae Report.~

given to Colonel Nixon, ought most

certainly to have been forwarded

Report of Committee of Inspection 4th March

to the Military Board. but for

their Information I herewith~

transmit a Copy. and beg to refer

Extract G.O. 7th March

them to the annexed G.O. respecting

the Committee and Repairs.—

The Mode of repairing

Tents by Estimate would, under other

Circumstances, be considered not

adviseable, but here Necessity rendered

it expedient.~

The Lascars and Artificers

of Corps had been dismissed, and

there was no Department under

the Commissary of Stores to make

such Repairs, the urgent Necessity

there was for putting the Tents

in a Proper State, it is presumed

justified the Commanding Officer

in directing the Repairs to be made

on Estimate of the average Expence.

For at no Period within the Recollection

of

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of the oldest Officer in Camp were
Tents in so bad a State, this appeared
to Commanding Officers of Corps, —
from whose particular Representation
Colonel Nixon directed the Repairs —

From these Circumstances
it was necessary to procure Taylors.
Chucklers &c.a &c.a and the Variety
and Number of Articles in a place
so notoriously Extravagant will
warrant such Charge, this was —
obvious to Colonel Nixon Commanding
Officer of the Army, else it would
not have obtained his concurrence

Extract G.O. 27 January

Letters to Colonel Nixon } 8th. February. —}

" 6th. March

from " & 6th. March

I beg to refer the Board to
orders and Applications respecting
public Followers, which will shew
that the necessary People were not
attached to Corps and Departments,
and that Application had been
made for a proper Establishment

G.O. — 8th. May —

It will, I trust, appear
from this that I did every thing
depending on myself and by —
Repreesentation. —

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It appears from the Report of Inspection 4th. March that the Calculation of Expence was from an Average taken from the whole requiring Repairs, and althi' it was not the Mode Prescribed, - (occasioned by the Peculiar Situation of the Army) still it was by no means an additional Expence; as a Charge for the Articles and Work, would at least have been equal to the Estimate. -

From the Situation of the Army, limited for Carriage, It was impossible, and would have been very impolitic to carry Materials for Repairs of Tents by the public Carriage, the constant Demands and Consumption being great

G.O. 29th April 90. -

I beg to refer the Board to an Order by General Musgrave directing a Committee of Inspection on Tents - and to estimate the Expence for the requisite Repairs. - Also

Copy Report of Inspection on Tents May 8. -90. - a copy of the Proceedings of that Committee,

by

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by which the Board will see the Estimate of Expence of Repairs is nearly similar to that on the Tents in March - the Difference arises from those being in better State than the former

The Judgment and Precision of the Officers on this Committee is well known to the Board, and, as a corroborating Circumstance, will, I doubt not, serve to prove the Justness of the former Estimate.

That Materials should have been drawn from the Stores of Trichinopoly is undoubted but on a Reference to the monthly Return of that Garrison it will be seen it could not furnish the Means, which I trust will satisfy the Board that the Deviation from the Regulations was from Necessity; this will appear more fully from the difficulty of equipping the Army in other Articles, which it is incumbent on me

to

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to explain as applying to the Refund ordered by Government for Articles Purchased.

Those Articles were particularly necessary for the Equipment and Supply of the Army and could not be furnished by the Garrison of Trichinopoly, in consequence of which such Stores were drawn from Tanjore as it could afford. Notwithstanding which we were still deficient; this will be obvious to the Board upon Reference to the Returns from those Garrisons at this Period, and will more fully appear by the List of Stores embarked for the Southward, Copies of which I herewith transmit for the Information of the Board: such Stores were intended to have been lodged at Trichinopoly some time before, as appears by the Statement first for the use of

List of Stores.—

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"of the Army:—

I have to remark for the further Information of the Board, that previous to the March of the Army, I received daily a few Yokes from the StoreKeeper's Yard at Trichinopoly as they could be made up, and in like manner Tarpaulins, but which were delivered to me without being tar'd, there not being any Tar in Store: This also applies to Grease &c.a which was deficient and could not be procured by the StoreKeeper's People; such Situation at an out-fit of the Army called for Exertion to obviate — Difficulties, and I was urged by Colonel Moorhouse to — procure such Articles as the Necessity of the Service required for the temporary

or

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or immediate Supply.—

As there was no Commissary of Supply with the Army at that time, and the Regulations not pointing out any particular Mode by which such Articles required for immediate Use should be procured, I did, as hitherto had been customary, purchase such Articles and which I delivered on authorized Indents by order of the Commanding Officer of the Troops, but as soon as I had Intimation of the Impropriety of my acting as Commissary of Supply when I was employed on the Part of the Service to be the Judge of the Quality of such Articles. I applied to the Commander in Chief that a Commissary of Supply might be appointed from whom I might receive casual Supplies for

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Extract of a Letter to Colonel Capper - 7th November

Letter from Colonel Hamje

for the use of the Army. this
I also urged in a Letter to Colonel
Capper. Comptroller General -
and mentioned that I had
applied to General Medows,
who left it to the Decision of
the Board, and in consequence
an order of Government was
issued on the 30th November,
directing that in future, Articles
of Supply were to be purchased
by the Paymaster and delivered
to the Commissary of Stores;
since the Receipt of which
order with the Army, I have
regularly received such casual
Supplies from the Paymaster -
I beg to assure the
Board that such Regulations
were highly satisfactory to me,
and that I sincerely wish it
had been established when the
Army first took the Field,
at the same time I declare

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on my Word of Honor my
being Provider of such Articles
for the Time, was not in any
Instance the Cause of a greater
Expence than at otherwise would
be.—

That on Articles so
purchased for the Service there
was an Advantage in general
by the regulated Prices; but that
on many, and very many Occasions
I have paid more for Articles
than was charged. I declare
to be Fact, and can satisfy this
Board of it by Bills from
Negapatam for Tar &c. &c.
purchased there.

The Government in their
Orders to the Comptroller General
7th December 1790, "are pleased
to say "that if there is any Note
"by which I can prove to their
"Satisfaction the actual Sums
"expended in these Services, they
"will make Compensation as
"far

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"far as appears to them reasonable"

It is entirely out of my Power to ascertain with Precision the actual Sums expended, but I do declare on my Word of Honor that with respect to the Charge for the Repairs of Tents March 1790, Pagodas 3,303. which is the only one made by Estimate, that I paid Pagodas 2,400, of which I kept a particular account and in which is not included many trifling Articles - nor the assistance of some Work People, - with respect to Articles purchased I have already declared that there was in general an Advantage on the regulated Prices, and very often a Loss: this I assure the Board as a Fact. - In order to satisfy the Board of the Risk attending the Provision of such Supplies I beg to assure

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assure them that when the army arrived at Carroor the camp & Equipage, inspected some time before, was directed to be repaired, for which Purpose, and to make up a Quantity of Sand Bags by order of the Commander in Chief, I provided Supplies, and had very nigh lost 600 Pagodas Value, procured for these Purposes, the Merchants being very closely pursued into Camp by the Enemy's Horse, - such Loss, of which I ran all risk, would have injured my Circumstances in a very serious Degree. —

That when the Army was at Coimbatoore I purchased a Quantity of Cloth &c. for the use of the Army, that when the Army marched from thence I left there Cloth and necessary Articles finished & and in the Looms, to the Value

of

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of 700 Pagodas, which I had
previously paid for, and to this
Moment have not received (nor
ever do expect to receive) one Shilling
of it, it being at my own risk as
I never received such Articles on
my Books till required by Indents,
by which Means the Service was
neither subjected to Expence of
Carriage or risk of loss: A Letter
from Lieutenant Madder now at
Coimbatore will prove this Assertion.

Letter from Lieutenant Madder 19.th January 1791

From these Explanations,
I trust the Honorable the Governor
in Council will Sanction such Bills
as were Signed by me previous to
the Appointment of the Pay-Master
to be Commissary of Supply, as
I am responsible for every
Article there received, and for the
issuing of which I have authorized
Vouchers. And with respect
to the Quality of the Articles
I declare them to be all good

/and

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and Serviceable.

I have the Honor to be
Sir, and Sirs,
Your most obedient humble Servt.

September 8th. 1791.

(Signed) Robt. Bell
Comy. Stores

A true Copy
(Signed) Danl. Ince
Secry. Mil. Bd.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Captain Bell explaining the Causes of the Informality of his Bills on account of Repairs to Tents.

My very peculiar Situation will, I trust, plead my Excuse for intruding on your Honble Board.

I have received official Intimation of the Resolution of your Honble Board on the Subject of Repairs of Tents &c. with the Army near Trichinopoly in March 90. in Reply to the Report of the Military Board of the 12th. ult. — It is on many accounts most seriously distressing to me, but I have reason to hope that, was your Honble Board more particularly

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particularly acquainted of circumstances relating thereto, you would rescind your Determination which so very essentially affects me.

With contrition I acknowlege the Irregularity of my Conduct with respect to the Mode of Repairs of Tents in this instance,— which I might have obviated by a particular Certificate from the Commg. Officer of the Troops of its being his particular Desire that I should undertake the Repairs, and that by very particular Enquiry and Calculation of Expence the Price was first with his concurrence, agreeably to the Proceedings of the Committee of Inspection, as low as possible.— also that the Repairs were well executed, Examined and reported upon, but my not having adverted to the Deviation from the Regulations, occasioned by the particular Situation of the Army, leaves my only Claim now on the Liberality of your Honble Board.—

With deference I beg to assure your Honble Board that at the time of the Committee of Inspection sitting on the Tents of the Army and making the Calculation of Expence I did not know that I should be the Person Employ'd to make the Repaires.—

In order to shew as fully as possible—

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possible the Motive that induced me at the desire of Colonel Nixon, to undertake such a matter. I have addressed the Military Board to request Permission of your Honble Board to lay before you my Explanations delivered to them together with authenticated Documents referred to, from which I trust your Honble Board will see reason to mitigate your Decision.—

With deference I beg to remark that such Repairs &c. were made in the Field on a very urgent occasion to equip the Army, when the StoreKeeper of Trichy was absent, as will appear by my Address to the Military Board should your Honble Board be indulgent to allow it a hearing; and to the Circumstances therein contained, respecting the actual Expence I am ready to give Attestation.—

With most profound Respect
I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servt.

(Signed) Rob Bell
C. Y. Stores

Trichinopoly
8th. October 1791.

To

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To Major General Musgrave President
and Military Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

From Majr Genl Stuart & Party to the Military Board Remarks on the orders of Government that their Contract should be confined to the Provision of the Articles specified in their original Proposals - and that the Prices at which they first offered to supply them should be adhered to.

We have been favored with your Letter of the 17th Instant; and on the Subject of it, That "our Contract is to be confined to our original Proposals". beg Permission, with deference, to observe that such a Restriction precludes us from executing not only the Work we have already commenced by order of the Board, but every kind of Gun-Carriage that is likely to be wanted on this Coast

Conceiving thereof that some Misunderstanding must have arisen, we earnestly solicit the Board either to lay this Letter before Government, or to adopt some other more advisable Measure for removing the Difficulties we labor under. We have been unfortunate in entering upon an undertaking of this important Nature at a time when either Dearth of Timber has prevented us from shewing that prompt Obedience to the Orders of the Military Board and that Zeal for the Public Service that we wish to have done: We however hope that the Readiness with which we compleated the

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Gibralter Carriages (the Execution of which we understand has been honored with your approbation) will shew what we would have done, had it been in our power; and indice you, Gentlemen, to assist us in removing Obstacles which are in their nature extremely perplexing, and we apprehend in some degree prejudicial to the public Service. —

If any Mistakes or overcharges appear on the List we have lately delivered in we are ready to revise the whole; and either to give satisfactory Reasons for what we have done, or to make such alterations and Abatements as may be thought necessary by the Military Board.

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

With great Respect

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

(Signed) Michael Topping

for himself and Thomas Parry

Madras
20th. October 1791. —

A true Copy

Signed Danl. Ince

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Minutes on the three foregoing Letters —

Agreed that Lord Cornwallis be informed of the Opinion of the Military Board upon the Request of Captain Vigors to be furnished with a second Set of Tents.

Resolved to inform the Military Board that in consequence of their Recommendation, the Board would be disposed to afford every Relief in their Power to Captain Bell, on account of the Money actually and bonâ fide disbursed by him, for the Public Service; but that under the Irregularity so conspicuous through the whole transaction, it is impossible for them to ascertain what might have been the real Amount of his Expenditures, or how far they ought, in justice to the Company, to extend the indulgence — and that, with the Materials at present before the Board they cannot pass any specific — Resolution favorable to the Claim of Captain Bell. —

The Board are of Opinion that if Messrs. Topping and Parry cannot execute the Contract for Gun Carriages &c. under their original Proposals, which it was certainly the intention of Government to abide by, the Provision

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of those Articles must be otherwise obtained, for no Alteration can now be admitted in the Prices.—

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

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council

Honorable Sir, &
Sirs,

From the Reverend Mr Swartz Recommendation respecting the recent Differences that have arisen between the Rajah and the Mother of Tulja Maharaz States that the Rajah has Lately entertained 50 additional Troopers—

I have had the Honor to receive your Honors' Letter of the 12th of this Month

I am highly obliged by the Permission given to me to make suitable Declaration to his Excellency the Rajah and the Mother of the late Rajah in the Name of Government

I resolved therefore to wait on His Excellency as soon as he returned from his Excursion into the Country, and to declare in the Name of Government, that the late Disputes between his Excellency and the Mother of Tulja M. R. had grieved the Honble Board.—

That the Honble Board were

consider

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sensible, that the Mother of the late Rajah had been acting in a manner altogether unbecoming her Dignity.—

At the same time They could not but consider her former Condition.— The Consort of Pratap Sing M.R.— and the Mother of Tulja M.R. claimed a Regard and entitled her to the honor of being revered as the Mother of the Country. Her present age, and Infirmities, attending it, called for great Allowances in her favor.

Instead of such Allowance which she might have expected, the Honble Board were sorry to find that rather Provocations and Vexations had been given to her —— amongst those Vexations they could not but reckon the placing of a Guard of Troopers in so high a place as to be able to overlook the Habitations of the Ladies — Is not this against the Respect which every good Man is willing to pay to the female Sex even of an inferior Rank?— Would your Excellency bear such a Treatment when offered to your Excellency's Family? Therefore the Honble Board wishes

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and desireth that your Excellency would be
pleased to order those Troopers away, and to
make the Situation of those Ladies as easy as
possible — your Excellency may be sure that
if these Widows are treated kindly, all who
hear of it will rejoice, and particularly the
Honble Board. —

Having resolved to make the above
mentioned Declaration to his Excellency, I
remembered that when I delivered of late a
Message to his Excellency, Shivenow wished
to see and read it — after that he assured his
Excellency that my Interpretation was exact.
This his Practice obliges me to request of
the Honble Board to honor me with a few
Lines, and either to insert the above-mentioned
Sentiments or substitute others more proper. —
Having such a Letter I shall stand upon
firm Ground

As his Excellency has taken 50
Troopers more into his Service it is to be
feared that he will order a Number of
Sentries to be placed in such places as
which are near the Habitations of
the

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of the Ladies

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

Tanjore
20th October 1791.

(Signed) C. F. Swartz.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be written to Mr. Swartz in the manner he has suggested.

Agreed also that he be desired to inform the Rajah of the Impropriety of his taking 50 Troopers into his Service at this time, and to obtain his Excellency's Consent to their Dismission.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

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

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue requesting that a Copy of the Agreement entered into between the Rajah of Tanjore and the Putteckdars regarding the allowance called Almugunum may be procured through the Mediation of the Reverend Mr. Swartz recommending that the Staff's Putticks be granted for Articles coming to the Presidency for His Highness's Use.

The Collectors at Tanjour have informed us, that at the time when the Tanjour Country was divided into Putticks, an Agreement was entered into between the Rajah and the Putteckdars, by which they received a

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monthly Allowance called Almaganum, or for Monigars, Conicoplies, Ajubs, and other Expences: as we could wish to be furnished with a Copy of this originar Agreement. in order to regulate the Charges of our Collectors, We take the liberty of recommending that the Reverend Mr. Swartz be requested to make an Application to his Excellency for that purpose.

In consequence of his Highness the Nabob's Complaint, that certain Articles passing for his use had been stopped at Combaconum, we issued Orders to the Collectors to suffer all Articles coming under that Description to pass without Molestation; but we beg leave to suggest that his Highness should grant his own Dustucks, lest other People by a fictitious use of his Name should impose upon the different Custom. Renters, to the Detriment of the Revenue.

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

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(Signed) Wm. Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm. Balfour

(Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Reverend Mr. Swartz be desired to obtain from the Rajah a Copy of the Agreement entered into between His Excellency and the Puttuckdars.—

Ditto

Agreed that his Highness the Nabob be requested to grant his own Dustucks for Articles coming from the Southward for his use.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper.—

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

Honble Sir.

From the Military Storekeeper representing the Loss that will be sustained by Mr. Toriano unless he be allowed to make up Tents to the Extent of the Materials he has purchased

I have been honored with your Commands under date 17th Instant, in favor of Lieut. Mealy, and beg leave to inform you that Mr. Toriano is similarly situated with that Gentleman as will appear from a Copy of his Letter to me now enclosed — Having ascertained from undoubted authority that the Representations of both the above Gentlemen are perfectly just, I trust and hope the conditional

Relief

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Relief you have been pleased to give Mr. Healy may without any Detriment to him, be extended also to Mr. Toriano

I have the honor to be with great Respect

Hon.ble Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/ Jos. du Pre' Porcher

W.S Stock.r

To Josias DuPre' Porcher Esq.r

Fort S.t George
20.th October 1791.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 11.th and have accordingly ordered my Taylors to stop making Tents — 10 are done and two have been cut up which I have directed to be finished — As I have prepared Materials for 60 Tents and shall be a considerable Loser if not allowed to make them up — I hope you will acquaint the Military Board with the Circumstance and that I shall be permitted to go as far as 60 Marquees which will save me from a Loss I cannot afford to bear —

I am &c.a &c.a

/Signed/ W. H. Torriano

Vellore
13.th August 1791

a true Copy

/Signed/ Jos. du Pre Porcher

W.S Stock.r

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Minute thereon

As the case of Mr. Torriano in regard to Materials for making up Tents is similar to that of Lieutenant Mealy it is agreed to authorize the Military Storekeeper to extend the Provision, so that no Loss may fall upon either of those Gentlemen.—

Read the following Letter from the Barrack Master in the Center Division.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary—

Sir,

From the Barrack Master in the Center Division — stating the authority under which he furnished New Cotts for the European Recruits lately arrived.

I have been honored with your Letter requiring me to inform you by what — Authority I supplyed New Cotts to the — Europeans lately arrived from Europe: In answer to which I have the pleasure to inform you that the Regulations for the Office of Barrack Master of the 25th. September 1786 direct that a Cott should be served out to each European on the Establishment — That to prevent any Complaint on the part of the Europeans, the Barrack Master has — constantly kept a Supply ready to issue

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when required. That the increase of each King's Regiment from 1700 to 1000 Men with the Number of Recruits lately arrived has occasioned the present Demand, which I thought it my Duty to supply as usual without any specifick Order for that Purpose

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

Fort St. George
21st. October 1791.

(signd) Ivan. Capper
Barrack Mastr. Center Division

Minute thereon —

As the Barrack Regulations do not in any respect authorize the Issue of new Cotts to Recruits, Lieutenant Capper must state why the Recruits lately arrived from Europe were not furnished from the Cotts in Store belonging to their own respective Regiments, and now lying in Godowns unemployed, for the Board observe by the last Returns a considerable Number on hand, nearly the whole of which must have been unoccupied, since the Commencement of the War. —

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Adjutant General. —

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To W. C. Jacksons Esqr.
Secy. of the Political & Military Departments
of Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Agutant General communicating the Wishes of Major General Medows respecting some Money said to be owing by Captain Simon Baillie to Captain Brohier of the Dutch Service residing at Columbo.

In April or May last I had the honor to transmit to you from Camp by desire of Major General Medows two Papers of which the enclosed contains a true Copy: but as on enquiry I find they have not come to hand, and as I have not the originals by me at present I beg leave to forward this Letter with its Enclosure as a Duplicate of the Communication I was instructed to make in April or May last.

Lord Cornwallis having furnished General Medows with the Copies of Letters now enclosed which his Lordship had received from Governor Wande Graaff at Columbo representing the Conduct of Captain Simon Baillie of the Coast Establishment as complained of by Captain Brohier at Columbo, and having likewise requested the General to take such measures as he might

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judge adviseable on the subject, the General directed me to transmit the Letters above mentioned through you to the Board, and to request that the Board would require an explicit Answer from Captain Baillie and immediate Payment of the Money which he borrowed from that Officer.

The General at the same time directed me to express his earnest Desire that Captain Simon Baillie's Conduct in this Transaction might undergo the most rigid enquiry and be punished in the most exemplary Manner practicable provided his Answer to the Complaint did not, in the Opinion of the Board, clearly remove the Imputation so disgraceful to the Character of Captain Baillie which is contained in the Copies of the Letters herewith inclosed.

I have the Honor to be

Sir.

Your most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Adj.t Gen.l of the Army.

Fort St. George
24th. October 1791.

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(Copy)

To His Excellency Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Lieutenant General of his Britanick Majesty's Forces, and Governor General for His Majesty, and the Honorable English East India Company &c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord

Permit me to congratulate your Lordship on your safe Arrival on the Coast of Coromandel: and the Brilliant Successes of your Arms on that of Malabar, and to assure your Lordship of my warmest Wishes for a Continuance thereof - and that the most complete Success may crown all your Operations. -

I should not presume to intrude on your Lordship's time at this weighty Moment, but could not refuse the Request of Captain Brohier, who going to leave this place, desired me to use my influence with your Lordship to obtain him justice from one of your Officers, to whom he lent generously a Sum of Money, which to him is of Consequence, as he takes the Liberty of explaining to your Lordship in the

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Letter I have the Honor to enclose.—

Your kind intercession in his favor will, my Lord, oblige me very much, and hope from your known love to Justice your Lordship will excuse this trouble.

I have the honor to be with the highest Esteem and Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) W. Wande Graaff.

Colombo
4th February 1791.—

a true Copy

(Signed) A. Rojs. Mil.ry Sec.y

To His Excellency Charles Earl Cornwallis K.G
Lieutenant General of His Britanick Majesty's Forces, and Governor General for His Majesty, and the Honorable English East India Company

Vca Vca Vca

My Lord.

A year ago Captain Simon Bailey passed at this place in his way from Europe to Madras, and having as he said Dispatches for the Government, he borrowed from his Excellency the Governor

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Governor Wan de Graaff 200 Rix Dollars at Gale and 100 Pagodas at Tuticoryn, and I advanced him 190 old Porto Novo Pagodas he being short of Cash and obliged to go expeditiously over land, he gave me his Note of hand payable at Palamcottah in two Months, but since his departure he has not wrote me one single Line and when his Note was shewed him at Palamcottah he contemptuously said it did not suit him to pay it. As this Money was lent without Interest merely in the view of serving the English Government, I hope your Lordship will condescend to oblige that Gentleman to repay that Money, as I abhor going to law and the loss of which is too considerable for a Person who has a Family to maintain and only his Pay to subsist on.

As I have ever been ready to serve my Country and Countrymen, tho' I am in a foreign Service, as much as my Situation will permit I hope your Lordship will on that account forgive the Liberty I have taken.

I have the honor to be with the most profound Respect &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Brohier

Colombo
4th February 1791.

a true Copy
(Signed) A. Ross Military Secy

The above are true Copies
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army

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Minute thereon

Ordered that Copies of the Letters from the Governor of Columbo and Captain Brohier, be transmitted to Captain Simon Baillie and that an explicit answer be required from him to the Complaint preferred by the Latter, and immediate payment of the Money which he borrowed from that Officer.—

Read the following Letter from Ensign Nicolay—

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

Sir,

From Ensign Nicolay requesting Permission to resign the Honble Company's Service

I came out in the Manship a Cadet in the Honorable Company's Service — but having unfortunately met with Losses and Disappointments I find myself very disagreeably situated — And must by remaining here run into Debts that will require a long time for me to recover — whereas I may by returning in time pursue another Line of Life — — I therefore take the Liberty of addressing you, requesting you will grant me permission to resign the Service — and by

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so doing you will infinitely oblige

Mackenzey's Tavern
Black Town
Octr. 18th. 1791.

Your most respectful
& obedt. humble Servant
(Signed) Edward Nicolay

Ensign Nicolay permitted to resign the Bombay & Company's Service.

Agreed that Ensign Nicolay be permitted to resign the Service.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. William Duffin Head Surgeon to the General Hospital at the Presidency.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
President & Governor in Council.—

Honble Sir,

From the Head Surgeon to the General Hospital at the Presidency — submitting Mr. Skarrow's Bill on account of the Bombay Detachment & stating that Captain Forster has neglected to pay the amount of the victualling Bill.—

The accompanying Letters & Bills were delivered to me by Mr. Skarrow who had Charge of the Sick of the Bombay Detachment.

The Town Major informed me that Government wished every Assistance should be given to the Sick of the Detachment, and that any Expence attending would be reimbursed

I directed Mr. Skarrow, who was ordered for that Duty, to supply their Wants and Him accordingly purchased Matts, Straw, earthen Ware, &c. &c. and provided Coolies to attend them,

for

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for which, and the furnishing Bazar Medicines he has charged the small Sum of one Fanam a day p Man; a Charge so moderate and equitable I did not hesitate to Countersign, but it still requires the Sanction of Government for the Paymaster General to discharge—

Captain Forster neglected to pay Victualling the Sick before he marched, and tho Mr Sharrow wrote him twice since, he has declined answering his Letters; my Letter to Mr Sharrow, and Captain Forster's Reply, in consequence will shew that it was at his express Desire the Sick were victualled; and therefore incumbent on him to reimburse the Expence, but as it is not in Mr Sharrow's Power to obtain Payment, hope Government will take such Steps as will oblige Captain Forster to discharge the victualling accounts, which are, as he desired, within the Bounds of the Sepoys Pay—

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

Sign'd William Duffin
Head Surgeon—

Fort St George
21st October 1791—

Minute thereon—

As Mr Sharrow's Charge for supplying the Wants of the Sick of the Bombay Detachment

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Detachment appears moderate; it is agreed that his Bills be paid.—

Ditto— Agreed that Lord Cornwallis be requested to direct Captain Forster to reimburse Mr Skarron the Amount of the Victualling Bill.—

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

From the Secretary to Major General Medows respecting Mr Gahagan's Bills on account of the Bengal Sepoys sent into the Native Hospital at Vellore.—

Mr Secretary Jackson

Sir

Major General Medows has directed me to enclose you, in order to their being laid before the Honble Council with this Letter, ten Monthly Hospital Bills for Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment, from Mr Gahagan Head Surgeon at Vellore, being his Charge against the Company according to the Regulations of the Madras Government of 21st March 1790.

The Stoppages agreeable to the Bengal Regulations, as they stand deducted on the Bills; is all that can be demanded from the Bengal Surgeon, unless a Bill of actual Expience incurred for the whole Number

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is furnished to him, in which Case he is responsible for the Cost, supposing the Bill is agreed to by him, or sanctioned on Reference by a Board of Surgeons.—

Under this Statement the General supposes, after the Comptroller General has inspected the Bills, that the Remainder of the Charge will fall to be paid by the Presidency of Fort St. George to Mr. Gahagan, but under what Head it must be placed in their Accounts, as also how far a Revision of the Regulations themselves or how far the Difference between the temporary Change during a War at the present

2. 40 ℔ a permanent Allowance may be present Objects of Inquiry, for the Interest of the Honble Company, the General leaves to the Consideration of the Board with the Observations from him, that if any Investigation is judged necessary it is his Opinion, that the Bengal Regulations should be followed as closely as Local Circumstances will admit on the Principle of having the three Presidencies on one System wherever it is possible.—

The General has also directed me to enclose a comparative Statement of the

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Medical Charges of a Native Battalion at Bengal and on the Coast to bring the Subject to one Point of View.

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c. &c. &c.

Camp
9th October 1791.

(Signed) Geo. Harris
Secretary

Comparative Statement of the Medical Charges of a Native Battalion upon the Establishment of Bengal and Coast and on Bengal

Bengal.

Monthly.

The Surgeon 1st for each Battalion as follows
For superintending Hospitals Rupees 100
For Monthly Allowance for Medicines 15
For Medicines for the Sepoys sick 15
For Medicines and Diet for Bullocks 2.2[illegible]
Establishment of Hospital Attendants as follows
Hospital Serjeant 1 at 7 Rupees 7
Hospital Lascars 2 at 5 Rupees 10
The Surgeon 2nd for each Battalion as follows
For Monthly Allowance 15
For Medicines for the Sepoys sick 15
For Medicines and Diet for Bullocks 2.2[illegible]
Establishment of Hospital Attendants as follows
Hospital Serjeant 1 at 7 Rupees 7
Hospital Lascars 2 at 5 Rupees 10
For each Man in the Hospital Monthly
Hospitals are made which are supplied by the Surgeon as follows.

Subahdar	1	1 Rupee 1 Rupee
Jemadars	2	3 do. 6 Rupees
Havildars & Naigues	4	2 do. 8 do.
Sepoys	16	1 do. 16 do.
Bhisti Dooly & Bullocks	4	1 do. 4 do.
		35 Rupees

Sick on board Ship and Boats 1/4 part of the Company, amounting to 9 Men at 5 Rupees 45
The Surgeon receiving the above allowance of 150 Rupees per Month, and the Hospital Serjeant 7 Rupees per Month, and the Hospital Lascars 5 Rupees per Month, make pay for the Corps 162 Rupees per Month, which is 1944 Rupees per Year, which is 1/3 more than the Company's Pay, so that the Company sustain no loss on the Score of Pay.

Remarks.

1st Memorandum. — In fixing Medicines for the Native Establishment it is understood that the Company's Surgeons are to receive no Pay except their Batta when in the Field, and that the Company's Surgeons are to supply the Establishment of Hospital Attendants from his Pay, for Hospitals not on Service in Bengal. ——

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

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Comptroller General forwarding his opinion on Mr Gahagan's Bills for Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment under his Charge.

I have received your Commands to report my Opinion fully upon Ten Monthly Hospital Bills from Mr. Gahagan Head Surgeon at Vellore, for Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment under his Charge, which is according to Col. Harris's Letter is a Claim founded upon the Regulations of this Government of March 1790.

These Bills are evidently Irregular upon the Face of them, for he cannot be intitled to receive the Allowances of both Establishments at the same time. But the abovementioned Orders of March 1790 allowing two Fanams and forty Cash pr Diem, was, I believe, meant to be confined to Sepoys who are put under the Surgeon's Care for Wounds received in the Service and which require Surgical Assistance. Those Sepoys who remain Sick in an Out Garrison, cannot in my opinion subject the Surgeon to much Expence, for they will eat Food provided only by People of their own Cast. The Hospital itself is the Property of the Company. Medicines Bandages and even Instruments are supplied from the Stores. Servants are also entertained at the Company's Expence: and this (to

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to be presumed, that the Pay and Allowances of the Surgeon, are some Recompence for his Attendance. The only Charge then that can with Propriety be made is for Country or Bazar Medicines, which may be requisite viz. Milk. &c, and other trifling Articles necessary for Poultices or cleaning of Wounds, and which being of a perishable Nature, must be purchased Daily on the Spot. But when a Surgeon has attended a Number of Patients, who do not immediately belong to their own Corps or Garrison, I am confident Government will with their wonted Justice and Liberality, take care that such extraordinary Services shall neither pass unnoticed or unrewarded.—

Applications have been also made to me from other places for Charges of a similar Nature, particularly from Mr. Main at Trichinopoly, which I have constantly rejected, not only as being in themselves Irregular, and an unnecessary Expence; but likewise as being replete with the most mischievous Consequences to the Service. For if the Sepoy is permitted to receive his Pay in the Hospital, or rather in his own House under the appellation of Sick Quarters he will not easily be induced to expose himself to the danger and Fatigues of Field Duty. Neither will the Surgeon be very anxious to remove a hundred Sepoys from his Care when they regularly produce him an Income of near two hundred Pagodas per Mensem. For these Reasons I have invariably objected to every Charge of this Nature. But as the Order of March 1790 is not sufficiently explicit on this Subject, I beg leave to suggest the propriety of publishing another General Order, by which it may easily be

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be provided, that whilst the Wounded or even occasionally Sick Sepoys shall not be neglected, neither shall the Interest of the Surgeon be any longer incompatible with the good of the Service

Sam, &c. &c. &c.

/signed/ J. Capper

C. G. D.

Agreed to inform Mr. Torrence Gahagean that his Bills on account of Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment sent into the Native Hospital at Vellore, being a Claim said to be founded upon the Regulations of this Government of March 1790, cannot be admitted in their present form, for the Number of Men are neither specified, nor the Causes for the Expenditure in any respect defined. — That, he has assigned no Reason for calculating the Disbursements on account of Bengal Sepoys upon the Coast Regulations — and that, Mr. Shannon, who had under his Care the Sepoys belonging to the Bombay Establishment, charges only one Fanam per Man per Day, a Precedent which the Board will keep in view when they come to determine upon his (Mr. Gahagan's) Bills. — Minute on the two foregoing Letters.

Death of Lieutenant Spearing of the Infantry

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Spearing of the 13th Battalion of Native Infantry, at Vellore, on the Morning of the 20th Instant

Ogilvie Esq.

" Chas. Oakeley.

" Wm. Petrie

" J. Huddleston

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Diary

From the Purser of the Honble Company's Ship Bridgewater -

Received a Letter from the Purser of the Honorable Company's Ship Bridgewater (as entered in M. B. N. 195) applying for Payment of the Expence of subsisting 20 Men of the Royal Artillery who have been left on board the Bridgewater since her arrival at this Place. -

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Rajah of Tanjore

Received Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C. C. N. 251 complaining of Mr. Kindersley's Conduct in detaining at Carumbady two small Guns belonging to him which he had left at that Place. -

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C. C. N. 252.) requesting that His Highness will grant his own Dustucks for all Articles coming from the Country for His Highness's use -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. N. 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207.)

To the Secretary at Bengal -

To the Secretary at Bengal - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis advising of the Capture of Nundy Dunguen and a Letter addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors to be forwarded by the Queen. -

To the Military Storekeeper -

To the Military Storekeeper

authorizing him to make up Tents on the Company's account to the Extent of the Materials provided by Mr. Torriano. -

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To the Barrack Master in the Center Division

To the Barrack Master in the Center Division desiring him to inform the Board why the Recruits lately arrived from Europe were not supplied with Cotts from those now in Store belonging to their respective Regiments.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board informing them that with the Materials at present before the Board they cannot pass any Resolution favorable to the Claim of Captain Bell; and that Messrs. Topping and Parry cannot execute the Contract for Gun Carriages &c. under their original Proposals the Provision of those Articles must be otherwise obtained.

To the Reverend Mr Swartz

To the Reverend Mr Swartz desiring him to expostulate with the Rajah upon the Impropriety of his Conduct towards the Mother and Widows of his late Brother, and to obtain his Consent to the Dismission of the 50 additional Sheopurs which he has taken into his Service.

To the Paymaster at Ongole

To the Paymaster at Ongole directing him to pay the usual allowance of House Rent to Lieutenant Dighton so long as the Commandants Quarters at Ongole are occupied by the European Invalids

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue informing them that the Board cannot give any Opinion upon the Papers which accompanied their Letter of the 22d Instant as they will probably be adduced by Mr Wynch as Evidence in support of the Prosecution against Captain Parr.

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To the Resident at Ganjam - informing him that the Establishment of Ganjam will be completed by the Men invalided by the Committee ordered to assemble on the 1.st November -

To the Resident at Ganjam.

To the Hospital Board - representing the Irregularity of their recommending - M.r Jones for field Service without stating the Circumstances of his Situation, informing them of the Impropriety of his Conduct; and desiring that upon his Return to the Presidency he be not employed in any manner whatever -

To the Hospital Board.

To the Contractor for Cloathing the Army - informing him that he has been nominated in P.C. as the Person to furnish the Half Mounting and Cloathing for eight Battalions of Revenue Troops for the present year -

To the Contractor for Cloathing the army.

To Captain Simon Baillie - enclosing Copies of Letters from the Governor of Columbo and Captain Brohier and requiring an explicit Answer to the Complaint preferred by the latter, and immediate Payment of the Money which he borrowed of that Officer -

To Captain Simon Baillie.

To the Commandant at Vellore - enclosing the above Letter under flying Seal - and desiring him to transmit Captain Baillies answer to the Board, with such observations he may have to make on the Subject -

To the Commandant at Vellore.

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Received the following Letters.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Senior Member at the Presidency;

and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George

Madras &c &c

Honorable Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows will recommend shortly an Officer to succeed Colonel Capper.

I had the honour of yours thursday of the twelfth: and shall immediately make the offer of Colonel Capper's important place to an Officer - for no other reason in the world than because I think he is fit for it. — I shall as soon as possible, acquaint you with his acceptance or refusal; - and in the meantime, have the honour to be, with the highest respect, esteem and truth,

&c &c

Camp near Mundy droog the 19th October 1791.

(Signed) Wm. Medows Gov.

&c &c

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Tuckinopoly - states that the Enemy had erected a Battery of two Guns against Coimbetore on the 13th Instant

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, for the information of the Honorable Board, that I understand the Enemy had commenced their operations against Coimbetore on the 13th in the morning, by erecting a Battery

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25th Battery of two Guns on the Bank of a Tank to the Southward and weakest part of the Fort —

They say that their Force now against that place consists of Ten Rosalahs, 300 Horse, 2-18, and 6-6 Pounders —

Trichinopoly
22d October 1791

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Thos Bridges

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council.

From the Chief of Tellichery — a Battalion of Sepoys sent to escort the Bullocks — General Abercromby expected to arrive there on the 23d Instant —

Fort St George

Sir,

On the 11th instant your letter of the 25th September enclosing one from Mr Foin to your Board was received here by Colonel Balfour the Officer in Command, who immediately wrote to major Cuppage to know what Assistance he required from hence to escort the Bullocks hither in addition to one Battalion of Sepoys which left this Place for that purpose on the 30th ultimo and were landed near Pamiany the following day — General Abercromby is expected to arrive here ten days hence from Bombay to resume his command The Coorga Rajah has offered the Honorable Company fifteen hundred head of Cattle gratis which we have sent for and in

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other respects the preparations are going on here to take the field as early as possible —

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I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
/Signed/ Robert Taylor

26th Sent the following Letters.

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council
at
Fort William —

To Bengal — with sundry Papers relating to the Quantity of private Grain landed from the Honorable Company's Ships Kent Phonix and Lord Camden — Remarks thereon —

Gentlemen

On the late discharge of the Cargoes of the Honorable Company's Ships Kent, Phonix and Lord Camden, we were much surprized to find that — instead of 6000 Bags which by Mr Hay's Letters to our Secretary of the 16th and 19th Ultimo, we understood had been sent on Board each Ship at Bengal, only 7,700 Bags of Company's Rice had been received into our Stores from the three Ships —

We have the Honor to enclose — herewith an account of Sundry Articles landed at this place, and a return of the number of Boats employed daily by each Ship and for what Purpose, by which

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you will be enabled to judge how far the Importation of Private Trade from Bengal on those Ships tended to impede the Public Service, at a time when the Monsoon was daily expected —

You will observe by the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain Gray that he was under the necessity of putting to Sea on the 19th Instant, from the threatening appearance of the weather; and that he carried with him some of the Company's Rice, which he had not had time to deliver, altho he had delivered on his own account 2,850 Bags — we shall only remark further, that by the Return of the Boats employed, it will be seen that the landing of the Companys Cargoes bore no Proportion to the Private Trade until the latter had been nearly delivered —

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We have the Honor to be,

Sir Your

Sign'd Chas Oakeley &c Council

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Lord Cornwallis — congratulatory on the Capture of Nundy — Dungum. arrival of 7000 Bullocks at Paligautcherry —

My Lord,

We have had the Honor to receive your Lordships Letter of the 19th Instant, and beg leave to offer our

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our sincere congratulations to you on the Fall of Nundy-
-Durgum which we are happy to find is likely to be
attended with such beneficial consequences —

We have already informed your Lordship
that our Exertions to procure Carriage Bullocks for the use
of General Abercromby's Army had been happily successful,
and we have now the Pleasure to add that the first detach-
-ment of 7000 have reached Paligautcherry in safety, and
there is little doubt that the rest will be as fortunate —,

Fort St George
25th October 1791 —

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

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

To Lord Cornwallis —
Opinion of the Military
Board on Captain
Vigors's application for
a second set of Tents —
three twenty four Pounder
Carriages despatched for
Amboor — advice of the
amount due to Mr
Skarrow by Captain
Foster —

My Lord,

Having referred to the Military Board
the request of Captain Vigors preferred through the Deputy
Adjutant General, to be furnished with a second set of
Tents they have reported it as their opinion that Captain
Vigors is entitled to be placed upon an Equality with those
commanding Officers, who did not engage to contract for
their Camp Equipage at so early a Period —

I am

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We have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship that the three twenty four Pounder Carriages required for the use of the Army were despatched for Amboor on the 25th Instant; and that the small Stores indented for by the Commissary of Stores in Camp are in readiness to follow —

Captain Foster having represented to us on his arrival here that the Bombay Detachment under his Command required Medical aid, we directed Mr. Skarrow — an Assistant Surgeon to attend the Troops; but Captain Foster neglected to discharge the victualling Bill, amounting to about 120 Pagodas, at this the Assistant Surgeon had written to him twice on the subject, and that it was at his express desire the sick were victualled — We request therefore your Lordship will be pleased to — direct him to reimburse Mr. Skarrow the amount —,

Fort St. George
26th October 1791.

We have the Honor to be
with great Respect and Esteem
Your Lordships
Most Obedient Humble Servants
[Signed] Chas. Oakeley
Jno. Lawrie

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

To Major General Medows informing him that due attention will be paid to his orders respecting Mr. Jones - enclosing a Security Bond to be executed by Mr. Burke.

Honorable Sir,

The Letter from the Deputy adjutant General to our Secretary of the 13.th Instant, respecting the conduct of Mr. Jones has been laid before us, upon which we beg leave to observe, that as Mr. Jones is not in the Company's Service, but was only sent to Camp on the recommendation of the Hospital Board in consequence of our Inability to furnish the Number of Assistant Surgeons required for field Service, we recommend that he be ordered to the Presidency, where we shall be careful that he be rendered ineligible for further employment under this Government. — We understand that he belongs to his Majesty's Ship Phoenix; and that he was permitted, previous to her arrival, to attend the Sick of the Navy at the General Hospital, with the allowance of an Assistant Surgeon.

We have the honor to inform you that some time ago, we deemed it expedient to take Securities from all Persons who disbursed the Company's Money in the Capacity of Paymasters, and that among the rest Mr. Burke, who had been employed as Paymaster

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of the Kings Troops to pay certain allowances monthly, issued from the Company's Treasury over and above the subsistence appointed by his Majesty, was called upon for the same Security, that had been required invariably from the Company's Paymasters— But, as we have not yet obtained it we beg leave to transmit to you the accompanying Bond drawn after the Form prescribed, and to request you will be pleased to call upon Mr Burke to execute it, and at the same time to name the Person or persons whom he has to offer as his Security—

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

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/ Sgnd / Chas Oakeley &c
Council

To the Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor &c &c &c

To Major General Medows congratulatory on the Capture of Nundy-e Durgum

Honorable Sir,

Having been informed by Lord Cornwallis of the Fall of Nundy Durgum we beg leave to offer our sincere Congratulations to you on an Event which we are happy to find is likely to be attended with such beneficial consequences.—

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

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/ Sgnd / Chas Oakeley &c Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 208. 209. 210.

Nos

To the Reverend Mr Swartz desiring him to apply to the Rajah for a Copy of the original Agreement entered into with the Puttuckdars regarding the monthly Allowance called Amaganum and to submit his Opinion on the subject of bringing the Braman of Tiruvanum Goroan, who is apprehended for Murder, to trial before the Court of Justice established at Tanjore.

To the Reverend Mr Swartz

To Mr Terence Gahagan informing him that the Board cannot pass any resolutions upon his Bills on account of the Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment sent into the native Hospital at Vellore, until the Number in the Hospital and the Causes of Expenditure are clearly specified - desiring him to state his Reasons for calculating his Disbursements on account of these Troops upon the Coast Regulations and stating the Amount of Mr Skarrow's Charges on account of the Bombay Sepoys received into the General Hospital at the Presidency.

To the Head Surgeon at Vellore

To the Commandant at Paligautchery enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from Lord Cornwallis

To the Commandant at Paligautchery -

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and informing him that the original not being in Cypher occasioned the necessity of transmitting him the Copy—

Received the following Letters.

Extract of a Letter from General Medows

the 25th October 1791.

Extract of a Letter from Major General Medows has communicated to Mr Hoar the Board's wishes respecting his accounts.

I had the honour of yours of the 15th yesterday as well as the one upon the subject of Mr Hoar the Paymaster, to whom I have communicated the Contents, and enjoined in the strongest manner the strictest compliance with your Directions

true Extract

/ Sign'd / Robert Clerk
Dep'y Secy

To William Ellins Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

From the Paymaster to the Army states that he has transmitted to the Presidency his accounts and vouchers to the month of January inclusive—

Sir,

Having had the honor this day to see a letter to General Medows, from the Honorable Board, respecting the Army Accounts, I take the earliest opportunity of replying to it, in acquesting of you to inform Government, that since I joined the Army, I have forwarded to the Presidency, the Accounts for September, October, November

December

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December 1790, and January 1791 these last by Mr. Thomas Peckburn, February are also finished, and March nearly so, when I receive the Military Paymaster Generals Disbursements to the Cavalry Corps for the Month of April, I shall lose not a Moment in bringing up the rest to the latest period, the army is paid up to the 31st. July in case I should not have an opportunity of sending Vouchers, accounts &c. by an escort, I shall leave them with Captain Grant Fort Major of Bangalore, to be forwarded by the first safe conveyance, but in the mean time will send duplicates of the Military Charges, Disbursements and Account Current, with the Military Paymaster General to shew, that no delay on my part may be occasioned, in his bringing up his Books, and I hope to the Satisfaction of the Honorable Board.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect &c &c

Camp
22d October 1791.

Geo: Hoar
Paymaster to the army.

P. S. I have this day sent by Capt Peal, to Mr. Colt Military Charges, Disbursements, and account Current for February for his signature.—

Signed G. Hoar.

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esqrs

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service.

Friday
28th October
1791.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

From Lord Cornwallis a Detachment sent into the Baramaul under Command of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell Moves 24 Miles towards Oussore inclosing a Letter to Major Cuppage on the subject of raising the Siege of Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have marched 14 Miles yesterday and upwards of 13 this day on the road to Oussore and I propose taking a position tomorrow eight miles nearer to that place, where I shall be well situated for the protection of Captain Scott's convoy and for attending to the Business of the Baramaul.

In the mean time I have detached Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell who will reach Oussore tomorrow

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tomorrow with three Battalions, and is to be joined by a fourth at Ryacotta with orders to proceed immediately into the Baramaul, and attack any force of the enemy that he may find in that quarter; the enemy's infantry is I believe almost entirely composed of Peons and Poligars, the greatest part of which were brought from the Salem Country by the Aumil of Caveryporam, and were probably collected by him to oppose Captain Flint, whatever Guns they have with them, must I should suppose have been drawn from the Forts of Kistnaghery or Sunkeydurgum.

A body of Cavalry (called two thousand) certainly came from Seringapatam by the Kankandally road, and entered the Baramaul by the way of Maravilly and the Anchetty pass, a route absolutely impracticable for carriages of any kind.

I am concerned to hear from Captain Chase at Ryacotta that it is reported that some plundering Horse have entered the Carnatic by the Changama Pass, but if this account should be true, I trust that the appearance of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell and the vicinity of the Army will occasion their speedy retreat, and quiet everything below the Ghauts.

I am much afraid that Coimbatore must fall this time and I again wish that the garrison

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garrison had been withdrawn, I shall be much obliged to you if you will forward the inclosed letter, (or a Copy of it if you should think it necessary to cypher a few words — relative to the measure recommended to him) with the utmost expedition. —

I am with much esteem
Dear Sir
Your &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp near
Kistnapore
October 25th 1791.

Major Cuppage
Commanding at Palicatcherry

From Lord Cornwallis to Major Cuppage — Instructions for endeavouring to raise the Seige of Coimbatoor —

Sir,

I yesterday received your letter dated the 7th instant, and I must confess that I am very sorry that the Enemy have resumed their designs in so great force against Coimbatore. —

The meritorious conduct of yourself and Lieutenant Chalmers on the occasion of the late attack, gives me sufficient reason to place entire reliance upon Lieutenant Chalmers acting with the utmost firmness in the defence of the place, and upon your taking every means that Zeal and judgement can suggest to afford him relief —

Being at so great a distance, and un-
acquainted with the nature of the Country and other

particulars

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particulars of your situation, I cannot venture to offer you much advice, and indeed I could hardly hope that any advice of mine would reach you in time to be of any use; I think it right however to recommend one measure to you in the event of this Letter reaching you before any thing decisive has happened, which is that in case you find that you cannot assemble a force sufficient to cope with the Enemy openly in day light, you should by all means attack his Camp at night with whatever force you can collect, even if it should not much exceed two Battalions of disciplined Troops.—

If this attempt could be executed by surprise the success might be more certain and complete, but even if the Enemy's Commander should be aware of your intention, I have so little opinion of either the discipline, or evolutions of Tippoos troops, particularly in night attacks, that I can hardly doubt that you would be able in that manner to raise the siege.—

Camp near Buscottah. October 21st 1791.

Sam. Va Fr.

/ Signed Cornwallis

Remarks on the foregoing Letters

The acting President informs the Board that the Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Major Dirom was put in Cypher the moment it was received, and forwarded /

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forwarded to the Major by Express.—

Read the following Letter to Major General Medows.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

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

From Major General Medows.— Captain Brown declines succeeding Colonel Capper in the Office of Comptroller General.— recommends Major Hall

Honorable Sir and Gentlemen,

Captain Brown of the first Battalion of Native Infantry, having, in the handsomest manner, declined succeeding Colonel Capper as Military auditor — General, on account of the approaching Campaign; I beg leave to recommend Major Hall of the Artillery; for no other reason in the world than because I am told he is fit for it. I think he should be directed to correspond with Colonel Murray, the Military auditor General at Bengal; that, wherever local circumstances do not interfere, the Presidencies may be as much alike as possible.—

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Esteem and truth &c &c.

Camp near Bangalore the 23d of October 1791.

I Sir &c Wm Medows Governor &c &c.

To lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave.—

To

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

From Major General Musgrave - enclosing a Draft of his account Current with the Honble Company on which a Balance of Pagodas 1951. 22. appears due to him

I have been honored with Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 12th Instant enclosing me an extract from the Honorable the Court of Directors General Letter of the 6th May 91, disapproving of several allowances granted to me by this Government, to the amount of two thousand, three hundred and Sixty five Pagodas, twenty fanams, and requiring the same to be refunded.

With all due deference to the Commands of the Honorable Court of Directors there are some circumstances I wish to mention that could not be known to them, and others that may have escaped their notice, which I trust will be considered as reasonable grounds for me to request a total remission of their Instructions, or at least until the case can be stated to them in its proper light.

None of the refunds ordered to be made commenced before I resigned the Command of the Army to Major General Medows at Trichinopaly on the 24th May 1790. The Batta pay and Batta of a Colonel, to which I then was reduced, was thought so inadequate to my Station and

Expence

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Expence that this Government were induced to grant me the additional allowances now objected to, The rectitude of which measure cannot be more clearly evinced, than by the late indulgence I understand, it has been found expedient to extend to all the Officers in similar commands, thó of inferior Rank and Station to myself. Besides on a true statement of what are called over charges, and what I had a right to Claim as a Major General, it will appear the Balance is greatly in my favor, for thó I have been constantly employed, I have never received the pay of that Rank until the 1st February 91, and my Commission was dated the 28th April 90. On these considerations and the peculiar hardship of my being placed in the most expensive Station, deprived of the Honors and Emoluments which the Honorable Court of Directors had so long ago intended me, I am hopeful they will be induced to revoke their former Order and confirm those allowances which both my Rank and the new Regulations will entitle me to receive without an Infringement of either Permanent or established customs.

I have the Honor to be with the

Madras
20th October 1791

Greatest Respect. &c &c

Signed Thos Musgrave

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Dr. The Honorable Company in account Current with Major General Thomas Musgrave Cr.

To Major Generals Pay for 279 days from 28th April 1790 to 31st January 1791 at 5 Pagodas pr day	1395 ..	By Table allowance, 600 Pagodas pr Month for 7 days, from 25th to 31st May 1790	135 20
To Batta for 487 days from 1st June 1790 to 30th September 1791 at 6 Pagodas pr day	2922	By Pagodas 250 pr Month, for 5 Months, from 1st June to 31st October 1790	1250 ..
		By difference of Batta for 245 days from 1st June 1790 to 31st January 1791 at 4 Pagodas pr day	980 ..
			2365 20
		By Balance due Mr. G. Musgrave	1951 22
Pagodas 4317 ..		Pagodas 4317 ..	

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Sign'd Tho.s Musgrave
Major General

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Minute thereon

The Board cannot admit the Balance that the General has taken Credit for, upon the Principle on which his account Current is formed.— But as he has stated, that the late Regulation, which gives to Officers — a commanding Wings and Brigades an additional — allowance, ought in Justice to extend to him it is resolved to apply to Major General Medows for Information — a respecting the Sum which General Musgrave will be entitled to under that arrangement, in order that the account may be settled —

A further Advance of five thousand Pagodas to be made to the Military Storekeeper on account of his last Indent of Cash —

The acting President recommends that a further Advance of five thousand (5000 /) Pagodas be made to the Military Storekeeper in part of his last Indent of Cash for Military Stores —

Ordered accordingly —

Read the following Letter from the — Adjutant General of the army —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

acting President in Council of

Fort St. George

From the Adjutant General requesting that some — additional allowance may be made for Servants and Stationary in consequence of the Necessity which at present exists of keeping up two Office Establishments —

Honorable Sir,

I beg leave to represent to the Honble Board that the allowance for Writers in the Adjutant — / Generals

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Genl's Office, established many years ago at 40 Pagodas
p.r month, has been invariably disbursed by me for the
purpose and that it has frequently been necessary to engage
writers at an additional Expence but as it was not very
considerable at any one time it did not occur to me to make
any representation on the subject and consequently the
Sums so expended have never been repaid to me —

Since the period however, the beginning of
January 1790, at the commencement of the present War
when troops were assembled for Field Service to the
Southward and the Deputy adjutant Genl was
ordered on duty in that quarter, the expence for Two
Office Establishments which then became unavoidable
has been so considerably increased beyond the fixed
allowance during peace as to induce me at this time
to request of Government to authorise the payment of
an adequate additional allowance on account of the
Office — as I have not kept a sufficiently correct
account of the increased expence which has been incurred
it is not in my power to make a specific charge for
each Month, further than by stating that, to the best
of my recollection, the additional disbursement for
the Office Assistance which it has been necessary to
employ since the 1st of January 1790, has been at the
/ rate

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rate of from 40 to 45 Pagodas Monthly on an average, besides which I have been frequently under the necessity of purchasing stationary in the Field at a considerable expence of which I kept an account for sometime but which fell into the Enemy's hands with some other papers and baggage, and I have therefore no document to guide me in stating even the average expence thus incurred, and only beg leave to take the liberty of mentioning to the Honorable Board that I believe there is no post with an army in the Field in which the business is so extensive as well as so various as that of the Adjutant General, and that since my return to Madras for the recovery of health within these two Months I have — engaged Clerks at an expence in addition to the fixed allowance to arrange and copy many official records of the Office which form a part of those on which other Clerks are necessarily employed in Camp whenever the situation of the Army admits of it.

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I have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect &c.

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt. General of the Army

Minute thereon

Resolved, in consideration of the extraordinary Expences which the Adjutant General must have incurred since the commencement of the War, arising

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arising from the necessity of keeping up a double Office Establishment, that he be allowed to draw the Monthly Sum of fifty Pagodas from the 1st. January 1790 to the Termination of the war, for Servants and Stationary required for his Department in the Field —

Read the following Letter from Captain Dunwoody —

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Ongole with Copies of Letters from Lieutenant Beale respecting the plunderers in the Palnaud District in which he states his want of Dooleys for Ammunition and recommends that the Revenue Troops doing Duty with his Detachment be allowed Batta.

Sir,

Be pleased to lay the accompanying Copies of letters from Lieutenant Beale before the Honorable the President in Council for his information respecting the state of affairs in the Palnaud District —

I have now two hundred firelocks repaired, which set off for Palnaud this day, together with such other articles contained in his indent, transmitted to Madras in april last, as this Garrison can supply; I also send him a light 3 ℔r. and tumbrill; and have directed Lieutenant Sober to proceed with them and remain at Pimeracottah (where his services will be more necessary, at this time, than at Ongole) till further Orders —

I have the honorable
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Dunwoody
Captain 8.th Batt.n N.I.

Ongole
23.d October 1791.

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Captain Dunwoody,
Ju Qr.

Sir,

I had the Honor to address you from Majsaviram on the 10th instant, at which place I halted till the 12th when at one in the Morning, I moved towards the Banks of the Kistnah in the hope of coming upon some of the Thieves who I learnt were in that Neighbourhood at five o'Clock in the morning I reached the Village of Bodanum, at seven it was reported to me a Body of about three hundred were close to me; imagining them a Party come from Plundering I moved my detachment in the hope of either taking their Booty by pursuit or coming up with them. I had advanced about four hundred Yards from the Village when I discovered four Bodies, being I suppose the whole of their force, amounting to about two thousand I should imagine — as it was evident their view was to entice me into the Jungles I retreated to the Bank of the River in a line with the village, near which stands a small Pagoda walled in, into which I put the little Baggage I had with me —

The largest Body under Ramrajus now moved

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to get possession of the Village which was not more than sixty yards from my Right, but retired on my sending a — Subadars Party for its defence. The Ground on my left being close and intersected with deep Ravenis immediately communicating with the Kistnah I threw out sniping Parties, and kept the Rabble off at a distance of almost three Quarters of a Mile — as much of my ammunition was expended by about three hundred Peons who accompanied me, and as they might take possession of the Jungle lying between that place and this, I resolved upon — returning hither, which I deem the best position for defending the Sunny cotah, Goojalah and this Peguannah, and at three o'Clock in the afternoon I marched having previously sent off my Baggage, out of their sight by means of the Cover of the Steep Banks of the River — They followed me for about five Cos but my flanking Parties and the Peons kept them at a distance, so as not to annoy or interupt my line of March and I reached this place yesterday night, having but one Peon slightly wounded —

In a day or two I shall have the Honor of addressing you further on the Subject of the affairs of this Province —

I have the Honor to &c.

(Sgnd) Ant: Beale

Dachapilly
13th October 1791

(Copy)
(Sgnd) Thos Dunwoody Captain
(Captain

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Captain Dunwoody

Vice Yr.

Sir,

I did myself the Honor to write you on the 13th from this place where I have remained ever since— My intelligence is that Ramrajiserow and Moodliah purpose attacking the fortified Pagoda of Marchulah, which is of some strength— being averse to move from my present situation least Chuntziah Popiah Naig, should during my absence Plunder it, I have thought it best to Order a Reinforcement to the Subadar of that Place of a Jemidars Party stationed at the Village of Doogay—

I must beg leave to report to you that my force is inadequate to the defence of this Country— That it would take at least two more complete Companies even if these of the 17th with me were so, which is far from being the Case, there being now thirty three Sepoys detained on duty in the Puntoon Cicar, and two Naigues and ten Sepoys in the Hospital there—

I have so often addressed you on the Subject of Stores that I feel a reluctance in once more saying, I am perfectly destitute of every, the most Common and necessary description— I beg leave to enclose you Copy of my Indent in the month of April, not a little of which has

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has been complied with. My arms are extremely bad and so are those of the 17th Battalion - If a light Gun could be sent it would be of great use - I have repaired the Carriage of one of those in Tinnycotah and have her at here - I have Purchased some Lead which I am making up into Ammunition - which I beg to report that I may have an Order to be reimbursed for what expence I shall or may be at -

To add to the Distresses of the County a famine rages every where. The Subsidies of the 14th Battalion are in the greatest Distress from the Smallness of their Pay, which at the extravagant Rate provisions are with the greatest difficulty procured is by no means adequate to their Subsistence and as most of them necessarily do the Duty of Garrison in our small forts or places of Arms, Perhaps Government on the Representation of their hardships may be indulgent enough to allow of their drawing Batta or some encrease of Pay -

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signd) Ant. Beale.

(Copy)
(Signd) Tho. Dunwoody

Minute thereon

The Board are concerned to find that the Palnaud District is still infested by a lawless Tribe
of

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of Freebooters Agreed that the Revenue Troops employed under Lieutenant Beale be allowed Batta during the present Commotions in that District.

Read the following Petition from Sanavanak Moodeliar, an Inhabitant of Trichinopoly.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St: George.

The humble Petition of Sanavannah Moodeliar of Trichinopoly

Petition of Senanah Moodeliar requesting that he may be taken from the Custody of the Nabob's Son and confined under the Company's authority until a Decision shall have been passed upon the Grievances of the Complaints preferred against him.

Your humble Petitioner, an Inhabitant of Trichinopoly has taken to Rent, the said Trichinopoly District from Hyssaphun Mulk the Nabob's Son, at the Sum of Ten Lacks of Rupees for one Year, and paid the same in full, within the limited time; also a Sum of 75,000 Rupees, as Enam or present, which the said Son of Nabob demanded of your Petitioner - and in the second year, the Country became under the Management of the Honorable Company, your Petitioner Offered Mr. Andrews to Rent the said District, for more Money than that undertaken by Chinniah Moodelly; which offer, the said Chinniah Moodelly understanding, bore evil in his mind against your Petitioner, and to Complete his hatred, first got into the favor of the Nabobs Son by assisting his People in granting Mittas, as then mus-

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Mis-represented to him various falsity's against your Petitioner, so as to induce the said Son of Nabob to put your Petitioner into Close Confinement at his own Gardens, and to — plunder all of his Worth, Amount to the Sum of 30,000 — Rupees and above all, to torture your Petitioner so severely as to be every moment at the Danger of his Life —

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly trusts, your honor will, for the sake of heaven, be so merciful as to send Orders immediately to the Commanding Officer here, to take your Petitioner first into the Company's Prison, in order to save the Life of your poor Petitioner and then enquire into his Case — as any delay in taking your Petitioner into the Company's Protection, after the Nabobs Son hear of your Petitioner laying his Grievances at your honors feet will no doubt be to the Loss of his Life — as he will no doubt endeavour to do so - Your Petitioner therefore most humbly and repeatedly beg your honor will be so benevolent as to order the Commanding Officer here, to take your Petitioner immediately into the Company's Prison, as he is within the bounds and Bloun of the English and your Petitioner willingly bound to be responsible of his Crime, if any and to Submit to all your Orders in so doing your Petitioner as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

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As Saravanah Moodelliar was confined by the Nabob's Sons upon the Complaint of the Company's Collector (vide Minutes of Consultation, the 24th May last) and as he is kept in Confinement by them upon the Plea of an unadjusted Balance, the Board do not see how they can interfere with any propriety. The Petitioner states that if it were known he had appealed to Government, his Life would be the Forfeit any Interference therefore short of violent means would be ineffectual to his Release, and as the Board are not inclined to use those means, the safest Mode will be not to interfere at all.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Barrack Master in the Centre Division stating his Reasons for serving out new Coats to the Recruits lately arrived from Europe.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary &c.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 25th Instant I have the honor to inform you that although the Orders

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Orders for my guidance do not immediately authorise me to make up Cotts without a specific Order for that purpose — yet it had been a custom invariably followed since the institution of the appointment of Barrack Master —

As the Sentiments of Government are now made known to me, I shall take care that none shall in future be furnished without the express Orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council to that effect —

My reasons for not serving out the Cotts in Store to the Europeans lately arrived, I hope will appear satisfactory — As they originated in a wish to avoid rather than incur any additional expense to Government —

The removal of the Cotts to Panamalee and Tripassore and the necessity of sending them back to their different stations upon the arrival of the Troops in Cantonment, would have occasioned an expence nearly equal to the advance of money upon

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upon new Cotts and would in all probabilities have been an anticipation only of a few weeks, as the same number must necessarily have been supplied when the Army had returned to their Quarters— as a proportionable number of Recruits are annually sent out to supply the Casualties occasioned by service—

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I am &c &c

(Signed) F. Capper Barrack
Master Center Division

Minute thereon

Ordered that an exact Return of the Number of Cotts in Store at Pondamallee and Tripassore at the time the Recruits of the present Season arrived, be laid before the Board—

Ordered that the Bond of Indemnification taken from Major General Musgrave on account of allowances granted to him during the Government of Mr. John Holland be delivered up—

Major General Musgrave having requested that the Bond of Indemnification taken from him during the Government of Mr. John Holland on account of the 600 Pagodas ff. Mensem granted to him as Commander in Chief of the Army on the Coast may be cancelled, as the Honorable Court of Directors

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Directors have signified their acquiescence in that allowance — Ordered that the Bond be delivered up —

" Chas Oakeley

" Wm. Petrie

" J. Knoleston

Ogilvie Esr.

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Diary

29th Sent the following Letters

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

To Major Genral Medows his Opinion required respecting the Amount to be granted to Major Genral Musgrave in consequence of the late Regulation which gives an additional allowance to Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades

The Honorable the Court of Directors having disapproved of several allowances granted to Major General Musgrave by this Government for extra Batta, and Table allowance, to the Amount of two Thousand three hundred and Sixty five Pagodas, twenty Fanams (2365.20) and required the same to be refunded, we called upon the General to make good the Amount but as he has stated that the late Regulation which gives to Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades an additional allowance, must also extend to him, we request to know what he will be entitled to by that arrangement, in order that we may settle the account.

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

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Sign'd Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

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To the Honorable I. J. Van Angelbeck Esq.

Governor &c. Council at Cochin

Honble Sir & Sirs

To the Governor and Council at Cochin - expressing the Boards concern at the Dispute which has lately taken place between their Government and the Rajah of Cochin - and recommending them to pay attention to Mr Powney's Advice in regard to the Accomodation of the Differences.

We are much concerned to learn by a Letter from Mr Powney, that a dispute had taken place between you and the Rajah of Cochin, which proceeded so far that he had judged it necessary to interpose his good Offices, with a view to effect a reconciliation.

The imperfect knowledge we have yet obtained of the cause of this misunderstanding prevents us from offering any Opinion upon it, but we are desirous, upon motives of friendship to both parties, that every means should be taken to restore harmony between you.

For this purpose, we have instructed Mr Powney to make himself fully acquainted with the cause of dispute, and as you have accepted his proposal of Mediation, we doubt not that you will pay due regard to his advice, and avail yourselves of his Influence with the Rajah to promote an

accommodation

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29th accommodation, —

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

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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

To W. George Downey
Resident at Travancore

To the Resident at Travancore - approving his conduct in requiring an immediate suspension of Hostilities between the Dutch and the Rajah of Cochin - Instructions for his future Guidance — enclosing the foregoing Letter for the Dutch Government at Cochin

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Instant, advising of the dispute, and consequent hostility that had taken place between the Rajah of Cochin and the Dutch. —

Your conduct in requiring a suspension of all acts of Violence, until you were enabled to ascertain the cause of this quarrel, is much approved by the Board, and they trust from the discretion you have already manifested, that an amicable adjustment will soon be effected between the Parties. —

The relation in which the Company stand both to the Dutch Government and the Rajah, makes it a very desirable object to preserve peace between them; - and as the late incidents have occasioned such resentments as call for the interposition of a common friend, the Govern-

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29th Governor in Council desires you will employ your best endeavours to compose these differences.

The Governor in Council being yet unacquainted with all the circumstances of the dispute, you will make your report upon this subject as soon as possible, taking care in the mean time to prevent as far as your authority will permit, any fresh cause of disturbance.

It will be proper to impress on the mind of the Rajah, a just sense of the Harmony that subsists between the English and Dutch nations, and to inform him, that altho' the Governor in Council is far from wishing him to submit to any injustice, he expects that the conduct of the Rajah, will be guided by moderation, and that during the Enquiry you are directed to make into the Circumstances of this dispute, to carefully avoid giving any cause of Offence.

Enclosed is a Letter to the Gentlemen at Cochin, which you will forward to them immediately, a Copy is sent herewith for your Information.

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Sam, &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson
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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in the B. Nos 211. 212. 213. 214.

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To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing

To the Secretary at Bengal

Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis —

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing

To the Military Paymaster General

Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster to the Army. —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province

the Arcot Province enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Mutlewar and desiring him to state the Cause of his Detention of the two Guns left by the Rajah in the village of Cariumbaddy. —

To the Adjutant General informing him

To the Adjutant Genral

that in Consideration of the extraordinary Expence which he must have incurred in Keeping up a double Office Establishment the Board have resolved to allow him the Monthly sum of fifty Pagodas from the 1st January to the Termination of the War for Servants and Stationary required for his Department in the Field. —

Received the following Letters. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council. —

From the Committee for regulating the Funeral of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, submitting a Plan of the Ceremonies to be observed at the Funeral.

Sir,

In Obedience to your Commands of the 22d Instant we beg leave to submit for your consideration

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29th the enclosed Plan of the Ceremony's to be observed
at the funeral of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse —

We have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect, &c. &c.

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Signed Happer
Jos. DuPré Porcher
George Mall
R. Gomonde

Plan of the Ceremonies to be observed at the
funeral of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse —

1st That the Gentlemen of the Settlement be
desired to assemble at the Free Masons Hall ½ past 4
Oclock in the Evening to attend the Interment —

2d That the Honorable the Acting President
and the Members of Government with Major General
Musgrave be requested to attend as Chief Mourners. —

3d That the Members of the Grand Lodge
of free Masons be permitted in compliance with
their request to walk as Supporters to the Chief Mourners,
in deep Mourning. —

4th That 6 Field Officers be requested to attend
as Pall Bearers. —

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29th 5th That the Funeral Party consist of 300 Men and be commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel and that a firing Party be formed of 100 Men under the Command of a Field Officer.

6th That 47 Minute Guns be fired during the Ceremony and the Colours of the Garrison be hoisted half Mast high.

7th That Black silk Scarfs and hatbands be given to the Chief Mourners the Pall bearers Members of the Grand Lodge and Clergy Men the other Scarfs &c to be of Muslin.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Fort St George

From the Commandant at Paliyantcherry 660 Bullocks arrive at Paliyantcherry much fatigued intends moving on the 22d to endeavour to raise the Seige of Coimbatoor

Sir,

I have the Honor to receive your Letter of the 15th and request you will be pleased to acquaint the Honorable the Governor that no pains or exertions shall be wanting that is in my power to gain intelligence of the motions of the Enemy on this side of the Guzzel-hutty pass and giving the information as you direct, but from their attention to the seige of Coimbatoor and the force that is against it I dont suppose they have any intention to cross the Cavery, nor do I believe that Cummer ud Deen Cawn is on this side of the

Pants

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29th Gants, altho' his Name is given out in the Camp before Coimbetour.—

The Bullocks did not arrive here till yesterday owing to severe Rains and bad Roads, and as they have been much harrassed with long Marches it will be necessary for them to halt a couple of Days they will proceed on the twenty first under charge of the twelfth Bombay Battalion.—

I have a Letter from Lieutenant Chalmers of the 5th the Enemy had erected three Batteries against the Fort but it does not appear that they had made any breach.—

I purpose moving out on the 22d with what Troops I can spare from the Garrison, but not with any intention of meeting them in the open field, as they are considerably stronger than any force I can bring against them, but with the hopes they will draw off from the Seige— The immensely strong for two thirds of the way between this and Coimbetore, so that I dont run any risk.—

I have the Honorable,

Sir,

Your most Obedient & humble Servant

Signd J Cuppage

Major Commanding

Palgautcherry
19th October 1791

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor &c &c &c

Fort St George.

From the Commandant at Paligaulcherry — enclosing the opinion of a Committee ordered to examine into the state of the Carnatic Bullocks arrived at that Place defers his Movement to Coimbatoor 'till the 23d Instant. —

Honble Sir

I had the Honor to inform Mr Secretary Jackson that 6,600 Bullocks arrived here on the 18th and that it would be necessary for them to halt two Days to recover the fatigues of long Marches wet weather and bad Roads, but upon further examination and the representation of the Bullock people, that if they are sent from hence immediately that few of them would reach Tellichery and those few would not be fit for service on their arrival. —

As I am of opinion with the three following Gentlemen Viz.t Mr Corbett Captains Oakes and Torin who I have ordered to sit as a Committee and give me their opinion a Copy of which I have the Honor to transmit to you, that it would be the means of impeding the Service rather than forwarding it, to send them in the state they are at present in, and that it would be better for them to remain here eight or ten Days as the forage is excellent, and in that time a great many of them will recover, but must beg leave to observe to you that at least 2000 of them are totally unfit for the Service, and never can be of any use as carriage

Bullocks

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29th Bullockes to General Abercromby's Army. —

Should the remaining 4000 be sent this way which I have recommended to Mr. Torin they will be in time for the whole to go together. —

I purpose marching tomorrow with the 5th 16th and 12th Bombay and two Travancore Battalions with three Brigades of Six Pounders in hopes to raise the siege of Coimbetour. The Enemy seem to have taken the alarm and have moved their Camp to the Eastward on the high ground where General Medows was encamped. I have had no accounts from Lieut. Chalmers since I had the Honor to address Mr. Jackson on the 19th. —

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

Palghautchery
21 October 1791

Signed Cuppage
Major Cuppage

To Major John Cuppage
Commanding the District of Palghautchery &c.

Sir,

In consequence of your Orders of yesterday we proceeded immediately to inspect into the state of the Bullockes on their way for the use of the Army under General Abercromby, and find them in a very weak and Sickely state from long Marches and the Severity of the weather.

From

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From the report of Captain Torin in charge of the Bullocks, which we have the Honor to enclose, there appears a very small proportion of them, that could with any degree of propriety be sent on directly, and even those are so jaded and fatigued that without rest and good pasture a great part of them would in all probability fall on the road, and those that reached Tellichery arrive in an unserviceable state, from the constant and hard rains which they experienced during the whole of the March, the greatest part Contracted a disorder, in their nostrils and feet, and have no inclination to graze. —

We therefore beg leave to offer it as our opinion that it would be highly detrimental to the Service, for any of them to proceed further untill they have had at least eight days rest and are in a more able state. —

We have the Honor to be, &c &c

Palghautcherry
the 21st October 1791

Signed Tim. Corbett
Henry Oakes
John Torin

A true Copy
Signed J. Cuppage Majr Comm.t

Report of the Carnatic Bullocks for the use of General Abercromby's Army arrived at Palghautcherry 21 Oct.r 1791

Bullocks possible to March — 1930. —
Bullocks sick and unable to proceed — 1645. —
Total — 6575. —

A true Copy
Signed J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Signed John Torin
In charge of the Carnatic Bullocks

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Messrs Kenworthy, Hawkins and Branfill stating that they have not yet been able to make any Progress into the Investigation committed to their Management.

We have received Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 3d Instant, enclosing Copy of the 57th Paragraph of the General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors of the 6th May last, also Copy of an address from Mr Charles Darbey to his Highness the Nabob under date the 15th June 1789 and informing us that you have been pleased to appoint us as a Committee to enquire into the several Circumstances stated therein, and to report to you the result of our examination.—

We have now the Honor to lay before you Copy of our Correspondence with Mr Darbe - We have hitherto been unable to make any Progress in the Enquiry ordered, he having evaded bringing forward any Evidence or Proofs in support of the several Informations stated in his Letter to the Nabob as abovementioned.—

We have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect, &c. &c.

J Kenworthy
W Hawkins
Benj.n Branfill

Fort St George
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To

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To Mr Charles Darke

Sir, Having been appointed by Government, as a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances stated in a Letter addressed by you to His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, under Date the 15th June 1789, of very large Sums of Money having been given by his Highness at different Periods, and on various Occasions to several Persons formerly in the Company's Service, We have to request that you will, as soon as possible, furnish us with such Evidence and Proofs, as you may be in possession of, in support of the informations contained in your Letter as above mentioned; — We are, &c. &c.

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10th October 1791

Signed S Kenworthy
W. Hawkins
B. Bransill

To Messrs John Kenworthy, William Hawkins,
and Benjamin Bransill,

Gentlemen,

I have just received your Letter of yesterday's date, acquainting me, that you are appointed by Government as a Committee of enquiry, &c. &c. —

On the 5th Instant, I had the honor to address a Letter to the Honorable the Governor in Council, in reply to one that I received by Order of Government on the same subject,

and

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29.th and I am obediently waiting the pleasure and determination of the Honorable the Governor and Council thereon. — Sam.l W.m K.r

Fort S.t George
11.th October 1791

Sign.d Cha.s Darke

To Mr. Charles Darke

Sir,

As we are desirous of carrying into effect the Orders we have received from our Superiors, with all convenient dispatch, and as your Reply to the requisition made in our Letter to you of the 10.th Instant is vague, and unsatisfactory, We beg to know whether you will, or will not, furnish us with the Evidence and Proofs necessary to support the Informations contained in your Address to His Highness the Nabob of Arcot, under Date the 15.th June 1789

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14.th October 1791

Sam.l W.m K.r

Sign.d J. Kenworthy
W. Hawkins
B. Branfill

To John Kenworthy, William Hawkins
and Benjamin Branfill Esquires.

Gentlemen,

I received your Letter dated the 14.th Instant with every possible respect from yourselves, and particularly so, as from a Committee appointed by Government to enquire

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29.th enquire into the Facts contained in my Letter to his Highness the Nabob of Arcot dated the 15.th June 1789. —

On the subject of your Letter to me, I have the honor to acquaint you, that I am humbly addressing the Honorable the Governor and Council. —

Sam.l H.e K.r

Signed Chas.l Darke

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To W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary Military Department

From the Deputy Adjutant General desiring to be informed of the Day on which the five Companies of the 9.th Battalion ordered to march to Amboor proceeded from Ongole. —

Sir,

Although the march of five Companies of the 8.th Native Battalion to Amboor was ordered by Government a considerable time ago, no account of their having moved, has yet reached the Commanding Officer of Amboor, or the Officer in charge of the Troops and Convoy assembled there. — Lord Cornwallis therefore has directed me to report the circumstance to you, for the information of the Honorable Board, with his wish that intimation may be given to the Officer Commanding Amboor, when the five Companies proceeded from Ongole, the route they have taken, and the probable period of their reaching their destination. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Humble Servant
Signed B.J. Close
Dep.ty Adj.t Gen.l

Head Quarters
Camp 11 Miles from
Bangalore near the
Hosur Road 24.th October
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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Dindigul sends 3750 Bullocks to Paliguntchurry —

I have this Day forwarded to Paliguntcherry by the Route of Pyny 3750 Bullocks, under charge of one Subaltim Two Companies of Sepoys, and one Travancore Battalion I have requested of Major Cuppage, to Communicate any news of Importance to the Officer Commanding, from the Strength of the Country, and the Enemy being so engaged at Coimbatore, I do not apprehend any Danger to the Cattle. —

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

Dindigull
October 23. 1791

Signed J. Bowser
Capt. & Comm.g

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

Extract of Consultation dated 28th October 1791

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department —
The Board consent that the Reverend Mr Leslie be allowed to draw the Batta of Chaplain to the 3d Battalion of European Infantry p-

The appointment of Chaplain to Vellore and to the 3d Battalion of Europeans there having been held by Mr Leslie, he would not be allowed to draw Batta in both Characters, but as Mr. Millinchamp has lately been restored to his former situation of Senior Chaplain at the Presidency with the Chaplainship of Vellore, it is agreed that Mr Leslie be allowed to draw Batta for his appointment as Chaplain to the 3d European Battalion now at

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29th at Vellore, which is an emolument that has usually been received by every Chaplain in the Company's Service.—

A true Extract

I. Signed Robert Clerke

31st Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 215. 216. 217. 218.—

To the Committee for regulating the Funeral of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse

To the Committee for regulating the Funeral of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse approving the Plan they have submitted of the Ceremonies to be observed at the Funeral and desiring that it may take place on the 2d November.—

To the Paymaster at Angole

To the Paymaster at Angole informing him that the Revenue Troops employed on active Service under Lieutenant Beale are to be allowed Batta until the Peace of the Palnaud District is restored.—

To the Commandant at Angole

To the Commandant at Angole approving his having sent a Supply of Military Stores to Lieutenant Beale and informing him that such of the Revenue Troops as may be on Service with that Officer will be allowed Batta during the present Commotions in the Palnaud District.—

To Do

To Do desiring him to inform the Board and the Commanding Officer at Amboor at what Time the Five Companies of the 8th Battalion Ordered to march to that Place, proceeds from Angole, the Route they took and the probable Period of their reaching their Destination.—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 219. 220. 221. 222.—

From

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From the Persian Translator to the Governor General

From the Persian Translator to the Governor General enclosing a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nabob informing him of the Capture of Mundy Droog.—

From Ensign Farquhar of His Majesty's 75th Regiment

From Ensign Farquhar requesting to be informed whether his appointment as Ensign in the Honorable Company's Service has been approved by the Court of Directors.—

From the Collector in the Carnatic Districts

From the Collector in the Carnatic Districts stating that he had left Chandernungulum previous to the Receipt of the Orders of Government of the 16th Instant, and that he was induced to attempt the Reduction of that Place at the particular Request of the Inhabitants.—

From the Barrack Master in the Center Division

From the Barrack Master in the Center Division stating that there were 305 Coss at Tripassore and 600 at Poonamalee at the Time of the Arrival of the Recruits from England.—

1st November

Received the following Letters.—

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George,

Honble Sir,

From the Board of assessed Revenue with Extract of a Letter from Mr Erskine respecting the Commotions in the Palnaud District in which he recommends that a Reinforcement of four Companies of Sepoys be ordered to join Lieut.t Brate.—

We lose no time in laying before you extract of a letter which we have this instant received from Mr Erskine. The necessity of the case is so evident that it is hardly necessary for us to add our recommendation that the Troops if possible be immediately

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I am immediately ordered into the Palnaud Country. —

We have the Honor to be,

W.e &c.

Fort St George
31st October 1791

Sign.d Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Extract of a Letter from Mr Erskine

Dated 26th October 1791

I have had no accounts from Palnaud since the 12th Instant, which makes me imagine my letters have been intercepted by the Plunderers. —

Captain Dunwoody has lately received two public ones from Lieutenant Beale painting in the strongest colours the deplorable state of the Country; and the great necessity there is of having a reinforcement — Captain Dunwoody has written to Major Burr on the subject, and at the same time addressed the Committee at Guntoor, in hopes that when they were informed of the destruction that threatened the District, they would lend their assistance, where the Public Interests and the cause of humanity were so immediately concerned. —

Lieutenant Lawrance with two Nominal — Companies of the 5th Battalion arrived in Palnaud the end of last month and was joined by Lieutenant Beale with as many of the 7th Revenue Battalion as he could collect —

Their

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1 Their numbers when joined were not more than 1400 Men and with that Body Lieutenant Beale marched in pursuit of the Banditti on the morning of the 15 Instant he came up with them after a march of 24 Miles, did some execution and took almost all their baggage, but as it was at the edge of a thick jungle he did not think it prudent to follow them.—

Since that time Ramnajeswero has been joined by Chintzah Papah naig and Chintzah mullah naig and by several adventurers from Dupaud, so that his force at present amounts to near 3000 men. This numerous Gang are entirely subsisted by plunder and will in a short time destroy the District and drive the Inhabitants to seek refuge in another, if a considerable reinforcement be not sent to Lieutenant Beale, or if terms are not offered to Ramajesterow that will induce him to disband his followers and return to his duty. To pay this man however, instead of punishing him for his insolent and refractory behaviour might be the means of encouraging others to pursue a similar conduct, by which they could lose little and might gain much but if Government cannot at this juncture send a force sufficient to reduce him, and I conceive four more Companies of Sepoys at least are wanted for that purpose, or if the Nizam is not brought heartily to espouse the cause, I see no other chance of for restoring the Country to tranquillity. Lieutenant Beale's representation to me the beginning of this month shewed me the necessity of having a Body of

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1st of Peons and Sir consequence desired he would raise what number he judged was requisite to accompany him, as much as for a guard for the Villages. I find he has taken into pay 600, which will be a monthly expence of near 1,000 Pagodas with an addition of 4 Companies of Regulars to this Force I am of Opinion that in a Month the Banditts would be driven out of the District, but unless the ringleaders be secured, which the Nizam might easily effect, they would again return with their followers on the recall of the Troops. many villages have been plundered and two of the Despondiahs, besides some of the head Inhabitants have been carried off a few days ago a report was brought to me that Ramajistenow had been wounded on the 10th and with 20 followers was gone into Dupand as a place of safety - the opportunity was favorable, but as I was apprehensive that any sending a party after him might have been taken up seriously by the Nizam, I contented myself with writing to Sir John Kennaway to obtain the permission of the Nizam that incase of future necessity, a party might follow him or any of his people into his Highness's Dominions. —

If I may be permitted to give an Opinion I should be inclined to think that force ought to be used, for to offer terms would be indirectly confessing the incapacity of Government to reduce him, and would doubtless induce him to make high demands, at any rate while the Negotiation

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I was carrying on, his people might still plunder the
Country, for their support, and those that joined him in
hopes of future advantage might probably refuse to leave
him till the payment of a considerable Sum to satisfy their
Claim you Gentlemen, are the most competent judges of
what can and should be done, and for your decision I shall
wait most anxiously as the occasion is most pressing.—

A true Extract

Signed S Webbe
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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley

Governor in Council

From the Commandant at Cavour. stating the Cummies and Dien Cawn is encamped with a considerable Force near the Tapoor Pass

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you, that I have just received certain intelligence that Cummies and Dien Cawn, is now encamped at the Tapoor Pass. His Force consists of Four Companies Two Thousand Horse. 1-18. and 4 brass Guns I have lost no time in informing the Officer Commanding the Detachment on its march towards the Policade pass. and have still People in the Enemies Camp watching their motions in case they should make a movement, with particular orders to proceed without delay to give the Officer Commanding the Detachment, the earliest information, however, from the very heavy Rains, which

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which we have had of late I am apt to think it is impossible That the Enemy can make a movement of any consequence. — I have the Honor to Remain

with high respect

&c. &c.

Carrore
26 October 1791

Signed C. C. Desse
Lieut. Comm.

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — communicating Intelligence already received from the Commandant at Carore of the Situation and Strength of the — Detachment commanded by Cummer ul Deen Khan

I have just received a Letter from Lieutenant Desse with the following Information, dated the 25th

"I have received intelligence from one of my "Hircarahs who is just returned from the Tappoor Pass- "He says that Cumer ul dien Khan is there for certain, and "that his force consists of 2 Cufsums, 2000 Horse, 1- 18- and 4 Small brass Guns." —

"The Harcarah was two days in their Camp, saw Cumer ul dien Khan ride down the Line, and counted every Gun- and further says if his information does not prove to be true, he will willingly suffer death. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Trichinopoly
26th October 1791

Signed Thos. Bridges

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered

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2 entered in No B. for the Month of November Nos 1. 2. 3.—

From the Commandant at Chandernaghery — communicating his opinion respecting the ability of the Rajahs of Calastry Vencatagherry and Bommauze to furnish Grain for the use of the Army — states that the Nabob sent Deputies to Bommauze to insist upon his retaining the dismounted Troopers in his Service, and that the Sirdars have in consequence peremptorily refused to deliver up their Arms.

From the Commandant at Chandernaghery

From the Persian Translator to the Governor General enclosing two Petitions delivered by Merchants in Camp representing the Impediments they experience in procuring Supplies of Provisions owing to the Taxes levied in the Trichinopoly District, and expressing the Desire of Lord Cornwallis that the necessary Orders may be given for preventing similar Causes of Complaint.—

From the Persian Translator to the Governor General

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — recommending that the Grain stacked on the Places of Poonamalee be removed into the Barracks until it can be disposed of.—

From the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

3 Received the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Honorable Sir Chas Oakeley Bart
Acting President

Honble Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing an Abstract of Bills drawn upon him by the different Paymasters on account of Temporary allowance for the Year 1788. 1789

I have the Honor to present you Abstract

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of the Bills drawn by the different Paymasters due for the year 1788-1789 in consequence of the G.O. of March last I beg leave to inform you that the holders have frequently made applications to me to know in what manner they are to be discharged.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed B. Roebuck.
M.P.G.

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Abstract Amounts of Temporary Allowance Bills drawn by the undermentioned Paymasters for the Years 1788. 1789. and presented to the Military Paymaster General for Payment.—

Mr Taylor Ellore Paymaster	1788	902. 39. 16.		
Ditto	1789	4990. 28	5,893	25 16
Mr Strange Tanjore Paymaster	1788	448. 33. 48		
Ditto	1789	1767. 23. 56.	2216	15 24
Mr Marten Palam. Paymaster	1788	154 39 16.		
Ditto	1789	1284. 35 32.	1439	32 48
Mr Garrow Trichinopoly Payr	1788	2165. 18. 16.		
Ditto	1789	3852 20. 60.	6017	38 76.
Mr Vaughan Madura Paym.r	1788	50 " "		
Ditto	1789	926 27. 32	976	27 32
Mr Wilson Chicacole Paymaster	1788	48 33. 48.		
Ditto	1789	321. 27. 32	370	19. "
Total Pagodas			16912	32 4

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Signed B Roebuck
M.P.G.

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esq.rs

The Honble Major General Medows absent upon Service.—

Thursday 3d November 1791

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Travancore.—

From the Resident at Travancore - advising of the Part he has taken in consequence of a Dispute of a very serious Nature between the Rajahs of Cochin and the Dutch Government at that Place enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with those Gentlemen on the Subject.

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President in Council

Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

After having concluded my Business with the Rajah of Travancore, and transmitted you the Bill for five Lacks of Rupees for the growing Subsidy, I left Paupanaveeamon the 9th Instant, for this place, in order to receive that part of the Subsidy which was agreed to be paid in Specie and to transmit it from hence to General Abercromby - likewise I had, to receive from the Rajah of Cochin the last Kist of his last years Tribute.—

On the Road, I heard some imperfect accounts of an Engagement having taken place between

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between the Dutch and the Rajah of Cochin - I could scarcely give credit to them, but at the same time considered it my Duty to proceed here with the utmost Expedition to enquire into the cause of so extraordinary a rupture, and if possible to use my Endeavours to put a Stop to any further Hostility between the Parties. —

I arrived here yesterday morning, and finding that the Dutch and the Rajah had commenced Hostilities, I immediately wrote to the Dutch Gouernment, a Copy of my Letter, I do myself the Honor to enclose, likewise a Translation of their answer, which I only received this Morning - upon it's receipt I went to the Rajah who is on the opposite side of the River, to require an account of his Condrict, and to insist upon his suspending every further Hostility, until the Cause of this disagreement was investigated, and submitted to your Gouernment. —

There are such various and contradictory accounts of this Business, that I am at a loss which of them to Narrate, it will require some days to be fully acquainted with it - The Dutch have entered into no further Explanation, than what is contained in their Letter - The Rajah of Cochin's account of it is the following - but it is first necessary to premise, by informing you, that it appears there has been some altercation between the Dutch and the Rajah for two or three Months past, respecting some Canarie Merchants, who settled near this at the

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time the Portuguese were in possession of Cochin Fort;
these, the Rajah claimed as his subjects, and the Dutch
on their part claimed them as theirs and gave protection
to them - This appears to have been the original cause
of this rupture. —

The Rajah says that two or three of his Nairs
went to purchase some articles in a Bazar, close to the
Boutique of a principal Canare, that they were spoken
to by an inferior Canare, which gave rise to some abusive
language between them and in the quarrel, the Canare
made use of very disrespectful language against the
Rajah - that the Nairs told the Canare that he might
abuse them, and they would bear with it, but they
would not suffer him to speak ill of their Rajah, and
the Canare persevering in the abuse, one of the Nairs
stabbed him with his knife - that this happened cl
to the respective limits, and the Guards of both parties w
within a short distance that it consequently caused mu
confusion - and the Rajah's Guard endeavored to proc
to the Place to protect the Nairs, but were prevented by
Dutch Guards who were between them - that they got in
a Boat which was at their Post, and reached the place
by water - that the Guards of both parties met and an
Affray commenced between them and the Rajah's Gua
cut down four or five Canares who were in the Boutique,
and

and one of the Rajah's people was killed. —

That as soon as the Dutch heard of it - they sent out a Detachment of Europeans Malays and Sepoys with five or Six Field Pieces to cannonade his Palace - that they accordingly attacked it, and his People were under the necessity of defending themselves - The foregoing is what the Rajah affirms to be a true account of the Business, whether it is so, I cannot yet pretend to give a Judgement - The Rajah was not in the Palace - It happened between the Hours of One and two in the afternoon - The Dutch suffered considerably in the action and were obliged to retreat. —

I find that the Government here, in the absence of the Governor Mr. Van Angelbeck are totally incompetent to enter further into this Business than comply with my recommendation of a suspension of Hostility and this I believe they are compelled by necessity to do - they therefore have not entered into any Explanation of their Conduct, but you will observe by their Letter that they considered the murder of the Canaries as a premeditated act, as they say, it was committed by order of the Rajah - This the Rajah positively denies, and I believe the Dutch have no proof to adduce. —

Thus the matter rests at present, and there is a suspension of Hostilities between the parties, and

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will no doubt continue in this State until the arrival of Mr. Van Angelbeck who is expected here in a fort: night, and as it is impossible for me to form an idea how he may be disposed to act, whether to prosecute Hostilities, or to conciliate matters, I hope you will judge it expedient to transmit me your Instructions respecting the Conduct the Rajah of Cochin is to observe on this Business.—

The Conduct of the Dutch, appears to have been rather imprudent and ill judged for their Troops here are few and insufficient to act upon such an occasion. besides the Rajah possessing the whole of the Country, their subsistence entirely depends upon him and not being provided against such an occurrence, they began already to feel much distress. I am led to believe that they expected no opposition whatever from the Rajah. how far they were justified in attacking him, I do not possess documents to form a judgement upon.—

I hope Honorable Sir you will approve of my Conduct in this business. The situation the Dutch stand in with the English Nation, and that of the Rajah of Cochin towards your Government, led me to consider it the most eligible mode I could adopt

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adopt was to recommend to the Dutch Government a suspension of Hostility, until the dispute should be investigated, which would prove the way to a — reconciliation, between the Parties. —

I have the Honor to be, with the utmost

Cochin
16th October 1791

respect,

Sir

Your most
Obedient
Humble Servant
George Powney

To
J. C. Vanspall Esq.
Senior Member Dr. Council
of
Cochin

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to inform you of my arrival here an hour ago - on the Road I heard some imperfect accounts of a serious dispute between your Government and the Rajah of Cochin, and was extremely concerned to find it verified and that it had been — carried to such disagreeable lengths. —

The Treaty which subsists between the Honorable English East India Company and the Rajah of Cochin having been publicly transmitted to you by me, renders an apology for this Interference on my part unnecessary. —

On the first news of this disagreable

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Business, I proceeded with the utmost dispatch to this Place, in order to use my endeavors to stop any further effusion of Blood, and I hope, Gentlemen, you will be induced to attend to my recommendation of suspending any further Hostility towards the Rajah until an Investigation takes place of the cause of this rupture, and is submitted to our respective Superior Governments.—

I have not yet any knowledge of the particular Incidents which gave rise to this disagreeable affair, nor have I yet had time to see the Rajah to require from him an explanation of his Conduct, but you may rest assured, that on your acceding to my recommendation, I shall insist upon a pacific adherence on his part.—

I am persuaded Gentlemen, you will attribute my Interference to its proper motive, that of a sincere wish of bringing this Business to an amicable accommodation between you and the Rajah of Cochin, with whose Family you have been for more than a Century upon the Strictest terms of friendly alliance— permit me also to add that another powerful motive with me is, to preclude the most distant idea of a disagreement between our respective Companies, whose nations are cemented by such strong Ties of Friendship.

I request the favor of your speedy answer to this, that I may immediately write to the Rajah of Cochin.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Cochin
16th October 1791

A true Copy
Signed P Powney Resident

Signed Geo: Powney

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Translation

To George Powney Esqr.

Resident on the part of the Honorable English East India Company with the Rajah's of Travancore and Cochin —

Sir,

We have to acknowledge the Honor of your Letter of this days date — We do not doubt but you are acquainted with the Circumstance of the execrable massacre on the 12th Current, committed by the order of the Rajah, by some of his Nairs, on some People who were residing peaceably within our Posts — By this act, the Rajah was, without a possibility of contradiction the aggressor, and we were obliged to punish him. —

We are extremely obliged to you for your polite and amicable offer, to use your good offices to put a stop to any further and greater accidents and we readily accept this offer — on your dissuading the Rajah from committing any further Hostilities either directly or indirectly, we shall suspend every Hostility on our part and desist from acting with full force against him, until the arrival of Mr Van Angelbeck who is expected here very soon, to whom we have transmitted your Letter. —

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

(Signed) J. P. Vanspall
G. G. Gibhardt
H. Van Rossem
J. A. Cellaries
W. Van Haften
Arnald Lunel
Js Bos
P. H. Eeversdyd

Cochin
15th October 1791

To

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

Fort St George

Honble Sir

From the Resident
Transmitting Copies
of Correspondence with
the Dutch Government
the Paymaster at
Paliacatcherry applies
for an additional
Advance of Cash

Since my Letter to you of the 16th current nothing material has occurred here. I have the pleasure to inform you that every Hostility has now ceased between the Dutch and the Rajah of Cochin, and I hope upon the arrival of Mr. Van Angelbeck every thing will be amicably settled between the parties.

I have reason to think, that had Mr. arrived here, Hostilities would have been prosecuted with the utmost rancour between them, and the Dutch must certainly have been reduced to the greatest distress, as you will observe what their situation must have been from the Letters which have necessarily passed between the Dutch Government and myself, and Copies of which I do myself the Honor to enclose.

On the 2d Current I wrote your Secretary [illegible] Intimation that Mr. Corbett had called upon me for 12000 Pagodas - since which time he has applied to me again and has requested the Sum may be augmented to 25000 Pagodas, as he had received Orders to provide for the Payment of two

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two additional Battalions of Sepoys - By the end of this Month - I shall certainly be in Cash to send him about 80,000 Rupees. —

I have the Honor to be, with Respect

&c. &c.

Cochin
20th October 1791

Signed George Powney
Resident

Copy of a Letter to the Council at Cochin

J. B. Vanspall Esqr.

Senior Member &c. Council Cochin

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 15th Instant - I am very happy you have acceded to my recommendation of a suspension of Hostility on your part against the Rajah of Cochin, on his desisting from every Hostility either direct or indirect, I am now to inform you, that the Rajah of Cochin has given me his word, that he will suspend every Hostility against you, that he will withdraw all his Guards, that he will permit Provisions and water to pass into the Fort as heretofore, and that he will not prevent any Boats from passing or repassing with Merchandize, provided you, on your part, adopt the same Conduct, and desist from

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every Hostile preparation, and put all things upon the same footing they were, in the time of Mr Van Angelbeck.—

The Rajah further agrees to Defer the Investigation into the dispute respecting the Canara Merchants, until the arrival of Mr Van Angelbeck; but the Canarees may if they chuse return to their Habitation and carry on their Trade as heretofore, and he gives his word of Honor they shall not be molested by him; but as he does not give up his Claims over them, as their Sovereign; which matter will be determined hereafter; he hopes if any of them shall chuse to return to their Houses, that they come of themselves without the protection of a Peon or Peons - and further if they should return and carry on Trade, that the same duty be levied from us by him as was customary in the time of Mr Van Angelbeck

The foregoing is what the Rajah has stated which appears to me to put a matter in statu quo, before the Commencement of your first difference with him - on your agreeing to this, I shall immediately write to the Rajah to put into effect his Promise.—

I have the Honor to be,

W. W.

Cochin
19 October 1791

(Signed) George Powney

A true Copy

(Signed) J Powney
Resident

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Translation of a Letter from the Cochin Council

To George Powney Esqr.

Resident on the part of the English Company with the

Rajah's of Travancore and Cochin.

Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of this days date.

We are very glad that the Rajah of Cochin has given his word of Honor to terminate Hostilities, either direct or indirect, to withdraw his Guards, not to prevent the transportation of Provisions or water, nor to detain Boats, or to molest the Canarins.

As soon as we are informed, that orders are issued to put the above into effect, we hereby promise to adopt the same conduct, we shall suspend every Hostile preparation, and we shall post our Guards only, where they were, in the time of our Governor Mr. Van Angelbeek.

We are now to express our obligations to you, Sir, for this mark of friendship for our Governor in particular, and we are no less sensible of it for this Settlement in General. We have the Honor to be with every respectful Consideration, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servants

(Signd) J. P. Vanspall
F. G. Gebhardt
J. H. Van Rossum
J. A. Bellaerts
W. W. Van Haften
Arnold Lunel
P. A. Louwsdyd.

Cochin
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To

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To J C. Vansittart Esq.

Senior Member of Council Cochin &c

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure to inform you that the Rajah of Cochin has issued the necessary orders to withdrawall his Guards, and to conform to every thing that was proposed in the Letter I had the Honor to write you yesterday - It now only remains with you, to perform your parts of the Terms, which I have no doubt you will give directions to be put into effect without delay.

Permit me to congratulate you on the present situation of affairs which I trust will pave the way to a reconciliation between you and the Rajah.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed George Powney

A true Copy
Signed J Powney Resident

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters

The Board, upon the receipt of the foregoing Letters wrote to the Gentlemen at Cochin recommending to them that they pay due regard to Mr. Powney's advice, and avail themselves of his Influence with the Rajah - a Letter was at the same time written to the Resident in

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in Terms of approbation for the part he had taken, by interposing his good Offices with a view to effect a Reconciliation.—

Resolved that the Circumstances regarding the Dispute be communicated to the Governor General.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Board of Assumed Revenue.—

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

We are unwilling to trouble you with the accompanying letter from Mr Landon; for we should be much Concerned to involve you at this particular crisis in any discussion with the French Government upon so trifling a point; but, as we are unauthorized to relinquish any part of the Nabob's Revenue, and as Government maintained their Claim in right of the Nabob to the undoar Customs during the late Assignment, we hope to be excused for intruding the subject upon your Honorable Board, Though the Chokie situated near Pondichery is within the French bounds, yet it has been immemoriably dependent on the Cusbah of Waldoar, this fact was proved in the year 1784 according to a Report of the Canongoe, to the Conviction of the French Government, we now Submit the matter entirely to your decision, but we

To the Board of Assumed Revenue— Representing the improper Conduct of Mr Courbon a Merchant of Pondichery in removing some goods detained for Payment of Revenue Duties, at the Pondicherry Chokie Steps taken by the Collectors for recovering the Duties thereon & Instructions from the Honble Country Council— Enclosing Copies of Letters from Mr Kindersley in which he requests to be exonerated from the Superintendence of the Sayhing Department and from the Sayhing days, requesting that no Change may be made in the Management of this Sayhing.—

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we take the Liberty of remarking that Mr Landon has faithfully acquitted himself of his duty, and we beg to point out the unwarrantable manner in which Mr Coulon has rescued his goods from the Company's Choki—

We communicated to our Colleagues Lord Cornwallis's recommendation for the Suspension of duties upon the importation of Cattle &c from the Mysore Country, and we now do ourselves the honor of sending the inclosed Letter from Messrs Landon and Kindersley for the information of your Honorable Board and his Lordship—

We beg leave also to inclose Copy of a Letter from Mr Kindersley relative to his superintendence of the Stone Jager, and as it is evident he must be justly occupied in matters of greater importance, we recommend that he be exonerated from this duty—we are the more inclined to this recommendation in consequence of a Letter, which our President has received from the Sagendar, and of which we submit a Copy to your Consideration, as the Sagendar deprecates the intended Change in so earnest a manner, we could wish to indulge him, because we can speak from experience of the dislike, and even the dread, with which the natives submit to an innovation of this nature—at the same time we wish to comply with the Sagendar's Request, there is no necessity for dispensing with the investigation, which

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which Mr. Kindersley was to have made, for our Secretary may be spared from the Presidency during a Period sufficient for the purpose, we the more readily recommend this mode, as it has been frequently practised in Bengal on similar Occasions, and as the Jaguedar's former situation would be preserved to him, whilst we should receive all the benefit of a Collector's enquiry.

We have the Honor to be,
Gent.n
Your most
obed.t Servants
Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Fort S.t George
31 October 1791

Signed

To William Petrie Esq.r
President &c. Board of Assumed Revenue
Fort S.t George

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to lay before you Copy of a letter lately addressed to the Governor of Pondicherry — together with his reply on the subject of Customs due by Monsieur Courbon, a Merchant in Pondicherry on five Trunks of Handkerchiefs. —

If I may be pardoned the presumption of hazarding an opinion on a circumstance which has occurred within the Department placed under my immediate direction, and which has occupied a considerable

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considerable portion of my attention, I should observe, that admitting Mons.r Courbon to be a Sufferer in the sale of his Handkerchiefs, which is by no means clear, as I will afterwards point out, yet as the Govemment of Pon:ᵈ:dicherry have proved themselves to have been the original cause of the circumstance of which they complain so sorely, by their having yielded up at last, though with extreme reluctance, the object which was first demanded of them, it appears to be but reasonable surely that they should indemnify Mons.r Courbon for any loss he may eventually sustain on his Handker:chiefs in consequence of their impolitic and unfriendly conduct towards the English nation. —

Mons.r Courbon in his Letter to the Govemor of Pondicherry thinks it prudent to be silent on the circum:stance of the armed men he took with him to the Aumeen Chokie, who by his Orders in person present, beat the Collectors severely and carried off his Trunks of Handker:chiefs by force, Resided between Pondicherry and Cuddalore at the time Mons.r Courbon's Hand Kerchiefs were stopt. He might easily have applied to me and have received a reply in the course of five or Six hours, had he thought proper to have done so, but he preferred this violent proceeding to a regular application, which would have obtained him immediate relief. —

Mons.r

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Monsieur Courbon appears to be rather premature in stating a positive loss of two hundred Pagodas before all his Handkerchiefs are sold, for he may yet be a considerable gainer by them. He acknowledges that only half are disposed of; and allows but a very short space of time for a voyage from Pondichery to the Isles of France for the sale of his Handkerchiefs there and for advices respecting them to reach Pondichery such events require time and can scarcely in the nature of things keep pace with the rapidity of his Imagination.

As to what Mons.r Courbon may have heard said about me in his visits at Cuddalore or elsewhere, and his private Opinion of my Conduct, they are matters of very small moment indeed and I am not to be guided by them.

After all Mons.r Courbon does not pretend to deny the justness of the demand for the duties, but attempts to evade payment, by pretending to say that I was not authorized to act in the manner I did, which I presume does not rest with a Merchant in Pondichery to judge of, and it is a point I have the Satisfaction of think, your Board have already determined in my favor.

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

/Signed/ James Landon
Collector in the Center Division of the Arcot Province

Fort St George
22d October 1791

A true Copy
/Sign.d/ J Webbe
Sec.y

To

592. Fort S.t George 3.d November 1795

To Monsieur le Chevalier Defresne

Governor of Pondicherry &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

On inspecting the accounts of the Juncams of Waldavar I observe a balance of Pagodas 81.30.75 due from Monsieur Courbon a Merchant of Pondichery since the 23.d June, for Customs on five Chests of Handkerchiefs.

As I understand from the Tahsildar that repeated application has been made to this Gentleman, in vain, I find myself under the necessity, though with reluctance, of representing the circumstance to you, and I entreat the favor of your interposition, that the established right of Government may be complied with.

I have the Honor to be,

Chittoopet
21.st September 1795

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) James Landon

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Landon Collector

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Sec.y

To
M.r James Landon
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have received the letter you did me the Honor

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Honor to write to me on the 30th September I immediately communicated the contents to Monsieur Courbon, whose reply I enclose herewith. The reasons Mr. Courbon alledges to prove that, so far from considering himself obliged to pay the Duties you demand of him, he conceives himself authorised to claim Indemnification for the loss which the delay in the sale of his Handkerchiefs has occasioned to him, are the same that he gave at the time they were stopt at your Juncans, with other Merchandize coming to Condichery I am of Opinion then, Sir, that it would be unjust in you to exact from Mr Courbon payment of these duties, considering that he has lost much more than their amount, by the detention of his Merchandize, in Consequence of your Orders, of which in every respect we have had infinite reason to complain.

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

Pondichery
8th October 1791

Copy of a Letter from Mr Courbon to Mr Defresne
Dated 7th October 1791

Sir,

Yesterday I was honored with your letter concerning the demand made by Mr. Landon of duties upon five Trunks of Handkerchiefs, which

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which came to me from Madras, three Months since, this demand has surprised me strongly, and as you ask me the cause of my refusing to pay the duties in question, I will inform you in a few words of the motives. —

You know, Sir, Mr. Landon about that time ordered every thing to be stopt that was coming into Pondicherry; my Handkerchiefs were in that Predicament, and I was not able, on that account, to sell them to Monsieur Lousier, who proceeded in the Interval to the Isle of France, That was very prejudicial to me, for I have been thereby obliged to send them, on my own account, to the Isle of France; where half of them still remain unsold, in the hands of Mr. Barlié my attorney. However, what surprizes me in the conduct and demand of Mr. Landon is, that having been, at Cuddalon myself, some time afterwards, and complaining of the Injury that Mr. Landon had done to me, in stopping my handkerchiefs, I was told, that it was not him who had given the order, but that it was a mistake, and that his People had done wrong in stopping my Handkerchiefs; since which, I have been informed, Sir, that Mr. Landon had written you the same thing. —

However, I ask you Sir, if I ought to pay duties when the persons who receive these duties, have made me lose at least two hundred Pagodas by the under-sale of my Handkerchiefs. They cannot say it is through Ignorance; because, as soon as I learnt that these handkerchiefs were stopt

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men Stopt, I went to the place with the Registers of the Choultry, to tell them, that I would pay the duties, but they refused to deliver them to me, saying that they had orders to let nothing enter the Town, on the part of Mr. Landon. — If again, this had been an Order of the English Government, then Mr. Landon would be authorized to demand the abovementioned duties, but, as he had no right to stop things from entering Pondi: cherry, and as he did it without due Reflection, it appears to me, Sir, that I am entitled to demand from Mr. Landon myself, payment of the two hundred Pagodas at least, which he has made me lose by his fault — The Protests made by the Registers of the Choultry are deposited there, and I will have copies made of them, if you wish it. —

I am, with Respect &c &c

Signed S Courbon.

This Copy is conformable to the Original

Signed Defresne.

To William Petrie Esq.

President &c. Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

I am honored by the Receipt of your Commands of the 26th Instant, which shall be — instantly obeyed, I beg leave to submit that from

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an Observation Yearly made of the evil tendency of
levying duties upon the property of Families and persons
emigrating from the Mysore Country to the Carnatic,
I long since ordered that Customs should not be
exacted from people of this description, and have from
time to time repeated my directions to the Amuldars
of Changamah and Trinomalee for this purpose, but
I perceive that, so long as duties are allowed to be
collected in those Districts upon any pretence
whatever, it will be next to impossible to prevent Individ-
:duals of the description abovementioned from suffering
Occasionally, notwithstanding the most pointed
Orders and even correction of the parties offending. In
times of peace when Commerce flourished, the duties
collected at Changamah and Trinomalie formed
a respectable proportion of the Revenue of those
Districts, there being a considerable Importation of
Cloths and other Articles from the Mysore Country to the
Sea ports in the Carnatic, as well as to the Large
Cusba Towns, Government not having directed that
these duties should be suspended, Collectors are
stationed as usual at the different Chokies to receive
duties on such articles of Trade as may chance to
be brought in, which however will probably be very
trifling, so long as the war may continue. when I
was at Trinomalie, I questioned several Families
who

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who were then on their way, from Bangalore and other places to different parts of the Carnatic, from whence they had been carried off by Hyder in the former war, respecting the Interruption they had experienced on their Journey, and they all agreed, that the great difficulty was occasioned by the Numbers of Petty Poligars and others in Tippoo's County, and on the Borders of the Carnatic, who, taking advantage of the present Troubles there, were continually in motion, plundering people of all descriptions they met, and exacted such Taxes from them, that it was almost impossible for any persons to reach the Carnatic in safety, which was evinced by most of those I saw having been deprived of every thing but the Cloths they wore.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

(signed) James Sandon

Collector in the Centers Division of the Arcot Province.

Fort S George
25 October 1791

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbe Secy

Extract of a Letter from Mr Kindersley
Dated 4th October 1791.

I am much concerned that Lord Cornwallis should have reason to apprehend that any impediment

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is thrown in the way of / that most desirable Object / the Importation into the Carnatic of the persons, Cattle and Effects of the Inhabitants of Tippoo's Country - my formal proposal / of the 20th November 1790 / to abolish the exaction of all Customs on their Articles; and my late report of the Return of many of the ancient Inhabitants of the Carnatic, will evince that I was still aware of the advantages accruing from the Circumstance that my injunctions on this Head, have been sometimes evaded, & I know never to my knowledge without redress, but I fancy, the Complaints to his Lordship / as I have had the honor to Communicate to him / owe much of their foundation to this fact; that not considering the Cattle sent down the Ghauts, which belonged to Individuals with the Army; as coming within the description meant to be exempted from Inland Duties they have suffered Taxation - To meet Lord Cornwallis's desires / which tend wisely, and directly to prevent the abuse of this distinction; and also to increase the Importation of Cattle / I have abolished all duties on whatever is imported from the upper Country. -

A true Extract
Signed J Webbe Secy

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

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your Letters of the 17th and 20th Instant. At

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At this interesting moment when the Heavy Artillery and Cavalry (now in my Districts) have a variety of wants, which require immediate and personal attention; and when in addition to this Duty, I am required by Government to use my utmost exertions to procure and forward Grain to Bangalore; I hope the Board will not attribute to indolence or indifference, my earnest request to be relieved from the Investigation into the State of the Arnee County, with which I had lately the honor to be entrusted – as the above impediments, and also the present attention due to the Districts in the Barramaul, (just invaded by the Enemy) leave me no time to enter into an Enquiry, on which the welfare of many thousands, might ultimately be involved. ——

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) Nath.l E. Kindersley
Collector. ——

Vellore
22d October 1791

A true Copy
(Signd) J Webbe Jur

From the Sagerdar of Arnee
Dated 25th October 1791

The letter, which you were pleased to write, communicating your intention of putting my Sagee under Mr. Kindersley's Controul, gave me the greatest concern; but I refrained from making an immediate reply, because I was willing to wait the event of that Gentleman's

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Gentleman's investigations as I have now been informed from Vellore that he will not come to Arnee for some time, I am under the necessity of representing my situation to you, and I entreat you will do me the favour of considering it with attention. I am extremely unhappy that you have placed my Jaguer under Mr Kindersley's Controul in contradiction to Mamool, because I have never yet been subjected to any Amild, and because it has been the Custom for me to correspond immediately with, and to pay my Peishcash directly to the Sircar. When the Carnatic was assumed by the Honorable Company, I was in hopes that the same custom would obtain and that I should be permitted to communicate with the Board. as however my evil Stars have been prevalent, it has not so happened, and, as you, Sir, have been pleased to withdraw your protection and to place me under the controul of another, I am degraded in the Eyes of the world — Mr Kindersley has acquired the reputation of Justice and impartiality; I can therefore make no objection to his investigation, but there is no knowing who may succeed him, and when once the degradation shall have been established, myself and Family must be disgraced to the end. For this reason I have with all humility represented my situation, and rely on your exalted generosity for the protection of my Honor.

In Captain Mackay's answer to my Complaint he has urged some accusations against me, neither of our Assertions has been yet investigated; for which reason

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no punishment has yet been inflicted on him. It will be done after the investigation shall have taken place. On the other hand you have been pleased to humble my situation, before any enquiry has been made, and I could hardly suffer a severer punishment, if even I should be proved to have been guilty of deviations in my Conduct — you will adopt such measures, as appear to you best; but I intreat your protection of my honour.

A true Translation

Signd Jas: Webbe Jnr Sy.

A true Copy

Signd J Webbe
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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Board of Ajumeh Revenue

The acting President is requested to write to Colonel De Fresne on the subject of the Goods rescued by Mr Courbon from the Company's Chokie —

Resolved, for the reasons stated by Mr. Kindersley that he be exonerated from the General Superintendence of the Arnee Jaghire — But, as the Board wish to avail themselves of his services in the Investigation of the Charges preferred against the Commandant of Arnee by the Jaghiredar, it is agreed that he be instructed to proceed to Arnee, and bring it to a conclusion as soon as possible. —

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. —

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Hospital Board
31st October 1791

From the Hospital Board recommending that Mr. Samuel be permitted to visit the Presidency and that Mr. Conolly be permitted to draw the usual Monthly allowance for a Palanquin.—

The Orders of Government relative to Mr. Jones communicated in Mr. Jackson's Letter of the 25th Instant shall be strictly attended to.—

The Hospital Board have received an application from Mr. Samuel Assistant Surgeon to the 16 Battation of Sepoys for leave to visit the Presidency, to adjust some private concerns that require his immediate presence.—

As Mr. Samuel has it not in his power from the present disturbances in the Coimbatoor Country to join his Battalion at Paligautcherry and that Mr. Macarthur is still doing duty with the Battalion, the Hospital Board recommend that his request be complied with.—

Approved.

The Hospital Board have the Honor to forward the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Mr. Conolly, Assistant Surgeon, as he has therein stated his reasons for again soliciting an additional

Mr. Conolly to draw the usual Monthly allowance for a Palanquin in consequence of the extra Duty on which he is employed of attending

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the Garrison and the Black Town, a additional allowance the Board as soon as Mr Conolly is relieved from the Duty of the Black Town, the allowance is to cease.

beg leave to recommend his request to the favorable consideration of Government.—

[signed] Jas. Anderson
Physician General
W Baine
Acting Chief Surgeon
Will.m Duffin
Head Surgeon

To D.r James Anderson
Physician General &c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

When, in consequence of the Scarcity of Surgeons in Camp, several of those doing duty at the Presidency were sent there, and Government ordered me to attend the Sick and wounded Officers in Black Town, I represented to you the additional expence I was under the necessity of incurring, in order to execute the duty attentively, a Recommendation at that time was preferred by you to the Honorable Board, that an adequate allowance might be granted me, but Government returned for answer that it could not be complied with, as my Emoluments were thought to be already sufficient.— That objection being

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being done away by my removal from the Office of Secretary, and several officers having lately arrived from the Army, whose cases require constant daily attendance I beg leave to repeat my request in the hope that Government will be pleased to grant me some additional allowance, particularly as by my performing the duty of the Black Town as well as that of the Garrison, a saving accrues to the Honorable Company of the Pay and allowances of a Surgeon, whose services may be more immediately wanted elsewhere.

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

Signed J Conolly
Assistant Surgeon

A true Copy

Signed And.w Berry Secy Mil. Bd

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting President in Council.

From the Military Board - Opinion respecting the Articles that should be struck out of the List of captured Stores during the first Campaign made by the late Lieut.t Col.l Moorhouse - submitting for the Decision of Government a Letter from the Agent for Prize Money on the subject of rejecting the Iron Powder taken at Coimbatore and the serviceable Guns under the Calibre of a Six Pounder.

Sir, In consequence of your Commands of the 19.th Instant We have the Honor to lay before you a List of such Articles as we have deemed it necessary to reject, as being in a subordinate degree useful from the List made

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made by the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, of the Military Stores captured during the first Campaign, by which you will perceive We have struck out the Damaged Gunpowder and the Guns under the Calibre of a 6 Pounder, the latter being by standing Orders, discontinued from the Establishment of Guns upon this Coast,— We have in consequence received a Representation from Major Dixon, the Prize Agent, a Copy of which We beg leave to enclose, and as We conceive that the Arguments he has urged are just, and merit your particular attention, We take the Liberty therefore, to recommend that all the Serviceable Guns which have been, or shall be, taken during the War, may be admitted to the Credit of the Captors, as well as, the Damaged Gunpowder taken at Coimbatoor.—

We have also Examined the Lists of Stores captured in different Forts, between the period of the 24th February and 31st July, delivered to us by the Prize Agents, which we found to contain only such Articles as are in every respect Serviceable— and as the prices affixed to them by the Committees of Survey or Inspection upon the Spot appear to us reasonable, We have sent the Lists to the Committee— & informing them at the same time, that reference was made to your Honorable Board, respecting the Guns of the smaller Calibre.— We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed Thos. Musgrave
J. Capper
Geo. Maule
George Hall

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List of Articles to be deducted from Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouses Estimate of Stores captured in the Year 1790 in the following Forts—

					Wt per Weight of Art.		Price		
							6 2rs th		
Coimbatore July 1790									
Brass Gun — 2½ Pdr Cascable									Carriage being unserviceable and Gun of a Calibre not in use upon this Coast.
Neck off					1				
Carriages unserviceable							30		
Iron Guns — 3 Pounders			2						
Do of a small Calibre			3				675		Do
Do without Carriages different Calibers requiring to be proved			16						
Barrels of damaged Coarse Gun Powder					630		1260		Damaged Gun Powder unfit for Service
Shot Iron round	2½ Pounders		128		6	4½	8 26 67		not used on the Coast.
Do	2 Do		128						
Do	1 Do		118						
Dindigul August 1790									
Some Military Stores							100		Not particularized and three Sons Inadmissible.
Guns Iron	5½ Pounders		3	36			74 9		
Do	2½ Do		1	6	1		12 32 5		Not used on the Coast.
Do	1½ Do		1	5	2		11 12 30		
Do	1 Do		1	4			8 9		
Shot Iron round	5½ Pounders		750						
Do	2½ Do		640		56	1 25	81 27 53		Do Do
Do	1½ Do		480						
Paligautcherry Sept 1790									
Iron Guns	5 Pounders		6	66			136 4 40		
Do	4 Do		2	16			33		Do Do
Do	3 Do		3	21	3		44 30 75		
Do	1½ Do		46	247	2		724 16 25		
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Signed Dan Sloane
Sept 1793

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Daniel Ince Esqr

Secretary to the Military Board.—

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22d Instant I have the Honor to enclose a List of such part of the Guns and Stores captured in 1790 as appear to be unfit for the public Service, amounting to Pagodas 805 which Sum, agreeably to the directions of the Military Board, will come to be deducted from the Estimate.—

Altho' Government might not be desirous to purchase Guns under the Calibre of a 6 Pounder for the defence of any of their Forts, yet the Military Board will be pleased to consider that the Forts of Dindigul, Coimbatore, and Palgautcherry were defended chiefly by Guns under that Calibre, which, on the capture of those places, could not be replaced by larger Guns, not removed to be sold for the benefit of the Captors without the greatest prejudice to the defence of those Forts. This and the consideration of their moderate Price put upon the Guns and Stores captured in those Garrisons, being estimated at only the Madras Rates, altho' certainly of much greater value on the Island Forts where they have been captured, will, I hope, induce the Military Board to admit the Charges for all Guns and Stores of whatever denomination that are serviceable, and may be useful in the defence of those Forts.—

Part of the Powder at Coimbatore which is mention: ned as damaged, is valued accordingly at a low Rate, but was not unserviceable having been used for Blank Cartridges, and served out to the Troops for practice, as known to General Musgrave.— I am sorry it is not in my power to furnish

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I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable Board, that in addition to the Military Stores formerly Ordered, two thousand Barrels of Powder and five thousand 18 Pound Shot, will yet be required from the Carnatic for the use of the Army in the Field—

By the Returns lately received, it appears that there are no Shot of the above weight remaining at Ambore or Vellore, but that there are still One thousand Barrels of Powder at the latter Garrison— of These therefore His Lordship has directed Mr Cockburn to forward a Certain proportion without loss of time, and mean while to communicate with the Honorable Board, for the purpose of procuring the means to draw forward the remainder of the Supply from the Presidency, where his Lordship would hope that Country Bandies or Carriage Bullocks, might on this occasion be hired for the Trip as far as Ambore, from whence the Public Cattle of the Army would be ready to transport the Shot and Powder to their destination.— His Lordship is the further induced to suggest this mode for conveying the Stores from the Presidency, as Mr Cockburn's Cattle are all engaged with the Convoy now leaving Ambore. —

After the Supply here mentioned is dispatched from the Presidency, His Lordship conceives it may be a matter of consideration with the Honorable Board to replace to a certain extent from Madras, the Stores lately drawn from Vellore and Ambore I have the Honor to be, &c&c

Head Quarters Camp 11 Miles from Bangalore on the Ghoor Road the 28th October 1791

Signed D. J. Close
D. Adj. to Genl

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General

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enumerated in the accompanying abstract amounting
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to 4,651.. 37.. 52.. I have to observe on Mr Morris's Charge
for Sub Conductors, that neither he, nor the Commanding
Officer of Artillery had any right to make such Appoint-
ments especially where there was no Battering Train, and
even had an unexpected exigency of the Service required
such appointments they should have been reported to
Government by the first opportunity.—

With respect to the Artificers and Lascars, Mr
Morris has on this, as on other occasions, when he acted as
Commissary of Stores with the Centre Army taken upon
himself to anticipate the wants of Government, he admits (as
indeed he cannot dispute) that the Artificers and Lascars he
entertained were many more than were necessary for Lieut.t
Colonel Oldham's Detachment, but he says that were
requisite for the Grand Army whose wants seemed to have
been known to him by intuition, for the Communication at
that time was not open between Trichinopoly and the Grand
Army, the enemy being then either in the Carnatic or on the
Western frontier.—

Men in the warmth of Argument, especially—
when their own private interest is immediately Concerned,
are sometimes led like Mr. Morris to transgress the bounds
of decorum, and therefore I should have taken no notice of
his ill founded imputation of my being prejudiced against
him, had he not desired the Correspondence might be
submitted to the Consideration of your Honorable Board,
Personal prejudice against him I certainly have none,

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for I have scarcely the Honor of his acquaintance, but from his Commissarial Opinions I must acknowledge myself extremely averse, he seems to Contend that an Officer becoming intuitively acquainted with the wants of the Government has a right to supply them when, and in what manner he pleases, on the Contrary it is an invariable maxim in this Department that Government must always be consulted when it is possible, and that no Officer can subject the Company to any extraordinary expence whatever, without at least the sanction of the highest authority on the Spot, who must report their proceedings to Government by the earliest favorable opportunity — For the decision of this important question I have now the honor of laying before your Honorable Board the Correspondence which I shall Conclude with Observing that Lieutenant Morris has furnished me with the receipt of the Commissary of Stores for the Artificers delivered over to him after the junction of the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Oldham with the Grand Army.

I have the Honor to be,
Honble Sirs,
Your Obedient
humble Servant
Signed Kapper
C.G.A
Abstract

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Abstract of Charges made by Lieutenant Storm, whilst acting as Commissary of Stores to Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment, which are objectionable, because they are not supported by authenticated Documents.

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Charged for a Writer, Conicoplies, and Oil, for 4 Months for which there is no authenticated Voucher	228	" "
D° – for a Laboratory Serjeant, Corporal, and Park Serjeant, for January and February 1795	22	" "
D° for a Tin Man and Cooper, in November and December	20	" "
D° for 4 Acting Sub Conductors pay and Batta	94	39 20
D° for working and Picket Money as authenticated Voucher	351	10 "
D° for Lascars in January on Indent	577	" "
D° for D° – in February D°	577	" "
D° for Artificers in January D°	1781	40 16.
D° for D° – in February D°	551	4 16.
D° for Batta to Artificers D°	4[illegible]	28 "
	Pagodas 4651	37 32

[illegible] Signed J Brunton Lieut.
a[illegible]t C.E.

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Resolutions of the Board on the Comptroller General's Audit of Lieutenant Morris's accounts.

The Board having attentively considered the Comptroller's Audit of Lieutenant Morris's accounts, now pass the following Resolutions. —

Charges for a Writer, Corice: ply's and Aid for four Months and for working and Picket Money —

As there are no authenticated Vouchers for these Charges and as they were never reported to the Board, the amount must be refunded. —

Charges for a Laboratory Serjeant Corporal, and Park Serjeant for January and February 1790, and for a Tinsman and Cooper in November and December 1790 ——

These Charges, if they were necessary, ought to have been reported to the Governor in Council, and his Sanction obtained for them — Lieutenant Morris omitted that necessary Part of his Duty, and the Comptroller's audit is in consequence confirmed —

Charge for four acting Sub Conductors Pay and Batta ——

This Charge is totally inadmissible — for the Commanding Officer of Artillery can have no Authority whatever to make such appointments — Lieutenant Morris's Arguments in support of the Charge tends directly to invalidate it — He declares "that there is no mention made "of Sub Conductors in the new Regulations" and adds, "that he

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"he will not say they were all necessary,
"but that, being good men, he thought
"it hard to deprive any of them of their
"small allowance" — no mention
having been made of that Circumstance
in the Book of Regulations now in
force; it seems that they were no
part of the Establishment, and, —
could not therefore be admitted
without the express authority of
Government — nor is it any Justifi-
:cation to Lieutenant Morris that
because they were "good men" he
should continue them in an appoint-
:ment unauthorized by those Re-
:gulations, which had been prescribed
for his Guidance — the Amount drawn
on this account must therefore be
refunded. —

Charges for Lascars and Artificers in the Months of January and February on Indent. —

It was not the Province of the acting Commissary of Stores with Lieutenant-Colonel Aldhams Detachment then at Trichinopoly to entertain Lascars and Artificers on a supposition that their Services might be required with the Grand Army in the Mysore Country.

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— At the Time those People were entertained, Lieutenant Morris could not possibly know on what Service the Detachment with which he was serving would be employed, as it was not till a Considerable Time after that orders were given to — Lieutenant-Colonel Oldham to march to Ambour, and from thence to join the Army — But, whether the Destination were, or were not, known to Lieutenant Morris, the Objection to the Charge is still the same, for it never will be admitted by the Board as a defensible Plea, that a Commissary of Stores, or indeed any other Officer, on the Possibility of what may happen at a future Period, can, on his own authority, make Provision for that period, to — whatever Extent his Judgment may determine — The Board entirely approve the reasoning of the Comptroller General upon the several Objectionable Charges made by Lieutenant Morris, and resolve to confirm the Audit. —

Resolved that Colonel Cappes be instructed

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to communicate the foregoing Resolutions to Lieutenant Morris, and to express to him at the same time the Board's Disapprobation of his Conduct in making use of Language in his Letters highly unbecoming and disrespectful to the Comptroller General— The Board think however, that Lieutenant Morris has taken advantage of the Latitude which was given of corresponding with the Comptroller General's Assistant to adopt a Freedom of Stile which he would not have ventured upon, had he been addressing the Head of the Department, and it is agreed therefore to direct Colonel Kapper to sign all the Letters himself dispatched from his Office.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President.—
Fort St Geo.

From the Military Paymaster Jeneral Information relative to the Charge made by the different Paymasters on account of Premium——

Honble Sir,

In consequence of Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 12th Instant. I have examined the accounts of my Office relative to the Charge of Premium, and find that there was charged 2 ¼ Cent by the Palamcotta, 2 by the Madura, and 1½ ₰ Cent by the Trichinopoly Paymaster. which were allowed by an Order from Government— These Premiums were granted because Cash could not otherwise have been procured to pay the Troops in the Southern Garrisons — Government were pleased to order, that I should endeavour to obtain Cash without a premium

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premiums, and in one or two Instances for considerable Sums
I was successful. I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) B Roebuck
Mr. P.G.

Minute thereon

The Board have given due Consideration to
the Papers laid before them relative to a Charge for
Premium in Mr Coll's accounts, and if there had been
any Ground upon which it could have been admitted,
they would readily have given their Sanction to it, in
consequence of the favorable Report of the Comptroller General
has made of that Gentleman's Charges in General. —

Do.

It does not appear that the Case referred to
by Colonel Capper in his Letter of the 15th September
respecting the Southern Paymasters has any connection
with the one in question. In Calcutta, the accommodation
between the Public and the Individual was obviously
mutual, while at Tinnevelly, and Madura, a necessity
existed at the time for purchasing that accommodation
of the Sowcars who were not willing to advance their
Money for Bills, unless they had a Profit upon the
Transaction — There is also another material
difference in the two Cases. the Paymasters to the
Southward stated to Government their Inability to
defray the ordinary Disbursements of their Garrisons,

and

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and the Impossibility of procuring Money for Bills unless a Premium were allowed — the Board acquiesced for the time, but directed the Military Paymaster General to use his endeavours to obtain Cash without a Premium and in some Instances he was successful — Mr Colt made no such previous reference to Government or to the Commander in Chief. No such Charge was ever made by former Paymasters with the Army — but what finds more than all to invalidate the Claim, is, that a Portion of the Sum for which Premium was given, actually belonged to himself — For all these Reasons, the Board resolve that the Amount shall be refunded —

Read the following Letters from Mr Secretary Hay —

W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary
at Fort St George. —

From the Secretary at Bengal advising of an expected Scarcity of Grain at Bengal and of the Probability of an Embargo being laid on the Exportation of it. ——

Sir,

I have orders to request that you will notify to the Governor in Council at Fort St George that there is serious Reason to apprehend from the Reports which have been received of an expected scarcity of Grain in different Parts of this Country, that it will be necessary to lay an Embargo on the Exportation of it. The Board propose to suspend the Order for a short time, as it is possible

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possible that a sufficient Fall of Rain may allow of dispensing with the Order altogether; but they have thought it proper that the Governor in Council should be apprized of the likelihood existing, at present, that the measure will be requisite, so that no dependance may be placed at Madras on Supplies of Grain from Bengal for some Time to come.—

I have &c &c

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Signed E Hay
Secy to the Govt.

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

From the Secretary at Bengal respecting the Transmission to Bengal of Copies of the Letters addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Government of Fort St George.

Sir,

I have orders from the Governor General in Council to mention to you that, as he has not received the Copies of any Letters written from your Department to the Honble Court of Directors, of a Date subsequent to the 29th of April 1791, he requests that you will signify his wish to the Governor in Council at Fort St George that Copies of any other Letters that may have been sent, since that Time, to the Company, may be forwarded to Bengal as soon as convenient. He further requests that it may be made a Rule to transmit to Bengal Copies of the advices to England immediately after their Dispatch.—I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Council Chamber
10th October 1791

Signed E Hay
Secy to the Govt.

Ordered

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Secretary at Bengal.

Ordered that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be directed to stop the sales of Grain in the Jaghire until further Orders. —

Agreed to inform the Supreme Council that Copies of the Board's Dispatches to England will in future be transmitted to Bengal as soon after the closing of the Packets as possible - and that Copies of the Letters by the Leopard and Swallow were transmitted to Bengal by the Airly Castle on the 2d Ultimo. —

Ordered that Copies of the three Short Letters lately written from the Political Department be transmitted to Mr. Secretary Hay. —

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Vellore. —

To W. C. Jackson Esq.

From the Commandant of Vellore with information respecting Lieut.o Baillies appointment of Commissary of the Prisoners of War. —

Sir,

Having applied to Lieutenant Baillie for his authority to act as Commissary of Provisions to the Prisoners of War lately received from Bangalore he has furnished me with the accompanying letter - In Respect to the expence attending the keeping those Prisoners at Vellore I can not see how it can with propriety be reduced as it was settled by the directions of his Lordship, agreeable to the Rank the Prisoners held in the Service of Tippoo Sultaun, and as his Lordship particularly wishes that their situations should

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should be made as comfortable as possible, and as they are at present perfectly satisfied and contented - I should imagine that any reduction to their present allowances, as it would undoubtedly be the cause of much discontent, would be of course disagreeable to his Lordship. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signd Thos Bruce

Vellore
29th October 1791

To Colonel Bruce
Commanding Vellore

Sir,

In answer to the information Government requires respecting my appointment of Commissary of Prisoners I have the Honor to acquaint you that I was appointed by the Commander in Chief in General Orders of the 25th of March last, a few days after the fall of Bangalore - that I never received any written instructions, but was given to understand when I entered upon my Charge that Colonel Duff who was sent in to Command the place, would give me my Orders and that he was authorized by his Lordship to settle the allowances the Prisoners were to receive and to make all necessary arrangements respecting them - that I made all representations and applications thro' the Commanding Officer of Bangalore and "that on ordering the Prisoners to be removed from thence His Lordship's instructions, which I received thro' Colonel Duff, were, that I should accompany the

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The Prisoners on the road to Vellore and remain there in Charge of them. — I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

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(Signed) John Baillie
Commissary of Prisoners

Agreed that Estimates of the Expence attending the keeping the Prisoners at Vellore be transmitted to Mr. Forriano, and that he be directed to make the necessary

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Monthly Issues of Cash and Grain in Conformity with those Estimates, to Lieutenant John Baillie, Commissary of Prisoners of War. —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Lowes Brodie —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council

From the Contracts for Military Cloathing requiring that an advance of Cash may be made him on account of the Half Mounting of the Revenue Corps —

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose you a calculate of the advance to be made me for fur[nishing] Mounting of the Revenue Corps, and [I] pleased to order the payment of it. —

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

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(Signed) James Brodie
M.C.C.

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Agreed that an advance of Pagodas two Thousand and Eighty (2080) on account of Half Mounting the Revenue Corps be made to Mr. Brodie. —

Read the following Letters from Mr.

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Mr. Terence Pahagan, —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council &c. &c.

From the Head Surgeon at Vellore requesting this application for an advance of Cash —

Honble Sir,

I feel great reluctance in being urged to the necessity of troubling your Board with reiterated applications, But situated as I am at present, you are the immediate Source whence assistance may be expected in support of the Public Service. —

I had the Honor to address you on the 16 Instant, and beg leave to assure you, that I am still in the same Predicament, left without those Resources which are absolutely necessary towards the support of such Disbursements as I am at present engaged in, from the increased Numbers of Sick lately known in Here, and as I understand you have given Mr. Duff in your sanction to draw Occasional Sums from the Paymasters at Madras, I hope you will be pleased to Consider my Situation in a similar light. —

I have the Honor to be, with great respect,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Humble Servt

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29 October 1791

Signed T. Pahagan
Head Surgeon

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary —

Sir,

From the Head Surgeon at Vellore — stating the Cause of the singularity in the Mode of drawing out his Bills on account of the Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment and of his charging for those Troops according to the Cost Regulations —

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th ultimo, and request you will inform the Honorable Board, that my Monthly Hospital Bills on account of Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment, were reduced to the form under which they now appear, by Order of Earl Cornwallis, to whom my Charges were referred, with Monthly Returns annexed, specifying the name of each man, the days of his admission into and discharge

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discharge from the Hospital, which of course must have clearly ascertained the Number of Patients charged for, and I believe these charges and Returns are at present in Camp.—

This was the mode I was advised to follow being the which had been usually practised; But his Lordship was pleased to direct the following form to be observed, which was transmitted to me. Viz

"The account, Charges for sick Natives of the Bengal Establishment "Serving in the Carnatic, by Mr Finlayson Surgeon of Vellore Hospital, having "been referred to Earl Cornwallis by the Head Surgeon of the Detachment— "His Lordship has been pleased to Order "That these Charges shall be "discontinued in future till, for each Distinct Months, in the Honble "Company, Conformably to the Regulations of the Coast Establishment— "On the bills, Credit is to be given for the Stoppages which the Bengal "Regulations warrant, from the pay of the Soldier, which is paid to the "Hospital Surgeon."—

The Cause of my Charging for Bengal Sepoys according to the Coast Regulations originated from the Necessity, having clearly experienced that a Bengal sick or wounded Sepoy must in new as much expence as a Coast Sepoy, and upon many Occasions more— Because they are of particular Casts with whom Promiscuities or attendants can have no Communication, Consequently proper Original to their dispositions must be provided, inclusive of which many other Circumstances can be adduced in proof of the unavoidable trouble and expense attendant on them— I have the highest opinion of Mr Duffins Moderation and Integrity, yet with all Deference, the Precedent alluded to, does not appear to me to be in point, as I had originally declared that I could not undertake the Charge of the Bengal Sick Natives, under any other terms than those of the Coast Establishment— They were sent into me by Order of Earl Cornwallis, many of them Covered with Mercurial, Scorpetous and various kinds of Ulcers, Requiring expensive dressings and Medicinal Courses, which the Orders published in March 1790 do no more than provide for.

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A permanent allowance is granted on the Bengal Establishment to Head Surgeons for Sepoys whether Sick or well; it may therefore be more in their power to attend their Sick in time of War, without any additional Charge — But I humbly Conceive that a Surgeon on this establishment cannot be so well prepared to support occasional exigencies, nor can it be expected that he should be involved in temporary and expensive situations allotted, and prepared for the most troublesome Cases without receiving the provisional allowance, so pointedly established. —

I beg leave to add that I have preserved all my Sepoy Hospital Books, since the Month of October 1790, which are regularly arranged in the same order that Books are regulated in European Hospitals, and hope the Honorable Board will not look upon my Charges as Singular or unprecedented. —

I have the Honor to be, with great respect

Vellore
November the 1st
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W. W.
Signed T. Cahagan
Head Surgeon

Agreed that Mr. Cahagan be permitted to receive from the Paymaster at Vellore a Sum of Money not exceeding One Thousand Pagodas on account of his Disbursements for the Sick under his Charge of the European Corps on field Service, and that to the Extent of the Paymaster's advances, Mr. Cahagan's Bills be taken upon the Regimental Surgeons in Camp in favor of the Paymaster to the Army, and transmitted by Mr. Torriano to Mr. Hoar. —

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Head Surgeon at Vellore. —

Agreed to inform Mr. Cahagan that a particular Statement of his Charges on account of Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment, with Monthly Returns, specifying the Name of each Man, his Disease, the Days of his admissions and discharge

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discharge from the Hospital must be laid before the Board,
before any Determination can be had upon his two Monthly
Bills referred to in the Secretary's Letter to him of the 27th Ultimo.—

" Chas. Oakeley.

" Wm. Petrie

" J. Huddleston

Wyllie
Esq.

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Substance of a letter from Bonnaud.—

Received Letter from Bonnaud as entered on C: C: N° 253 / representing the great Security of Grain in his Pollam.—

4 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in C: B: N°s 1, 5, 6, 7.—

To the Commandant at Vellore. desiring him to send off to Amboor as soon as possible all the Gunpowder in Store at Vellore except two hundred Barrels.

To the Commandant at Vellore.—

To the Military Board informing them of the Order sent to the Commandant at Vellore — and desiring them to send from the Presidency 5000 Eighteen Pound Shot and a sufficient Quantity of Gun Powder to make up, with those ordered from Vellore 2000 Barrels.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions informing him that the Grain stocked on the Plains at Poonamalee must be replaced in the Barracks if he should deem such a Measure absolutely necessary, and desiring him to stop all Sales of Grain in the Zaghire until further Orders.—

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

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4th To the Secretary at Bengal informing him that Copies of the Letters to the Honorable Court of Directors & Leopard and Swallow were transmitted to Bengal by the Stanley Castle, and enclosing Copies of three Letters from the Political Department written since that Period.—

To the Secretary at Bengal

Received Letters from the Nabob and the Rajah of Venkatagherry as entered in P.C. Nos 254. 255.

* Substance of letters from the Nabob and Rajah of Venkatagherry.—

the former advising of a Body of the Enemy's Horse having plundered the Villages of Callispauk and Poloor,—the latter representing the great Scarcity of Grain throughout his District.—

5th Sent the following Letters.—

To Colonel Capper

Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

Sir,

To the Comptroller General of the Army Accounts, communicating the Board's Resolutions upon his Audit of Lieutenant Morris's Account.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 29th Ultimo and to inform you that the Board have come to the following Resolutions upon your Audit of the Accounts of Lieutenant & Andrew Morris, acting Commissary of Stores to

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Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment.—

Charges for a Waiter, &c
Coniccoplies and Oil for four &
Months—and for working and
Picket Money.—

As there are no authenticate
Vouchers for these Charges
and as they were never report-
to the Board the amount
may be refunded.—

Charges for a Laboratory
Serjeant Corporal, and Part
Serjeant for January and &
February 1791, and for a Tin-
man and Cooper in November
and December 1790.

These Charges, if they were
necessary, ought to have been
reported to the Governor in &
Council, and his Sanction
obtained for them—Lieutenant
Morris omitted that necessary
Part of his Duty: and the
Comptroller's audit is in a
consequence confirmed.—

Charge for four Acting
Sub Conductors Pay and Batta

This Charge is totally &
inadmissible—for the Commanding
Officer of Artillery can have
no Authority whatever to
make such appointments—
Lieutenant Morris's &
Argument in support of
the Charge tends directly to
invalidate it. He declares
"that there is no mention
made of Sub Conductors in
the New Regulations" &

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and add^{d}, that he will not say "they were all necessary, but that "being good men, he thought it "hard to deprive any of them of "their overall Allowance." No mention having been made of Sub Conductors in the Book of Regulations now in force, shews that they were no part of the Establishment and could not therefore be admitted without the express Authority of Government - nor is it any Justification to Lieutenant Morris that because they were "good Men" he should continue them in an appointment unauthorized by those Regulations, which had been prescribed for his Guidance - The Amount drawn on this account must therefore be refunded -

Charge for Lascars and Artificers in the Months of January and February on Indent. -

It was not the Province of the Acting Commissary of Stores with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment there at Trichinopoly to contract Lascars

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Lascars and Artificers on a Supposition that their Services might be required with the Grand Army in the Mysore Country - at the same Time those people were entertained, Lieutenant Morris could not possibly know on what Service the Detachment with which he was serving would be employed, as it was not till a considerable Time after that orders were given to Lieutenant Colonel Wood Oldham to March to Amboor and from thence to join the Army. - But whether the Destination were or were not known to Lieutenant Morris, the Objection to the Charge is still the Same; for it never will be admitted by the Board as a defensible Plea, that a Commissary of Stores, or indeed any other Officer, on the Possibility of what

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what May happen at a future
Period, can on his own Authority
make Provision for that period,
to whatever Extent his Judgement
may determine - The Board
entirely approve the reasoning
of the Comptroller for
the several objectionable Charges
made by Lieutenant Morris,
and resolve to confirm
the Audit.

In communicating the foregoing
Resolutions to Lieutenant Morris, the Board
desire you will convey to him their strongest
Disapprobation of his Conduct, in making
use of Language in his letters, highly unbecoming
and disrespectful to you - They think, however,
that Lieutenant Morris has taken advantage
of the Latitude which was given of corresponding
with your Assistants, to adopt a Freedom of
stile which he would not have ventured upon,
had he been addressing the Head of the Depart-
-ment, and they recommend in consequence that all
Letters from your Office be in future signed by yourself

Your

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You will be pleased also to inform
Lieutenant Morris, that the Board expect he will make
the necessary Refunds directed in this Letter,
without Loss of Time.—

I am, Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
(Signed) W: C: Jackson
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Fort St. George
4th November 1791.—

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

My Lord,

To the Governor General with Copy of a Letter from Captain Bowser, respecting the Issue of Major Cuppage's March to relieve Coimbatore.—

By a Letter from Major Cuppage dated the 21st Ultimo, we were informed of his Intention to march the next Day with the 5th and 16th Coast Battalions—the 12th Bombay, and two Travancore Battalions with three Brigades of Six Pounders, towards Coimbatore, in the hope of raising the Siege—We now do ourselves the Honor of enclosing a Letter just Received from Captain Bowser for your Information.—

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

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To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship that we have been advised by Mr. Powney of a dispute which had taken place between the Dutch and the Rajah of Cochin, and which has proceeded so far that he has judged it necessary to interpose his good offices, with a View to effect a Reconciliation.—

The imperfect Knowledge we have yet obtained of the Cause of this Misunderstanding, prevents us from giving any Opinion to your Lordship upon it— It appears from Mr. Powney's Statement that some Canarie Merchants who have settled in the Neighbourhood of Cochin, have been claimed by the Rajah as his Subjects, and by the Dutch as theirs— that a Quarrel had arisen between some of those Merchants and the Rajah's People, which had involved the Guards of both Parties, and that a Detachment of Europeans from the Fort with field Pieces had made an unsuccessful attack upon the Rajah's Palace.—

W.

To the Governor General &c. &c. &c. relating the Particulars of the late Dispute between the Dutch & the Rajah of Cochin.—

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Mr. Powney on receiving Intelligence of this Rapture proceeded immediately to Cochin and very properly required a Suspension of further Acts of Violence, until the Matter could be investigated — Both Parties acquiesced in this Suspension, and Mr. Powney adds, that he is hopeful an amicable Adjustment will take place upon the Arrival of the Governor Mr. Van Angelbeek, who was expected at Cochin in a few days:—

We have written to the Gentlemen at Cochin recommending that they pay due Regard to Mr. Powney's Advice & Avail themselves of his Influence with the Rajah to promote an Accommodation

We have the Honor to be,

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with great Respect & Esteem,
&c. &c.
Signed/ Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.—

From the Commandant at Angole — advising of his having ordered a Brass 2 ~~Guns~~, and Tumbrill to be got ready and sent to Guntoor at the Requisition of Major Bevan —

From the Commandant at Angole —

From

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From the Commandant at Tiagar stating

From the Commandant at Tiagar.—

the Amount expended by him in procuring & Intelligence from the Beginning of the year 1790 to the Month of November 1791.—

From D.° enclosing Letter from M.° & Pinderseley and the Persian Translator to the

From D.°—

Governor General in favor of Kistnamah Rauze and requesting to be furnished with Boards & Instructions respecting him.—

From the Garrison Storekeeper—enclosing

From the Garrison Storekeeper.—

Accounts Current of Sundry Articles received from Bengal p.r Ships Hercules, Mary, Ann & Eliza, and Victoria and the Protests delivered in by the Commanders.—

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

From the Collector in the Northern Division of Arcot Province—stating that he has never detained any Guns belonging the Rajah of Mudlewar; & that he never even heard that he had brought a Gun into the Carnatic Recommending that the Jaghiredar of Arnee be directed to take & immediate Measures for supplying the Bazar of Arnee with Provisions in the Manner hitherto practised

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From Colonel Floyd - enclosing Copy of Intelligence

From Colonel Floyd - received of the Movements of the Enemy's Horse in the Neighbourhood of Chittapet and Pollore. -

From the Commandant at Arnee stating that an Invalid Havildar and three Sepoys have come into Arnee wounded by the Looties. -

From the Commandant at Arnee. -

Received Letter from Meer Mahomed Mahdey Caun the Nizam's Vackeel / a entered in C.C. No. 256 /

Substance of a letter from the Nizam's Vackeel - enclosing a Letter from Sir John Kennaway on the Subject of his Return to Hydrabad and his being furnished with a Small Escort. -

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Hyderabad - Meer Mahdi Ali Khan to be permitted to Return to Hyderabad - a small Guard to be furnished him. -

Orders of recal having been sent by the Nizam to Mehdy Ali Khan his Vakeel at Madras I have to request on the part of his Highness that permission may be granted him by the Government of Fort St. George accordingly and further as he is to purchase some Articles for his Master that he may be furnished with a small Guard from Station to Station till he shall reach the Nizam's

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I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ John Hennaway

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary &c.

Sir

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From the Private Secretary to the Governor General with Letter for Mr. Powney. Instructions respecting the Letter for Lord Cornwallis that may be received from that Gentleman.—

Lord Cornwallis has directed me to enclose to you a Letter for Mr. Powney the Resident with the Rajah of Travancore, which you will be pleased to forward to him—

The Letter contains instructions to Mr Powney to transmit to you, under a Cover directed to Lord Cornwallis and marked Private, some Papers which have been prepared by him for his Lordships information & Lord Cornwallis desires that on their Arrival, they may be deposited unopened in your Office, until he shall send further directions for the disposal of them.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

/Signed/ Henry Haldane,
Private Secy to the Gov. Genl.

W.

Camp Between
Cafore & Bangalore
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To W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re

Military Secretary.

Sir,

You will be pleased to Inform the Honorable the President in Council, that the reasons

From the Commandant at Dindegul Cause of this writing to M.r Vaughan through acting Adjutant Aguiers Recommendation in favor of Corporal Fothergills drawing four Pagodas on account of his doing Duty with the Artillery

I ordered the Official Letter to be sent to M.r Vaughan at Madura, was, that objection has been made, in paying one European Camp Colar man, his Field allowance, and he being entitled to it, also objecting to the Payment of Travelling Batta, to two Private Europeans, being on their March to join their Corp here, and I believe they are regular Charges, as I have not received any Order to the contrary. I most heartily wish that the Honorable the President in Council would draw a line, or point out some Method for my guidance, in order to avoid such references.—

When Colonel Stuart marched from Dindigul the 30th of August 1790 I was left in charge of the Garison, without, the Artillery man, or a Gun Lascar, but, having Two Companys of European Infantry under my Command I immediately, had a number of them practised at the Gun Exercise

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Exercise, to be ready and well prepared, in case an Enemy
appeared, or to be employed, in cases of emergency. It was
extremly fortunate I had taken this precaution, for in
the Month of December, I had occasion to Detach
part of those Men, with a Field Piece to Cottum Pollum,
Ninety Miles, from Dindigul, in order to Dispossess
Kawder Khawn of a Mud Fort, he had taken possession
of, with about Seven Hundred men - every thing
turned out to my most Sanguine wishes, and, the
appearance of the Europeans, in that part of the
Valley, has left such an impression among st the
Poligars, that, from that time, every thing has gone on
quiet and peaceable. -

Mr. Macleod the Collector of Madura and
Dindigull, made a requisition to me for Troops, and
Men acquainted with the Gun Exercise, to assist in
the Revenue, at Mellore, a station when the Collerie
annualy there, I instantly complied with the
requisition, and by having the Europeans well
taught the Gun Exercise, and Lascars assisting,
Mr. Macleod immediately brought about a reconciliation
I could enumerate, many, many, more instances,
in my readiness to accomodate, as also great exertions
in various Cases and have only to regret, that trivial
Matters should appear before the Honorable the
President

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President in Council, to engage their attention, at so serious a juncture, however, I always have, and always will, Act, with that earnest Zeal, for the good of the Service as I have hitherto done.

Corporal Fothergill of the Artillery, the Soldier alluded to, concerning his receiving four Star Pagodas P. Month as Additional Pay was sent here agreeable to an Application by me, to Colonel Bridges about the time, Coimbatore, was first besieged, the Corporal was so strongly recommended to me, that I gave him the Command of the Men doing duty as Artillery Men, called Additionals - and they each receive a small or Extra Allowance of Pay which has always been customary. The Corporals conduct has been so very satisfactory to me, in the Command of the Additionals, and he doing the Duty of a Serjeant that I have Monthly, put my name to a Chit, for Four Star Pagodas as specified in your Letter, and I hope after this full explanation, the Corporal will be permitted to draw as usual the Four Star Pagodas Monthly, in addition to his Pay, as Corporal -

One of the Europeans, whose travelling Batta has

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has been objected to, was taken Prisoner, in Colonel Baillies defeat, at that time he belonged to the same European Granadier Company I did, (Captain Ferriers) suffered, that, long, long & miserable confinement in Seringapatam, are the same, as myself, was loaded with heavy Irons for upwards of three Years- my feeling you may will suppose were seriously affected, to find, the smallest obstacle, in his receiving a few fanams or Batta, and it shewed such a warmth of gratitude in the Soldier, to avail himself of the first opportunity in getting to the same Garrison, where I was, no person surely ever suffered more than I have done in the Honorable Company's Service, having received in Colonel Baillies defeat, eight desperate Wounds, no assistance, to Those wounds, dressed for three Days, and Indepnd. want of these things, I have on all occasion been employed, upon real Service- and it would give me great satisfaction could I but convince the Honorable the President in Council that my intentions are really accomodating, and by no means active in being litigious.-

I have the Honor to be
&c: &c:
(Signed) Thos. Bowser
Capt. Com.

Dindegull
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W. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Dindegull advising of an action having taken Place between Major Cuppage's Detachment and a large Body of the Enemy at Madegurry

The Party from Paligautchurry reached Madegurry the 23d in the Morning the Enemy appeared in full force - immediately afterwards - and instantly endeavored, to turn our Right Flank, and cut off the communication with Paligautchurry & which was not effected the engagement began about 3 P.M. - and discontinued, Five P.M. the Party retreated, and reached Paligautchurry the 26th. I shall be able to give you a more full account, tomorrow, as I write this, just on the Arrival of a Hircarrah. —

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ F. Bowser
Capt. Com. Dy.

Dindegull
October 29 - 1791
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6. Sent Letter to the Jaghirdars of Arnee /as entered in P. C. No. 257/ directing him to take immediate & Means for supplying the Bazar at Arnee with Provisions in the Manner hitherto practised. —

Substance of a Letter to the Jaghirdar of Arnee —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as & entered in M. B. No. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.

To the Military Board - communicating the Board's Resolution of admitting to the Credit of the Captors a Moity of the estimated Value of all the Serviceable Guns that have been taken from the Enemy as well as

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as the damaged Gunpowder taken at Coimbetoor - informing them of the unfavorable Report made by Lord Cornwallis of the Powder and Guns taken at Bangalore. —

To the Head Surgeons at Vellore informing

To the Head Surgeon at Vellore

him that one Thousand Pagodas will be advanced him by the Paymaster on Account of his Disbursements and that the Board cannot pass any Determination upon his Bills until they are furnished with a particular Statement of his Charges and with Monthly returns specifying the Name of each Man, his Disease and the Days of his Admission into and discharge from the Hospital. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore desiring him

To the Paymasters at Vellore. —

to advance Mr Gahagan any Sum to the Extent of one Thousand Pagodas, and to take Mr Gahagans & Bills for the Amount upon the Regimental & Surgeons in Camp in favor of the Paymaster to the Army - enclosing Estimates of the Expence & attending the Keeping the Prisoners at Vellore and directing him to make the Monthly Issues of Cash and Grain in conformity thereto; to & Lieutenant John Baillie Commissary of Prisoners of War. —

To Dr informing him that the Reverend

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Mr Leslie is to draw the Batta of Chaplain to the

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The 3d. Battalion of European Infantry —

To the Paymaster General desiring him to

To the Military Paymaster General —

lay before the Board a Return of Cotts paid for by the Company to the Barrack Masters from the Year 1786 to the present Period, specifying the Date of Payment, and the Division of the Carnatic for which the Cotts were furnished. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue informing

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them that a Letter will be written to the Governor of Pondicherry on the Subject of the Goods rescued by Mr. Courbon from the Juncum Chottie, and that it is the Boards wish that Mr. Hindersley should proceed to Arnee without Delay to investigate the Charges preferred against the Commandant by the Jaghirdar — enclosing Petitions received by Lord Cornwallis from Merchants in Camp and desiring them to give the necessary Orders for preventing Duties being levied on Goods passing through the Trichinopoly District for the Supply of the Army. —

To Major General Musgrave requesting him

To Major General Musgrave

to inform the Board whether any and what force can be spared from the Guntoor Circar for the Purpose of quelling the Disturbances in the Palnaud District —

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To D.o advising of the Enemy's Horse having entered the Carnatic and plundered the Villages of Collis paukum and Poloor - and desiring him to give such cautionary Instructions to Colonel Floyd as he may judge necessary. -

To Major General Musgrave

To the Secretary at Bengal - enclosing Accounts Current of Sundry Articles received from Bengal by Ships, Hercules, Mary, Ann & Eliza, & Victoria together with Protests delivered in by the Commanders.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Collectors at Tanjore - Madura Trichinopoly and Palamcotah - informing them of the Bills drawn upon them by the Military Paymaster General on account of Drafts made upon him by the Paymasters at the abovementioned Stations on Account of Temporary Allowance for the Years 1788. 1789. -

To the Collectors at Tanjore Madura Trichinopoly & Palamcotah. -

To the Chief and Council at Manulipatam and Vizagapatam - informing them of the Drafts made upon them by the Military Paymaster General on the abovementioned Account

To the Chief and Council at Manulipatam & Vizagapatam. -

To Ensign Farquahar - informing him that all the Appointments of Acting Ensigns made in India during the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell have been confirmed by the Honorable Court of Directors and that his Name was not inserted in order in consequence of his having quitted the Company's service for

To Ensign Farquahar of His Majesty's 75th Regiment. -

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To the Resident at Travancore — enclosing a Letter to his Address from the Governor General.

To the Resident at Travancore —

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Sent Letter to the Rajah of Mutlewar (as entered in C. C. No. 258) informing him that Mr. Hendersley has denied having detained any Guns belonging to him, and that if he will send a Person to point out where the Guns are they will immediately be given up

Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Mutlewar. —

Sent the following Letters.

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose for your Lordship's Information, Copy of a Letter just received from Major Cuppage. —

To Lord Cornwallis — with Copy of Major Cuppage's Account of the action. —

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

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7th November 1791. —

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

To Mr. Charles Darke

Sir,

The Committee appointed to enquire into the several Circumstances contained in your Letter to His Highness the Nabob under date the

To Mr. Charles Darke — desiring him to lose no time in laying before the Committee such Evidence or Proofs as he may have to produce in support of the Circumstances mentioned in his Letter to the Nabob under date 15. June 1789. —

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the 15 June 1789, having reported to the Board that they are unable to make any Progress in the Enquiry, as you have not yet come forward with any Evidence or Proofs in support thereof. I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire that you will, with all convenient Dispatch lay before the Committee such Informations as you have to produce that the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors may be carried in to full Effect.

I am &c &c

Fort St George
6th November 1791.

Signed/ W. C. Jackson
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To Colonel De Fresne.

Knight of the Royal & Military Order of St. Louis
Commandant of the French Settlements in India

&c &c &c

at

Pondichery

Sir,

*To the Governor of Pondichery respecting the proposed Censure of M. Courbon.

I do not without Concern find myself under the necessity of laying before you some Circumstances which have come to my Knowledge & relating to Monsieur Courbon a Merchant of Pondichery, whose conduct, I am well convinced will meet with your Disapprobation, when the matter shall have been fully explained to you.

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