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To

I appears that five Chests of Handkerchiefs belonging to Monsieur Courbon had been stopped at the Juncum Chokie by the Collector's Servants and that Mr. Courbon instead of representing the Circumstance to the Collector who was at hand, took the most unjustifiable method to redress himself - If he were really injured by the detention of his Property a Remedy less violent than that which he adopted would have been usual for his relief and I am persuaded, Sir, you will agree with me that the unwarrantable Manner in which the Goods were rescued from the Chokie cannot be defended upon any Principle of Equity or Justice - Mr. Courbon carried with him a Conductor, maltreated the People in Charge of the Chokie, and by Constraint carried off his Handkerchiefs, and has since refused upon repeated application to pay the Customary Duties upon them. - Had there been a Force at Hand capable of resisting this violence, and I am rejoiced there was not, Mr. Courbon would have had to Answer for the immediate consequences, and for endangering that Harmony which so happily Subsists between our respective Nations, and which it is my anxious desire

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upon all occasions to promote. — In the full conviction that you are impressed with Similar Sentiments, I assure myself you will require from Monsieur Courbon full reparation for his improper Conduct, and a complete Indemnification for the Loss sustained by his refusal to pay the established Duties —

I have the Honor to be,

with distinguished Consideration &c. &c. &c.

(Sign.) Charles Oakeley

Fort St. George
6th November 1791 —

Received the following Letters. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Secret and Military Department

Sir,

I before have effect your Honor to inform the Board of the departure of 7000 Bullocks, under an Escort from Dendigul on the 9th of this Month, for General Abercromby's Army; and that the remaining Bullocks had not arrived from Tanjore — It was not 'till the 13th that the Tanjore Cattle reached Dendigul thus they must have taken from 15 to 17 Days to March the distance of only 100 Miles. —

This unaccountable delay will not however be attended with the inconveniences

From the Collector at Tennevelly enclosing Copy of a letter from Captain Lieutenant Tevin respecting the Dentention of the Bullocks at Patiguelo, Mercy. —

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I at first apprehended, as the Resolution Major Cuppage has taken to detain the 7000 Cattle at Paligautchurry, to recover their Sickness and Fatigue and to order the others from Dindigul to join as fast as possible, will yet accomplish every Wish, and by the first Week in November, put General Abercrombie in possession of 10,000 Bullocks.—

Jenelow Copy of Captain Lieutenant H Lorin's Report, and the Result of a Committee of inspection ordered to Major Cuppage, I trust these Papers will prove so far satisfactory to Government as to shew sufficient Cause for the detention, as well as the reason, that the Bullocks have arrived in such a Condition.—

This is less to be regretted when it is considered that the Circumstance, affords Major Cuppage an opportunity to move to the relief of Coimbetore and to keep the Enemy engaged, during the March of the Remaining Cattle from Dindigul.—

As these Bullocks must be now, on their way to Paligautchurry and were amply provided with every thing necessary for the Service and when altogether will amount to near 11,000— I venture to

report

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report to the Honorable the President in Council &
that the Orders of Government of the 17th and 27th of
August, have been fully executed in as much
as they depended upon me.-

I have the Honor to be,
&c: &c:
/signed/ Benjn Torin

Tenevelly
28th Octr 1791.-

To Benjamin Torin Esqre
Collector.-
Tinnevelly.-

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you the
proceedings of the Committee held this day on the
Bullocks under my Charge, by Order of Major
Cuppage.-

I am sorry the severe Marches, and
constant hard Rains they have met with from
Dindigul, should have so much Reduced the Cattle
that it is absolutely necessary for them to remain
here to Recover, however it will give the Tanjour
Cattle I hope time to join before We proceed to
Tellicherry - As the Major has absolutely determined
they should follow Our Route thro the Anamally Woods
from Pitney which he thinks they can do with safety
without

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without an Escort, and which in the present Situation of Affairs it is impossible for him to send to them, and to this effect the Head Maistry has been Written to—you will see by the enclosed Return that 502 Bullocks have been lost, on the Road— Also by Major Cuppages Order and Receipt, that 20 have been delivered for the immediate Service on foot for the Guns belonging to the 5th Battalion Commanded by Captain Hope.—

I shall acquaint General Abercromby of your halt here and have the Honor to be, &c.a &c.a

Paligautcherry
October 21st 1791.—

/Signed/ John Torin
In charge of the Carnatic Cattle

A true Copy
/signed/ B: Torin/
Collector.—

To. Major Cuppage
Commanding

Sir,

Paligautcherry

In Consequence of your Orders of Yesterday we proceeded immediately to inspect into the State of the Bullocks for the Use of the Army under General Abercromby and find them in a very sickly and Weak State, in a Consequence of 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 you, 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 Tellicherry Arrive in an Unserviceable State - From the Constant and hard Rains, which they experienced during almost the whole of their March, the greatest part have Contracted a disorder in their Hoofs and feet, and have no Inclination to Graze.-

We therefore beg leave to offer it as Our Opinions, that it would be highly detrimental to the Service for any of them to proceed further until they have had some days Rest, and are in a more able State.-

We have the Honor to be,
&c: &c: &c:
/Signed/ Ven.° Corbett
. Henry Oakes
. John Torin

Paligautcherry
October 21st 1791

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ B. Torin
Collector

William

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To

W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re

Military Secretary,

Sir,

I have received account by a Hircarah that the Escort with the Cattle, has reached the Anna Mally woods - so that no Danger need be now apprehended on that head Major Cuppage has no doubt informed the Board, of the late business at Madelgurry near Coimbetore, the Enemys loss, is Thirty Killed, and about Fifty wounded, but I believe no person of Rank - Khire ally Khan, a Son of the late Meer Saibs Commands at Coimbetore - and that Siad Saib with with Tws, or Four heavy Guns, and a Body of Horse, is expected to descend the Ghauts, very soon, to be employd in our Southern Countries -

From the Commandant at Dindigul Supposed Escort with Cattle reached Anna Mally woods - so that no Danger need be now apprehended on that head Major Cuppage has no doubt informed the Board of the late business at Madelgurry near Coimbetore, the Enemys loss is Thirty Killed, and about Fifty wounded, but I believe no person of Rank - Khire ally Khan, a Son of the late Meer Saibs Commands at Coimbetore - and that Siad Saib with with Tws, or Four heavy Guns, and a Body of Horse, is expected to descend the Ghauts, very soon, to be employd in our Southern Countries - Major Cuppage in the Action or near Madelgurry. -

Dindigull
October 31st 1791. -

Sam.l H.r H.r

/Signed/ J. Bowser
Capt.n Com.t -

To

W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re

Military Secretary.

Sir,

You will be pleased to Inform the Board - that the Cattle would arrive at Paligautchurry the 30th Ultimo - as also Five hundred Drivers, furnished by the Rajah of Tavanore - One Hundred and Fifty more Drivers, leave this tomorrow for Paligautchurry

From the Commandant at Dindigul reported arrival of Cattle and Drivers at Paligautchurry on the 30th Ultimo -

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Paligautcherry — I kept the March of the last supply of Cattle so very secret, that the Enemy had not the smallest Information upon that head otherwise, the whole must have been taken the Party Sent from hence to escort them, to within a few Miles of Paligautcherry it has given me not only great Satisfaction but eased me from many fears their safe Arrival —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ J. Bowser
Capt. Comg.

Dindigull
November 9th 1791

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From the Commandant at Carroor advising of the Action between Major Cuppage's Detachment and the Enemy at Madeguerry —

I have just received intelligence that Major Cuppage has had an Action with the Enemy on Madeguerry Plain about seven Miles from Coimbatore, which lasted from three o'Clock in the Afternoon until five in the Evening when a retreat was resolved upon and carried into execution. —

By what I can learn from several of the Enemies People, who were in the Action and taken Prisoners by my Sepoys, That our Loss, as well as the Enemies, is very trifling They all agree

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That not a shot as yet has been fired against Coimbatore although batteries have been erected for some time — They likewise agree with respect To the Enemies force which is nearly the same, as our former intelligence being 6 Cafoons, 500 Horse, and 7 Guns, should I receive any more Information Concerning the Enemies movements &c. I shall do myself the honor of writing you on the Subject. —

I have the Honor to Remain with high Respect

&c: &c: &c:

/Signed/ P. C. DeSse
Lieutenant Commanding

Carrore
1st October 1791. —

8th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nos 28: 29: —

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — communicating the Boards Resolution of calling upon Mr. Colt to refund the Amount of the Charge made in his Accounts for Premium

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts. —

To the Military Board — desiring them to keep the two Brass Howetzers which arrived from England with the Royal Artillery /with their Proportion of Stores, in Readiness to move at without Delay when Cattle arrive to convey them to Camp. —

To the Military Board.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nos 30: 31. —

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From Colonel Floyd - advising of the Enemys Horse having moved towards Daisoor. —

To Colonel Floyd. —

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General advising of Lieutenant Riddells having been ordered with his Company to March to Venicatagherry to compose part of that Garison. —

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General. —

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 8. November 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service. —

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved. —

The Acting President proposes that the Letter from Major General Medows dated the 23d and entered in Consultation the 28th Ultimo respecting the Appointment of a Successor to Colonel Kapper's Office be read. —

The Acting President communicates to the Board the Recommendation of Major General Medows in favor of Lieutenant Colonel Maddens being appointed to succeed to the Office held by Colonel Kapper. —

Read Accordingly. —

The Acting President informs the Board that he has just received a private Letter from Major General

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General Medows, stating that he /the General/ had received an Application from Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm expressing his wish to be appointed to succeed Colonel Capper as soon as the Seige of Seringapatam is over - and adding, that as he considered Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm peculiarly well qualified to fill the Offices, he recommended him to the Board accordingly -

Resolved in consequence of the Information laid before the Board by the Acting President, that Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm be appointed to succeed to the Offices held by Colonel Capper, whenever they may be declared vacant by his Resignation and that Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm be directed to obtained the Permission of the Commander in Chief to quit the Army, so soon as his Service Can be dispensed with in the Field -

Minute of the Board thereon

Read the following Letters from Major General Medows -

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

From Major General Medows opinion on Captain Young's Court Martial and their Removal of that Officer to a Southern Station —

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I had the honor of yours of the twenth yesterday - and have always thought a General Court Martial

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Martial should ever be as much avoided as possible: and particularly when the disputes are between the Civil and the Military: and that Government should ever take strong and determined measures against any individual that presumes to set it at defiance, which appears to me very much the case with Captain Towns. I should therefore recommend in the strongest manner that Captain Towns should be suspended till the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors is known,— the very first time his conduct gives such an opportunity:— and in the mean time approve very much of his being immediately removed from the scene of his improprieties.—

Camp near Bangalore the 28th. of October 1791.—

And have the honor to be,
Sir, and Gentlemen,
with the highest respect, esteem & truth.—
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Medows.
Governor &c. &c.

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 — under Mr. Jones to the Presidency transmits to Mr. Burke the Security Bond to be executed by him.—

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I had the honor of your's of the twenty fifth Yesterday,— and have given directions about

Mr.

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Mr. Jones being sent to the Presidency, - and sent the security to be executed by Mr. Burke, who will submit to you his difficulties, as well as his inclination to comply with it immediately. -

Camp near Bangalore
the 1st of November 1791

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen
with the highest respect, esteem,
and truth &c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ Wm. Medows
Govr. &c. &c.

Minute on the former Letter from Major General Musgrave. -

Agreed that Major General Musgrave be desired to station Captain Towns of the Invalids at Cuddalore, and to order him to proceed thither without delay. -

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General in Camp. -

To W.C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary Military Department.

From the Deputy Adjutant General the two Brass Howitzers arrived from England with the Royal artillery lately in Camp. -

Sir,

Be pleased to report to the Honorable Board that Lord Cornwallis has directed Mr. Cockburne to prepare means without loss of time, for bringing to the Army the two 8 Inch Brass Howitzers at the Presidency, which arrived from England along with the Royal Artillery. -

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Mr. Cockburn will have the Honor of communicating with Government on the Subject and His Lordship will be happy if the Howitzers and their proportion of Stores are kept in readiness to move without delay, when the Cattle arrive from them.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) P. Agnew
Depy. Adjt. General

Head Quarters Camp 11 Miles from Bangalore near the Moore Road 31st October 1791

Minute thereon.—

Orders have been given to the Military Board for sending the Brass Howitzers to Camp.—

Read the following Letters and Enclosures from Major Cuppage.—

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

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

I had the honor to inform you on the 21st that I purposed Marching next day with the hopes of raising the Siege of Coimbatore.—

On the 23d I arrived at Madagherry and encamped on the high ground about half a mile on

From Major Cuppage communicating the particulars of the Action with the Enemy on the 23 October—

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on this side of the Village. At two o'Clock in the af-
afternoon a line of Infantry appeared in my
front and a large body of Irregulars on my left
under the Hills. As I was always of Opinion that
if the Enemy disputed the ground between this
Village and Coimbatore it would be out of my power
to give Lieutenant Chalmers any Relief I ordered
the Tents to be struck and the baggage to return
to Villiar Choultry, particularly as the Enemy
were marching round my right flank with
a seeming intention to get between me and
Palghaucherry while their Main body was in
front I ordered the Line to retreat, by the time
Captain Oakes Battalion which was on the
right had gained the left of the Encampment
they were severely attacked by the Infantry, at the
same time a body of Horse about 300 Charged
the advanced Picket under Lieutenant Mason
of the Bombay establishment as they were
returning to the Line and met with a severe
repulse many of them falling close to the ranks
they afterwards charged the Line and were again
repulsed

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repulsed; this small body of Horse must ha
been of Tippoos best Cavalry, as they shew
more bravery than I had ever seen on any other
occasion; their loss must have been considerabl
as they never came near me the rem
the day. —

By this time their regular Infantry
came up and were several times beat back by
the 12th Bombay and 16th Coast Battalions.
The Country being very close on our right,
gave cover to their irregulars who kept up
a very heavy fire on the Line and behaved
much better than their regular Infantry

We continu
reach the Choultry till three o'clock next
Morning owing to the severest rain I ever
experienced. I halted the next day to take
care of the wounded and returned to this
Garrison yesterday evening; and have the Ho
to enclose you a return of the Killed and wou
The Enemy's loss must have been great, particu
in their Cavalry —

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As the Enemy seemed determined to dispute every inch of ground to Coimbetore and not having more than 1,000 Firelocks that I could depend on I could not afford to lose many out of this small number in forcing my way, and afterwards leaving this place exposed, I thought it best to retreat not only for the safety of this Garison but to forward the important charge of the Bullocks to General Abercrombys Army.—

By the best accounts I can get of the Enemy's force it consists of 2. 12. 6. 6. Pounders four Howitzers 300 Horse and 10,000 Infantry; 6,000 of which are regulars. Their Horse must have been inforced as there was not less than 700 against me.—

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Bullocks are very much recovered and shall forward at least 2,000 of them tomorrow in good Order to Tellicherry; in a few days I shall be able to forward as many more and as I have advice that the remaining 4000 is on their way

from

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from Dendigull I hope in 6 or 8 days to send the whole that will be of any use under the charge of Captain Oates.

The gallant and steady behaviour of the 12th Bombay 5th and 16th Coast Battalions of N. I. does them the highest honor in repulsing a considerable force of the Enemy in a close Country where our Guns would be of no use.-

I have the Honor to be with great respect
&c: &c: &c:

Palghautcherry
26th October 1791.-

/Signed/ J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Return of Killed and Wounded of the Troops under the Orders of Major Cuppage, In the Action at Paligautcherry on the 23d. Instant - Paligautcherry 26th. October 1791.-

	Killed			Wounded			
	Europn	Total Killed	Seapoys	Artillery	Hanoverian	Marines	Europn	Total Wounded
12th Bombay Battalion N. I.	1	1	1	3	3	24		34
5th Coast Battalion N. I.	2	2	1	1	"	12		12
16th Coast Battalion N. I.	1	1	"	3	"	14		17
Grand Total	4	4	2	7	3	48		60

N.B: Several of the European Officers slightly wounded but not disabled

/Signed/ J. Bannerman
Major of Brigade.

Ordered

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Minute thereon — Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letter and Enclosure be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis and to the Supreme Council. —

Read the following Letter from Captn. Bannerman with Enclosures entered in M.B. No. 32

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Governor &c.

Sir

From Captain Bannerman enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell from his Arrival at Pursoe in the Month of May 1788. Remarks thereon. —

I have been prevented complying with your orders contained in M. Secretary Jackson's letter under date 22d Ultimo till now, my & unavoidable Military avocations having occasioned my Absence from this place — In addition to the correspondence which I have now the honor to transmit to you, permit me to say a few words in support of my conduct, & reprehended by Sir Archibald Campbell, in his Letter to the Court of Directors dated the 18th Sept. 1790 and more particularly with respect to the purchase of Jacottah by the Rajah of Travancore. —

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In the very first letter I addressed to Sir Archibald Campbell after my Arrival at Pariore, I distinctly pointed out to him, the very critical Situation, in which the Rajah was placed, by the Dutch having a Cantonment on Jaffnapatam, and that, should Tippoo Sultaun attack this part of the lines, the Rajah, to prevent his penetrating into the heart of his Country, would be under the necessity of defending lines constructed on the territory of the King of Cochin, a tributary of the Sultauns; and in my letter of the 20. July 1788 I informed Sir Archibald Campbell, that I had urged the Minister to make a purchase of Jaffnapatam from the Dutch, as besides other advantages that would arise to the Rajah from being in possession of that place, it appeared to me the most elegible station for an English Cantonment, should the Rajah acquiesce in the Measure at that time in agitation, and because the purchase could not be concluded without Orders from Batavia, I told Sir Archibald Campbell that probably by an application

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Application from Madras Government to the Governor of Cochin the Right might be directly put in ## possession. Sir Archibald Campbell in his Letter of the 12th August following, declines making ## application himself, and disagrees with me in opinion as to the eligibility of the Station for a Cantonment, but does not even hint the smallest disapprobation at my having urged the Purchase on the Contrary the Honorable Board, of which Sir Archibald Campbell was then President, in their letter to me of the 1st of February 1789, tell me, that they were not only perfectly Satisfied with my conduct, but that they had also represented it to the Court of Directors and recommended me to them in very flattering terms. -

Surely had either the Honorable Board or Sir Archibald Campbell at that time considered my conduct on so important a point, in the ## reprehensible light in which Sir Archibald Campbell in his Letter to the Court of Directors has placed it, they would not have omitted marking their ## disapprobation of a Measure of so much consequence,

but

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but even Sir Archibald Campbell himself has never
adduced the danger of bringing on a war by the
Purchase of these places, as a reason for his
having disagreed in opinion with me as to
its eligibility for a Cantonment_ However
ready to Submit to the decision of my Superiors
I never could alter my opinion with regard
to Dindigul as a Cantonment for the English
Troops; and I can safely affirm that it has been
justified not only by the judgement of most
Military Men who have visited that part of
the Country, but also by the event; for no
Sooner had the Sultauns Troops carried the
Travancore lines, than the two Battalions
were obliged to leave Palnie and take post
on Dindigul, and Lieutenant Colonel Hartley
with one Regiment of Europeans and four
Battalions of Sepoys from the Strength of
this Situation, thought himself secure against
the efforts of Tippoo whole Army_ I shall
drop this Subject with observing, that as late
as July 1789 at which time I had several

conversation

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conversations with Mr John Holland regarding
the purchase of these places, he never expressed the
Smallest disapprobation of the measure to me,
and had either he, or Madras Government even
at that time signified their displeasure to Mr.
Powney or the Rajah would most certainly have
put a stop to the negotiation.—

As the rights of the Dutch to dispose of these
places has been called in question, I think it my
Duty to state, that I know from the best authority
that they held both Jacottah and Cauuganore
by conquest from the Portuguese since the year
1662, and not as Tributaries to any Prince w
whatever, that they has formerly disposed of
Several other places, which they held by the w
same right, and that their title had never been
disputed, and Tippoo Sultaun himself by offering
the Dutch Double the Sum, paid by the Rajah,
has acknowledged their right to dispose of them.—

That I was sometimes forced, by the exigency
of circumstances, to go beyond the limits of my w
authority my conduct with respect to Tippoos
Embassy in 1788 will clearly evince; and had I been
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less decided on that occasion an immediate war would in all probability have been the consequence of the Rajahs refusal to receive the Sultaunes Ambassadors but a perusal of the Correspondence will shew in how delicate a situation I was placed on several Occasions of importance with what a sparing hand instructions were granted, and how often were entirely with held after repeated Solicitations & trusting to the Candour of the Present Government to exonerate me from Censure.—

Polighautcherry
28th October 1791.—

I remain &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Bannerman

Minute thereon—

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter with its Enclosures be sent a Number in the next Packet to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

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

To the Honorable Major General Medows
Governor in Council of
Honble Sir, Fort St. George

From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommending that the Nabobs Troopers at present entertained by Bomrauze be immediately disarmed.—

We cannot too pointedly call your attention to the enclosed translation of a letter

from

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from his Highness the Nabob to Bomrauze which has been transmitted to us by Mr. Kindersley: this interference is not only highly irregular, but may involve consequences of a serious nature, for the Nabob's Sepoys at Bomrauze pollam have since the receipt of the letter declared their determination not to part with their Arms to any Order but that of this Highness - The Collector has also informed us that the Nabob's Agent Mahomed Reza Cawn, who carried this letter, was charged with a further Commission to require payment of above one lack of Pagodas of Arrears pretended said to be due by Bomrauze. This matter needs no Comment from us; and we only take the liberty of recommending that Captain Massey be directed to disarm the Troopers without any Procrastination.—

We have the honor to be,

&c: &c: &c:

/Signed/ " Wm Petrie

" David Haliburton

" Wm Balfour.—

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8th November 1791.—

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from the Nabob to Bomraugee

Dated 4th of Suffer 1196 of Higyra 3d. October 1791.-

I sometime since sent you some of my Servants with Peons to be entertained in your Service untill the Country became settled, because they could not for the present be Kept by the Circar in good Order - for otherwise these troops, having no Subsistance would dispierse of themselves and go to the Enemy - You Accordingly did entertain them agreeably to my Request, but I understand that of late you have since, by the persuasion of some People, told them you would not Keep them any longer - I Now therefore write this to desire you will entertain them in your Service as formerly, untill with the Blessing of God my friend Lord Cornwallis renders me Justice and when the Country is Restored to me, I will take Occasion to Shew you my favor

What shall I say more?

A True Copy
(Signed) J Webbe Secy

A True Translation
(Signed) David Haliburton

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Minutes upon the Enquiry Letter from the Board of Ap[pea]l Revenue.—

The Board do not wish to proceed to any Act of Violence against the Nabob's Troopers stationed in & Bomrauze's Pollam, while they conduct themselves with order and regularity especially as his Highness in a late letter to the Acting President has expressed so strong a desire that they may be permitted to remain with & Bomrauze.— If indeed there were any serious Mischief to be apprehended from allowing them to retain their Fire Arms, it would undoubtedly be highly proper to disarm them by compulsion — but as that does not appear to be the case, and as the Board are very desirous to avoid giving umbrage to the Nabob, it is resolved to suspend the Execution of the Recommend-ation contained in the Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.—

Read the following Letters from the &

Reverend Mr. Swartz.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz communicating the Sentiments expressed by the Rajah on the subject of bringing the Mann appointed for Mundeto & to Trial before the Court of Justice established at Tanjore —

I have had the honor to receive your honor's letter of the 26th. of October and have waited accordingly on his Excellency to Request a Copy of that Agreement & made by the Cervar and Pullakoars concerning the monthly

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Monthly Allowance for managers Conicoplies &c.
His Excellency Ordered that a Copy of that Agreement should be sent to me which I expect to receive to day.-

As to the Murder committed a Braminy and some Accomplices, your Honor wishes to have my Opinion on the Subject of bringing the Offender to Trial before the Court of Justice established at Tanjore

This Court of Justice at Tanjore was established by Messrs. Ram and Fallofield When they acted jointly to decide points of Propriety - But though they acted as Judges in civil Matters, I don't Know whether they are authorized by Government to decide a Matter concerning life and death - To deliver the Murderer to the Rajahs Court would be almost nugatory.-

But give me leave to mention His Excellency & He asked me, when I waited on him yesterday, & requesting a Copy of the Agreement made with the Puttakdars, saying: His Government & determined something concerning the Murderer, I replied, that to my knowledge nothing had yet been

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been determined. Well, said His Excellency, if the Government will deliver the murderer to me, I will have him hanged. I said, that I was afraid His Excellency would hesitate to have a Brahmin hanged not at all, replied his Excellency, he is no longer a Brahmin but a Wicked Parrear you shall be Witness that he shall be tried Acording to the Laws of the Hindoos and punished. He shall not escape with his Life.-

As this Offer was made freely by His Excellency I thought it proper to acquaint your Honor with it-

I have the honor to be respectfully.-

Hr. Hr.

(signed) C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
November 1791

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

President in Council &c.

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

I have had the honor to receive your honors letter, dated October 25.-

From the Revd. Mr. Swartz advising of the Rajah's having request to dismiss the 50 Europeans lately entertained in his Service

To fulfill your Honor's desire I waited on His Excellency and Communicated to him the contents of your Honor's letter.-

His

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His Excellency replied that he did not intend to shew any disrespect to the mother of the late Rajah that he esteemed her as his mother, but that the Troopers were placed on the Terrace of his house for his self preservation and that only in the Night Time.—

I said, that His Excellency had no reason to be afraid of an old Lady, who could hardly walk a few Paces, to which Sheivarow replied with some Warmth; Sir You don't know the disposition of [illegible]

But, said I, is it not a glaring affront to the Ladies to have a Guard of Troopers so near their habitation so as to be overlooked by them.—

His Excellency replied, that those Troopers could not overlook the habitations of the Ladies, otherwise he would not have placed them there well Knowing that every one of his Cast would Condemn him if the Ladies could be overlooked.

There is a Wall between the Ladies houses and the Station of the Troopers which makes it impossible to overlook them. I begg'd leave to see that Wall, but being in a low Place I could not judge whether the Troopers could overlook the Ladies' habitations or not.—

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As to the 50 Troopers which lately have been taken into His Excellency's Service, it was said, & that they should not be employed to make the Ladies uneasy, that his Excellency had a right to take & them into his Service and that he had a right to employ them as he thought proper, as Government employed the Honorable Company's Seapoys near Serfogee. However Government might be sure that they should not molest those Ladies. This was the Substance of the Conversation with his Excellency

I have the Honor to be respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. Swartz

Tanjore
November 2d 1791.

Agreed that the Reverend Mr Swartz be desired to procure and transmit to the Board an Account of the Number of Armed Men stationed by the Rajah of Tanjore.

The earnest Manner in which the Rajah appears to have expressed himself & respecting the Murderer, induces the Board to recommend to Mr Swartz that he be delivered up to his Excellency, and brought to Trial according to the Hindoo Laws. If he be found guilty, & and

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Revd Mr Swartz.

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and should he escape the Punishment due to his Crime, the Board will not be so readily disposed to expect Justice from the Rajah upon any similar occasion infuture. On the other hand, it is their particular wish that the proceedings should be conducted with the utmost impartiality, and for this purpose it is agreed to desire Mr. Swartz to have an Eye to the Trial.-

Read the following Letter from Mr. George Wynch, Collector at Carroor:-

William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary

Sir,

From the Collector at Carroor respecting the Authority upon which he undertook the Collection of the Revenues of the Namul District.-

I was with infinite Concern that I received the very severe Censure of the Honorable Board contained in your letter of the 25th Ultimo. Under the Painful impression I now labour under I trust every Allowance will be made and that the Honorable Board will be pleased to consider an Error in a different View from an intention to act avowedly wrong in a trust reposed in me.-

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The Honorable Board are pleased to Call upon me for the Instructions under which I acted - I represented to the Revenue Board in my Letter of the 21st September last - that I had received earnest Solicitations from the Inhabitants of Permetty and Chandamungalum in the Namkill District as I acted for the Company, to take those Countries under my immediate protection and I had every Reason to think when I wrote that Letter, it would be attended with no difficulty whatever, the Revenue Board in their letter of 30th September say I may take Possession According to the best of my Abilities if not attended with too Serious a Risk I proceeded in consequence to the Fort of Permetty without any Trouble whatever and the Poligars who were with me are possessed of that Country I had no Reason to apprehend any Difficulty at Chandamungalum from the Communication I held and it was under this Impression that I wished Mr. Dyce when he Arrived to Summon the place and which I entertained no doubt of at the time would have been given up. -

I beg

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I beg leave further to State that when Mr. Dejoe was with me there were between 3 and 4000 armed Poligars acknowledging the Company's Government and ready to have taken possession of the Country on the Fort being Delivered up.—

The Honorable Board will I hope in Some degree relieve me from the Idea of carrying Hostilities into the Enemy's Country the People of those Districts tho' without Sufficient Protection have for a long time Considered themselves under the Company's Government and added to their own earnest Solicitations I received from one of the Seirdars what he Called a Grant for holding it from the Company dated in August 1790 under which Sanction he acted and Some Money he said was paid on Account of That Grant, I have the Honor to enclose a Copy. I Considered it as a Duty that the people of the Country should Act rather under the proper Authority of Government than as Banditti plundering each other.—

Give me leave Sir, to assure you that the Orders of Government shall ever be Strictly the invariable Rule

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Rule of my Conduct and that I hope their Severe or displeasure which I have so just a Sense of will be attributed to an Error in Judgement, and that my Proceedings will on every Occasion hereafter meet with their Approbation. —

I am, &c. &c.

/Signed/ George Wynch

Trichinopoly
4th November 1791

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter with the Paper referred to therein, be sent to the Board of Revenue, and that they be desired to send up such instructions as they may have & given to Mr. Wynch, regarding the Nawcad Distract.

Minute thereon. —

Read the following Letter from the Tanjore Creditors. —

To the Honorable. Major General William. Medows. —

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George.

From the Tanjore Creditors requesting their Request that a Dividend may be made to them upon the same Terms as have been granted to the private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob. —

Honble Sir,

We took the liberty to address you under date the 8th of January last [illegible] the Subject of the Claims of the Private Cred[illegible] of the Rajah of Tanjore

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Tanjore but to which Letter we have not been honored with an Answer, owing no doubt to the Multiplicity of important Public Business which at that time engaged the Attention of Government.

However unwilling we are to intrude on your Honor in matters of Private Concern, the Duty we owe to absent Constituents will, we trust, & plead our Excuse in again bringing the Subject forward to your Notice and in indulging a reasonable Hope that you will be pleased to extend to the Creditors of the Rajah the same Benefit which the Nabob's Creditors experienced on a similar Application to be paid their Proportion of the Monies received into the Treasury from His Highness prior to the prohibitory Order from the Supreme Government in Bengal.—

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

(Signed)
" Porcher Redhead & Co. Attorneys to Messrs. Stracey, Sibbald & Stowe.—
" Jos: du Pre Porcher Atty to John Balfour Esqr.
" Chase Parry & Co.
" J Fulloh Attorney to A Brodie & T Borrows & J. Whyte
" Balfour Spalding & Colt for the Administrators to the Estate of D. A. Bayne.—

On

Agreed

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Agreed to inform the Gentlemen Subscribing
Minute thereon — the above Letter, that their Address of the 8th January
last is under reference to Earl Cornwallis.—

Read the following Letter from Major
General Musgrave.—

To The Honble The Governor in Council

Honble Sir

I have been this day honored with
your Secretary's letter of the 5th Instant — enclosing the
From Major General Musgrave stating his opinion as to the Force that could be spared from the Guntoor Circar for the purpose of quelling the Disturbances in the Palnaud Country.— Copy of a Letter Received from the Collector at Ongole &c. and directing me to inform the Board, if any, and what, force can be spared at present from the Guntoor Circar for the purpose of Quelling the disturbances in the Palnaud Country.—

In a Letter lately Received from
Captain Dunwoody, I am informed by that
Officer that Major Birr has made a requisition
to him for a light Field Piece and Tumbril for the
Service of the Guntoor Circar, — if the Situation
of Affairs in that Quarter requires such Assistance
it is very improbable that any part of the Force stationed
there

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there at present which consists of only one Battalion of Sepoys and two Companies of the Second European Regiment, could with prudence, be spared — this however I suggest, entirely on the Supposition that Major Berri's Application has been founded on the exigency of the Service, without being informed of the particular Causes which induced the Major to Solicit an extraordinary Aid. —

Madras
November 7— 1791

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

Minute thereon. —

Agreed that the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar be directed to state the particular causes which induced him to Solicit an extraordinary Aid from Captain Dunwoody and to explain why he did not Communicate the Circumstance to Government, especially if the Application were founded on the exigency of the Service. —

Do

As the Disturbances in the Palnaud District still Continue, it is Agreed to direct Major Dunn to report if any and what force can be spared at present from the Guntoor Circar for the

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the purpose of restoring Tranquility to that District

Read the following Letter from the

Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board
Instructions enquired in regard to the Execution of Repairs &c wanted to the Large House and Granary at Trichinopoly recommending that Iron Window Frames with Iron Bars be made for the Lower Windows of the Eastern Face of the Kings Barracks.—

On the 6th August 1790 We had occasion to represent to you the Ruinous State of the Large House in Trichinopoly, the property of His Highness the Nabob, and as the Committee of Works at that Garrison have again expressed to us their Apprehensions for its Safety—if it suffered to continue longer without Repair, We beg leave to Submit to you an Extract, from their Proceedings upon this Subject, and likewise respecting the present useless State of the large Stone Vaulted Granary and to Request your Commands in Consequence.—The Estimate Referred to, by the Committee we also Enclose for your Information.—

Major

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Major Maule has informed us that in consequence of the Representation of Lieutenant Colonel Collins and the Barrack Master, he has Examined the lower Windows on the Eastern face of the King's Barracks and finds that it is impossible to replace the Iron Bars which are rendered totally useless without new Frames, We beg leave therefore to Submit an Estimate of the Expence of making them, with Iron Bars - amounting to Pagodas 350. 17. 35. and as they are essential to the Security of the Barracks to recommend that they may be immediately made. -

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
31. October 1791. -

Your most Obedient,
Humble Servants. -

/Signed/ Tho.s Musgrave
H. Capster
Geo. Maule
George Hall. -

Agreed

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.—

. Agreed to inform the Military Board that the Committee of Works at Trichinopoly must be instructed to advertize for Proposals of Contract for the Execution of the Repairs wanting to the large House and Granary at that place—and that such proposals as may be received in consequence to be laid before the Government for their decision.—

Do.—

. Agreed to acquiesce in Major Mault's Estimate of the Expence of making new Frames with Iron Bars for the lower Windows on the Eastern face of the King's Barracks amounting to the Sum of 350.. 17.. 35. which is not to be exceeded.—

Reference to be made to the Honorable Court of Directors respecting the Rank of Ensign G. A. Kelly.—

The Secretary begs leave to inform the Board that Ensign George Abraham Kelly has frequently made application at the Office for information respecting the Rank which the Honorable Court of Directors had fixed for him, and that upon referring in consequence to the Court's Orders it appeared that Ensign Kelly was

Vide General Letter 16th. February 1791 Para 6:—

appointed a Cadet on this Establishment in the Room of Robert Kelly, but without any Specification in Regard to Rank, or any mention of him in the Lists of Cadets lately received of the Seasons 1788–1789–1790.—

Agreed

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Agreed that this Circumstance be mentioned to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that they be requested to fix the rank for Ensign Kelly.—

" Chas. Oakeley

" Wm. Petrie

" Huddleston

Agilvie
E.C.

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered

in M: B: Nos 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.

To the Secretary at Bengal with Copy of a Letter &

To the Secretary at Bengal — from Major Cuppage advising on an Action &

with the Enemy near Madeguery on the 23 Ultimo.

To the Military Board desiring them to give

To the Military Board — orders for as many Store Lascars to proceed to Camp as

can be furnished without Material Inconvenience

from the Presidency and other Places in the Carnatic.

To Do. desiring them to instruct the Committee

To ditto. — of Works at Trichinopoly to advertize for proposals

of Contract for the Execution of the Repairs wanting

to the large House and Granary at that Place. — &

Approving Major Maules Estimate of the Expence

of making new Frames with Iron Bars for the

lower Windows of the Eastern Face of the Kings Barracks.

To the Commandant at Tiagar informing him

To the Commandant at Tiagar — that the Board do not see in what Manner Kistnamah

Rauze could at present be employed with Advantage

to the Public — and enclosing a form in which his Bills

for Intelligence must be submitted to Government.

To

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To the Collector in the Tinnevelly District &
expressing the Board's Approbation of his Zeal
in the Discharge of the important Service of
forwarding the Cattle for General Abercromby's
Army.—

To the Collector in the Tinnevelly Distrct.—

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz—desiring him
to transmit to the Board an Account of the Number
of Armed Men entertained by the Rajah—and
informing him that they have resolved in
the Present Instance to [illegible] deliver up to His
Excellency the Man [illegible] apprehended for Murder, &
in order that he may [illegible] tried by the Hindoo Laws.

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz

To the Officer Com[illegible]
Circar—desiring him [illegible]manding in the Guntoor &
which induced him to state the particular Causes
Officer at Angole for [illegible] to apply to the Commanding
and explain why [illegible] Field Piece and Tumbrill
Circumstance to [illegible] he did not Communicate the
also to report [illegible] Government—desiring him
be spared at pr[illegible] whether any [illegible] what force can
for the purpose [illegible]reatening Guntoor Circar &
the Palmaud District.—

To the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar

[illegible]city to

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To Major General Musgrave desiring him to

To Major General Musgrave

Station Captain Towns of the Invalids at Cuddalore

and order him to proceed thither without Delay.—

Recived the undermentioned Letters as entered

in M. B. Nº 41. 42, 43, 44, 45.—

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain

From the Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provision

and Provisions enclosing Copy of a Letter from

the Storekeeper at Ongole in which he recommends

that the Store of Grain in the Palnaud District

be augmented to fifty Garce of Rice.—

From the Commandant at Ongole enclosing

From the Commandant at Ongole

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Beale in which he

applies for leave to make up Carriages for two

Small Iron Guns at Semmycotah.—

To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

To the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

enclosing Copy of a Letter M. Surgeon Ogilvy in

which he requests that the Comptroller General &

may be ordered to countersign two Bills for

the same Allowance on Account of Hospital &

Servants which he has hitherto drawn Viz.t—

25 Pagodas P Month.—

To

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From the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing

From the Garrison Storekeeper Copies of his Correspondence with Captain Thompson respecting the Short Delivery of the Company's Flower shipped in Bengal on the Eagle. –

From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore. From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore – Requesting Permission to make some Repairs to the Barracks and Guard Room at that Place in order to secure the Troops against the Rains of the Approaching Monsoon. –

Sent the following Letters. –

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

My Lord,

We are concerned to acquaint your L.

To Lord Cornwallis advising of the Invasion of the Carnatic, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage, and advising of the Progress of their Bullocks for General Abercromby's Army – and communicating Intelligence received from Cuddalore under Date the 29th. Ultimo.

Lordship that a Party of the Enemy's Horse L. amounting it is said to 1500, with five hundred Armed Benjarries, have entered the Carnatic by the Cangamah Pass and Plundered the Village of Callispauke & Poolore. – By the last Accounts they were moving in the direction of Pondicherry, and their principal Object is reported to be to obtain

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Salt, of which Tippoo is in great Want.

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8th November 1791.

We have the Honor to be with great respect & Esteem

Hon.ble &c. &c.

/Signed/ Charles Oakeley

&c. Council

P.S. We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter just received from Major Cuppage of the 31st Ult.

To. Messrs. Porcher Readhead & Co.

Chase Parry & Co.

Balfour Spalding & Coll

& J. Tulloh.

Attornies for the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore.

Gentlemen,

To the Attorneys for the private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore informing them that their former Letter respecting a Dividend is under reference to Lord Cornwallis.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 7th Instant, and to inform you that your Letter of the 8th January last on the Subject of the Claims of the private Creditors of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore is under Reference to Earl Cornwallis.

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9th November 1791.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

/Signed/ W.C. Jackson

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Tiagar states that there are 3000 of Horse in the Neighbourhood of Calistpauk.

The day before yesterday I received information of the Poligars, Chief Naig being surrounded by horse near Singenapattah and I have this moment received a letter from Lieutenant Friend from Ventavellum wrote Yesterday, informing me that 3000 horse, were the day before in Calistpauk he mentions their having two Guns, he had found Chief Naig at Thinomally who had lost a Gun and several of his people in Skermishing with them.—

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

/Signed/ W. Flint
Capt. Com.

Tiagar
6th November 1791
8 o'Clock A.M.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

Acting President &c.

From the Commandant at Tiagar the Enemy's Horse are the Panaverum Institutions.—

Sir,—

A Duplicate of my letter to you yesterday Morning I now send, a body of horse having met the

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the Cappal man and taken all the letters from him to the Eastward of Colindoor - The whole of Yesterday different parties of horse were moving to the S. Southward and Eastward of Tiddalore near which place, they crossed the Pauaur. a few pass'd during the night about five Miles to the S. E: they also pressed people to shew them the road to Attoor. -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
[Signed] W. Flint Capt. Com.

8 in the Morning
Tiagar 7th Nov. 1791 -

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c.

Sir,

Since writing you this morning a large body of horse came from the Eastward and after a short halt clear of the Guns directed their Course towards Attoor two prisoners inform me they marched from Tiddiah Gurry 4000 strong but from the weak State of the half they were ordered to go from Singerapettah to Seringapatam by Guzelatty the 2000 that entered the Carnatic are under Bauker Saib Burby whose Orders were to burn and plunder as far as Velimot and return by great Salom and Guzelatty to Seringapatam

From the Commandant Tiagar supposed Intentions of the Enemys Horse now in

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Seringapatam.—

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I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Flint
Capt. Comdt.

To W.C. Jackson Esqr.

&c. &c.

Dear Sir,

From the Deputy adjutant General the two Howitzers brought out with the Royal Artillery to be sent to Camp notwithstanding the Difference in their Calibers.—

As the Brass Howitzers Arrived with the King's Artillery, are mentioned in my letter to you 31st Ult. as being of 8-Inch Calibre whereas it now appears that only one of them is of that Size and the other of 5½ Inch Calibre, It may be necessary to acquaint you, that His Lordship still wishes both of them to be sent to the Army, & that Mr Cockburn will send forward a Supply of Shells for them Accordingly.—

Camp

3d November 1791.—

I am Dear Sir,
Very faithfully Your's
(Signed) B. Close

To Willm C. Jackson Esqr.
&c. &c.

From the Deputy adjutant General shewing the Grounds on which Reports respecting the Enemy which have lately prevailed.—

D. Sir,

A variety of groundless rumours have lately prevailed of Strong Detachments of the Enemy's appearing

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appearing in different quarters, to disturb our operations, and in one or two Instances, gained credit so far as to occasion some alarm for a time, in our line of communication with the Carnatic, which for many months past has been open and secure, – His Lordship has desired me to send you the enclosed Copy of a Letter received last Night from Colonel Bridges and one of its reply from hence, – especially as it is probable he has sent a transcript of Lieutenant Defoe's Intelligence to the Honorable Board. –

No sooner is the falsity of one Report or discovered here than it is succeeded by another equally absurd and improbable, from which His Lordship is in hopes that Government will be slow in giving attention to the exaggerated Accounts of the Enemy which Circulate daily, and which if not checked, may be followed by some inconvenience. –

Camp between Bengalore
& Oosore 5th. November 1791. –

I am Dear Sir,
Very faithfully Your
/Signed/ B.y Close
Major

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Major Close,

Deputy Adjutant General.

Sir,

I have just received a Letter from Lieutenant Defse with the following information, dated the 25 Inst.

"I have just Received intelligence from one "of my Hircarahs who is just returned from the Tapoor "Pass.— He says that Kumul Dien Khan is there for certain, and that his Force consits of 2 Cushoons, 2000 Horse, 1–18, & 4 small brass Guns.—

"The Hircarah was two Days in their "Camp, saw Kumur ul Dein 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."—

Trichinopoly
October 26. 1791.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed Tho. Bridges

To Colonel Bridges

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of the 26th Ultimo, containing intelligence received the 24th preceding day from Lieutenant Defse, of Cummer Oodeen being with a considerable force at the Tapoor Pass

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Pass, and having laid it before His Lordship, have his directions to communicate his intire approbation of your transmitting him from time to time, the intelligence you may receive of the Enemy's designs or movements, and especially when they appear immediately connected with the operations of the Army; but in regard to the report that you have now conveyed to him, I am directed to acquaint you that on the 26th Ultimo Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell with four Infantry Corps lay encamped between Royacottah and Policode, having his Hircarrahs stationed in the Topoor Pass, to give him the earliest information should any parties of the Enemy approach that quarter, or attempt to enter or retire from the Baramahal by that route and that on the 29th the Colonel advancing to Darampory, came suddenly on a body of the Enemy's plundering Cavalry from Thistnagherry and putting them to route, deprived them of their booty, consisting of a large Number of Sheep and Cattle, which are now secured at Royacottah, the Enemy flying off in confusion towards Penagra- That the Colonel still continues in the Valley, having neither seen nor heard of any party of the Enemy whatever

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whatever, having shewn themselves at or near Topoor - From these Circumstances then it is evident, that the report of Lieutenant Desse's Hircarrah must be a gross falsehood, probably fabricated far distant from Topoor, and received from Villagers or others interested in deceiving him, - His Lordship desires therefore, that you will direct Lieutenant Desse to punish the Hircarrah with severity, and in future when he sends out for Intelligence, to use the precaution of dispatching two Hircarrahs together, in order, that on their Return, they may be seperately cross examined in taking down their report, to ascertain the truth of it, and rewarded or punished agreeably to their desert. -

Head Quarters Camp 11 Miles from Bangalore near the Ossore Road 4th - November 1791

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. F. Close
Depy. Adj. General. -

10. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. No. 46, 47, 48. -

To the Board of Revenue - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. George Wynch Collector at Caroor and desiring them to lay before Government such Instructions as they may have given to that Gentleman regarding the Namcul District. -

To the Board of Revenue -

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To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm informing

To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm, Adjutant General

him of the Board's Resolution to appoint him to the Office held by Colonel Capper, so soon as they shall become vacant by his Resignation and requesting him to obtain the Commander in Chief's permission to quit the Army so soon as his Services can be dispensed with.—

To the Commandant at Poonamalee

To the Commandant at Poonamalee desiring him to give up to Mr. Cockburn as many of the Barracks unoccupied by the Troops as may be sufficient to contain the Grain Stacked in the Glacis.—

11 Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 49. 50. 51. 52.—

From the Paymaster at Vellore

From the Paymaster at Vellore.— requesting that the Comptroller General may be instructed to countersign his Charge for two Candles a Day.—

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore.— advising of the Enemy's Horse having made their appearance in the Neighbourhood of Tendevanum.—

From the Secretary to Major General Medows

From the Secretary to Major General Medows — enclosing a Letter from Mr. Burke—

From

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From the Military Storekeeper

From the Military Storekeeper enclosing an Account of Stores provided in the Month of September

Minute thereon.—

Ordered that the Account be lodged in the Office

Received the following Letters.—

To W.C. Jackson Esqre

Dear Sir,

I shall be much obliged to you, for an Extract from the Minutes of the Board, wherein they have granted an additional Allowance to the Officers Commanding Wings or Brigades with the Army in the Field, as His Lordship wishes to see the Extract before he issues an Order upon the Subject.—

From the Deputy adjutant General applies for an Extract of the Board's Resolution, respecting the additional allowance to Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades with the Army.—

Head Quarters Camp 11 Miles from Bangalore, near the Ryore Road 6 November 1791

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) B.J. Close

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Collector in the northern Division of the Arcot Province—enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Capt. Mackay respecting the mode of procuring Supplies of Provision for the Garrison of Arnee.—

I request you will lay before Government the enclosed Correspondence between Captain Mackay and myself; it was preceded by a Copy of Address to him from the Officers of the Garrison, complaining of their not being able to procure Rice. I must &

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That ere this Government have been pleased to appoint some person to proceed to Arnee, in my stead. — I am at present on Duty at Ambore. — I hope my Reply to Captain MacKay will not be disapproved. — My letter to the Jaghirdar informs him that if he does not instantly supply the Buzar Captain MacKay is authorized to confine him. —

I am &c. &c.

Vellore

9th November 1791

/Signed/ Nath. C. Hindersley
Collector. —

My Dear Sir,

I am necessitated to send you this express to represent the likelihood of immediate unpleasant consequences from the Jaghirdar's Knavery and duplicity altho' I have consented to their disposing of Rice at their own price / as a temporary expedient / yet not a Grain is to be got — and have just been stormed by a party of Europeans and Natives who cannot get a Grain upon any terms. I have been cautious of taking those steps I should not have demurred on at any other time from my present Situation with the fellow, let me entreat your immediate advice

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how to act in this Critical juncture, the Cutwal who is instructed and led parties to the Houses of some of the Inhabitants to procure Rice with an evident view to create disturbances I have confined as also the present acting head Bazar Man in hopes from their fears to obtain that Relief the Jaggerdar seems determined to with hold, Truth and them are so inimical that I can no longer trust to promises he has invariably broken, with much Concern for giving you so much trouble on this unpleasant Subject.

I am very Truly Yours

(Signed) Robert Mackay

Arnee

November 7. 1791.

/ A true Copy / Nath.l Ed Kindersley

Captain Mackay

Commanding,

Arnee.

Sir,

I am just favored with your letter of yesterday date Representing the Likelihood of immediate serious Consequences from the Troops at Arnee not being able to procure Rice. I enclosed is a letter to the Jaghedar which if it does not produce instant Relief I request you will, till the pleasure of Government is known, Resume the sole Control of the Bazar, and adopt every measure that shall in your opinion be indispensibly necessary to supply the Garrison, even to placing a Guard

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Guard over the Dagh undar a Copy of your letter and this Reply, go to Government by this Tappal.—

Vellore

9th November 1791.—

I am,
Sir, &c. &c.
(Signed) N: C: Kindersley
Collector.—

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

Friday
11th November 1791

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General Medows
absent upon Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved.—

Read the following Letter from the
Acting Accountant General.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President & Governor in Council
at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From the Accountant Genl. requesting to know what Sums is to be appropriated for the Gratuity Fund for the Year ended 30th April 1791.—

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council that the General of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's Field Officers having requested Bond might be granted them bearing an Interest at 8 per Cent for their Share of the Gratuity fund for the

Year

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Year ended 30th. April last.- I request to know if whether the Sum of Pagodas 34,800 - as fixed in the Honorable Court of Directors general Letter &c dated the 11th. March 1789, and forwarded to this Government from Bengal, accompanied by a Letter dated the 4th June 1790, is to be the Sum appropriated for that Fund:- the General Order of the 4th October 1789 only mentioning the Mode in which that allowance is in future to be granted, and not the Amount, which must have been occasioned by the General Letter from England not having arrived here previous to the July following.-

Accountant Generals Office 31st October 1791.-

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Pearce
Acting Asst. General

The acting President recommends that the following General Order be published to the Army.-

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General Order to be published respecting the sum to be allotted for and the mode of Distribution of Gratuity funds from the Army 1790.

The Honorable Court of Directors having in a letter to the Governor General in Council of Bengal dated the 11th March 1789 directed a new distribution of Gratuity

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Gratuity to the Field Officers of His Majesty's and the Company's Troops on this Establishment, and the Governor General in Council having recommended in consequence that this Arrangement do take effect from the 1st. May 1790, it is hereby notified that the Sum to be divided agreeably to the Orders aforesaid is thirty four thousand eight hundred /34,800/ Pagodas P. Annum.—

This Sum being portioned into Sixty Shares /of 580 Pagodas each/ The Honorable Court have allotted of these Shares as follows.—

To 4 Colonels of their own Troops and seven Commanding His Majesty's Regiments including 2 Hanoverians 24 Shares to be divided equally among them

To 12 Lieutenant Colonels of their own Troops and 7 of His Majesty's Regiments 21 Shares to be divided equally among them.—

To 17 Majors of their own Troops and 7 of His Majesty's Regiments 15 Shares to be equally divided among them.—

It is necessary to observe that this Allotment was made on the supposition that only 7 Regiments, including two of the Hanoverians, would be stationed under this Presidency, when the Number is greater it

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is the Intention of the Honorable Court that the additional Field Officers be paid each respectively, a Sum equal to the distribution which will accrue to similar ranks, conformably to the Principle here established, but this Payment is to be separate from the Fund, which is appropriated among the numbers only of each rank, specified in the foregoing Orders—

The above distribution is to take place subject to the Qualifications and Limitations contained in the Subsidiary Rules transmitted from Bengal, and Published in the General Order of the 4th October 1789.—

By Order of the Honorable the President in Council.—

Resolved that the above Order be published and a Copy transmitted to the Accountant for his guidance—

Read the following Letter from the King's Paymaster General in India.—

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

From the King's Paymaster General advising of his having signed the Penalty Bond required by Government and offering Peth Patty Bramery & his Collateral Security.—

I have received from Colonel Harris the Extract of a letter from the Council to the Honorable Major General Medows Governor &c. &c. &c. dated Fort St. George 25th October 1791.—

I was

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I was indeed Honored by a letter from the Board some time since, requiring from me a Bond in certain Penalties for the just and fair discharge of certain Companys Allowances that are Disbursed by me.—

I must beg leave to remind the Honorable Board that I did not make a moments delay in respectfully obeying their Commands, as far as I thought the circumstances of my Situation would allow me to obey.—

I immediately myself subscribed the Bond required, which I instantly forwarded, through my Deputy Mr. Boyd I desired that Gentleman to represent to Sir Charles Oakeley, the almost impossibility, that any Situation with the Army, imposed on me, of making Application on this Subject to any friend I might have at Madrass.— I cannot say that at that time, I did not entertain hopes, that the Campaign would have been of shorter duration, than Providence has been pleased to allot to it, and I made the strongest assurances that on my return to Madrass, I would add a security to my own Bond, which, in the meantime bound and necessitated my Submission to the new Regulation of the Honorable Board.—

I did

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I did indeed, and still do believe, that the Great Men who do me the Honor of being my Securities in England, for the due, and just performance of all the Duties, that lie upon me, as Kings Paymaster General in India, are bound for my strict and fair Distribution of all the Monies that come to my hands from the Company for the use of the Kings troops.—

My respectful deference to the Honorable Board, allowed me not to act on any opinion of my own. That deference engaged me in the most implicit, and immediate Compliance with what was required of me, as far as compliance seemed possible, and I did hope that the Honorable Board would allow the other impracticable part to stand suspended, till the duties of my Office would allow my return to Madras.—

I did not, nor do I, excuse my doing the duties of Distributing the Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops without Salary, as a plea for exempting or exonorating one from any Engagement that their Wisdom thought proper to require but with submission I intreat the favor that this Letter may

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may as soon as possible make a Paragraph in the first general letter to the Honorable the Court of Directors. As I shall think it my duty to remit a Copy of it, to my Right Honorable Principals.—

In the Spirit of deference, and Obedience that I can never fail in, towards the Honorable the Governor and Council, I this morning waited on Colonel Harris, and for a second time subscribed the Penalty Bond that is required; and which Colonel Harris was so obliging as to Witness.—

I told that Gentleman, that upon conversing with some exceedingly respectable Gentlemen in the Company's Service, I found the Common practice of the Service was, that a Native Security was given upon such occasions, which saved me from that awkwardness which need not be explained to your Honorable Board, but that every Man must feel, upon applying to his Countryman to engage in Securities.—

The Company's own Pay-Master of the Army Mr. Hoar, a Man as well and as justly loved and respected as it is possible any Man should be, and high in the Company's Service, did not resort to his

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his Comrades and fellow Servants, but to a Native for his Security, and a Native accordingly stands & engaged for him.—

In like manner I mentioned to Colonel Harris, as my security, Pesh Patty, Soobiah Brahmin & Man of Substance, whose probity makes his industry respectable. He is Son in Law to Venketaicheeliah a Brahminy of high Cast, and highly the Nabobs Service for 30 Years past.—

I understand from Colonel Harris, that the Security is not to be proposed in Camp, but to be submitted to the Honorable Board, and I accordingly submit the above person as my Security to the Honorable Board.—

I have the &c. &c.

November 3. 1791.— /Signed/ William Burke
Kings Paym.r Generalin India

To lie on the Table.— Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from A.D.
Major General Medows.—

To

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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 opinion respecting the Sum to which Major General Musgrave is entitled to in consequence of the additional allowance granted to Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades of the Army.—

I am to thank you for your congratulation upon Lord Cornwallis's important Capture of Nundy durg, and to acknowledge yours of the twenty-ninth of October received this day upon the Subject of Major General Musgrave's Allowances.— As Lord Cornwallis has thought it absolutely necessary Colonels Floyd, Stuart, and Maxwell should have three Pagodas a day addition— as Brigadiers, General Musgrave should certainly have the same: and Lord Cornwallis agrees with me, from his more important situation and having commanded the whole Army for some time, he should have an addition of three Pagodas a day more, for the whole time he was in the Field —which is six pagodas a day,— giving security to refund the last three if the Honorable the Court of Directors shall not agree to it.— I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,
with the highest respect Esteem & truth
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Medows. Gov. &c. &c.

Camp near Bangelore
the 5th of November 1791—

Resolved

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Resolved, in consequence of the foregoing
Letter that Major General Musgrave be allowed three
a Minute thereon Pagodas ℔ Diem from the 25th of May 1790, being the
Day on which his allowance of Six hundred Pagodas
℔ Mensem ceased, to the 31 day of January 1791.
the Day on which he left the Army; and the a
Amount/Viz.t 753 Pagodas/be deducted from
the Sum ordered to be refunded by the Honorable Court
of Directors The Balance against the General will
then be one thousand Six hundred and twelve Pagodas
twenty fanams /1612-20-/

Agreed to embrace the first opportunity of
* Do. recommending to the Honorable Court that the further
Sum of three Pagodas ℔ Diem for the time General
Musgrave served with the Army in the Field, be
allowed him upon the Principle stated by General
Medows - The Board would have been well pleased
to have granted it without any Reference, if they
had not been positively restricted from doing so, by
repeated Orders from the Company.-

Read the following Letter from the a
Military Board -

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council.—

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant, and beg leave to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Agent for the Captors upon the Subject of the Powder and Guns Captured in Bangalore, which from the Circumstance therein stated, we beg leave to recommend to your favorable Consideration.—

The Powder now remaining in Bangalore, deducting one fifth on Account of its Inferior quality, we imagine cannot be reckoned at more than Equal to about 5000 Barrels of good Powder, which, considering the defence of the Place, and various other purposes for which it may, with Propriety be used—does not Appear to us too large for a Garrison Store for Bangalore, and altho' this powder is avowedly inferior to that of our own Manufacture, and it would be consequently injudicious to use it in so important a Siege as

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From the Military Board with Copy of a Letter from the Agent for Prize Money requesting that no Deduction may be made from the Original Estimates of the Gun Powder and Stores taken at Bangalore Recommendation in favor thereof.

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that of the Enemy's Capital, yet when to these circumstances are opposed the political Evils to be apprehended, in case the Powder in question is purchased by the Poligars. - We presume it will appear more advisable that Government should receive it, than to authorize the disposal of it in any other way

The Iron Guns captured in Bangalore, which were reported Serviceable, are in all Fifty Four, and valued at the moderate Sum of Pagodas 2942. It appears that one or two, out of four sent to Gerrumcondah have proved unfit for use as a Battering Guns in a Seige, but as We cannot at immediately ascertain the Exact number and Calibre of those Guns, We presume you will not think it necessary on this Account to postpone the adjustment of the Claims of the Army - remarking also that the Guns, Powder and Stores Captured in Bangalore appear to have been valued by the Committees appointed for that purpose with so much moderation and attention, that on a Revisal of their Proceedings and a Consideration of the Matter contained in Major Dirom's Letter now submitted, we are induced to offer it as our Opinion that the admission

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of their Estimates without further Deductions would be an Indulgence, which the Zeal of the Army so conspicuously displayed in the Reduction of that Important Fortress well entitles them to receive.—

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

Fort St. George
8th. November 1791—

/Signed/ "Thos. Musgrave
" James Cosper
"
"
" George Hall

To Daniel Sace Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir;

1. In answer to your Letter of this Date on the Subject of the last Reference from Government to the Military Board respecting the Powder and Guns Captured in Bangalore, I beg leave in behalf of the Captors to submit the following Circumstances to the consideration of the Board.—

2 The Powder on being proved was found to be a fifth part weaker than our Powder, and would require a large quantity in that proportion to have the same effect; in consequence of which it was

valued

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valued at a fifth part less p. Barrel than the Average price of the Powder made at Madras and in Bengal, as will appear by the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to value the Military Stores captured in Bangalore; from being thus inferior in the quality to our Powder, and requiring a fifth more Carriage it may not be desirable to be taken on any interesting Service when better can be had but it was by no means considered as unserviceable as a large quantity of it was made up in the Musket Cartridges, and issued otherwise for the Service of the Army, immediately after the Capture of Bangalore, and 940 Barrels were taken for the Use of the Battering Train when the Army marched against Seringapatam: the aquantity equal to 500 Barrels has since been sent to Captain Read's Detachment with the Nizam's Army at Gurrumconda. For the defence of Bangalore or other Forts where Powder may be wanted, there seems to be no doubt it is perfectly adequate, and as the quantity (when the quality is also considered) was at first not very great, there is probably not more remaining than will be wanted for those and other purposes, for which it might not else

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else be necessary to send Powder from Madras.—

3 With respect to the Guns it seems a very unfortunate Sample of the Iron Guns had been sent to Gurramconda, as one or two out of four very soon gave away; but so far from their being all or many of them in that State, that five very large Guns have been lately proved and fitted up for Battering Service, and altho' like the Powder, it would not be advisable to trust entirely to these Guns, when better of our own can be procured; yet they are perhaps as good as the Guns are in many of our Forts that are intended merely for Garrison Service. Besides the most valuable part of the Guns in Bangalore are excellent Brass Guns, which, as well as the Iron Guns, contain more metal in general than the heaviest of our Guns do of the same Calibre, yet the whole were valued at only the Medium Weight of such Guns, in order that the Price put upon them should be rather under than over the Value, and as the whole of the Garrison Carriage 80, were estimated at only Pagodas 1,439.—

4 The Committee appointed to Value the Guns, Powder, and Stores captured in Bangalore while

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they formed their Estimate at the most moderate Rates, &
and admitted no Article in their Report that did not
appear to be Serviceable, thought it a duty they owed &
to the Army to state that they considered their Value &
as much greater in that Inland Situation, and
recommended that advantage so strongly to the
Attention of the Commander in Chief and of &
Government as gave hopes that an Addition &
might be made to their Estimate on Account - the &
Necessity of now sending for Guns and Powder &
from hence for the Siege of Seringapatam may
doubt be justly opposed to the recommendation of
the Committee, but when it is considered that the Shot,
the Timber, Rope, Iron, Steel, Lead and other Stores,
which are of infinite Service in the equipment of
the Battering Train and farther prosecution of
the War, must still be allowed to exceed the Value there
at which they have been estimated, it is submitted to
the Military Board whether this and the other reasons
that have been offered may not afford just grounds
for admitting the Guns and Powder captured in
Bangalore at the Rates they have been stated in
the Estimate without any further deduction, on

Account

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Account of their inferior quality.—

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17th November 1791.—

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

(Signed) Alexr. Dirom
Agent for Prize Money.—

A True Copy
Danl. Ince
Secy Mil Bd.—

Agreed that the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money be directed to Admit the Estimates of the Agents without further Deduction, and to close the Accounts of the first and Second Compaigns as soon as possible.—

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.—

Read the following Letter from the Tanjore Creditors.—

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

Honble Sir,

We have been honored with your &
Letter of the 9th Instant in Reply to ours of the 7th. &
As it is more than probable that our former &
Application so long ago as in January last, is not
now in the Recollection of Earl Cornwallis, We take
the

From the Attorneys for the Tanjore Creditors &c requesting that a memorial Reference may be made to Lord Cornwallis on the subject of their Claims.—

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the Liberty to request that a second Reference may be made to His Lordship with such Recommendation as the Situation of the Tanjore Creditors may appear to you to merit.—

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We have the Honor to be with Respect
Yr. Yr. Yr.
" Porcher Redhead & Co.
Attornies to Messrs. Stracey
" Sibbald and Stowe.
[Signed]
" Jos: du Pre Porcher
Attorney to J. Balfour Esqr.
" Balfour Spalding & Colt
Attornies to the Administrators of
" Duncan A: Baine deceased
" Chase Parry & Co. attys.
to Captain B: Vigors and Wm. Bushby
" I Tulloh Asst. to A Brodie
and T. Burrowes.—
" I. Brodie
" I Tulloh att. to James Whyte

Resolved that a Letter be written to Lord Minute thereon.— Cornwallis requesting his Lordship will inform the Board of the Answer which he would wish it should be made to the Tanjore Creditors and it observing, that the Company's 12 Pr. Cent Bonds bonds bear a Premium at this time of 4 Pr Cent.—

Read the following Memorial from Avadanum Paupiah Brahmeny.—

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President in Council

Fort St. George.

The Memorial of Avadanum &c

Paupiah Brahmin of Madras

Merchant

Most humbly Sheweth,

From a Paupiah Brahmin representing that the failure in the Collection of a large Quantity of Grain the Farm[illegible] destroyed to the Value of 30,000 Pagodas which was assigned over to him by the Naick's Peons in lieu of Exemption for Amount of Money actually advanced is owing to the Vouchers of the Assignations &c having been deposited in the Comp[y]'s Cash Chest with Bullion & Securities which he was obliged to give, in order to procure his return from a Confinement in the Main Guard. —

That your Memorialist as well as many other Native Merchants of Madras has long been in the Habit of discounting Bills of Exchange Teaps and other Money Securities for his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic to enable him to pay his Visits into the Honorable Company's Treasury and for such other purposes as his occasions might require and according to this Custom his Highness having in or about the Month of November 1791, received a Teap or Promissory Note of Hand of Bavany Shanker of Madras Sowcar for the Sum of 50,000 Star Pagodas payable to His Highness at the Expiration of Two or Months — Your Memorialist was applied to by His Highness's Servants to discount the Same

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same giving it as a Reason that His Highness was then in much want of Money to discharge some Payments that were due to the Company and Soliciting your Memorialist in the most urgent Terms to Comply with their Request.—

Your Memorialist sheweth That his Highness being then indebted to him in a Considerable Balance of long standing he was much averse to negociate the Bill, but at length consented thereto upon the following Condition Viz.t that 10,000 Pagodas thereof should go in part discharge of their old Balance and the Remainder after deducting a discount of 12½ Cent per Annum Amounting to 1000 Pagodas and 1% Cent for Brokerage should be paid in cash this being the least that is ever allowed on any Money Transactions with His Highness / the Customary Discount being frequently from 2 to 6 % Cent ⅌ Month / These several Sums being thus deducted it left the Sum of 38,500 Pagodas to be paid to His Highness and this Sum was actually and really paid to Highness's Dewan Ram Row on the 16th of the same

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same Month in specie and more particularly in 10,000 ℳ Madras Pagodas being equal to 10,850 Star Pagodas; 2320. Porto Novo Pagodas being equal to 2000. Star Pagodas; and 25,650 in Star Pagodas making together the Sum ℳ abovementioned of 38,500. Star Pagodas and this Sum Your Memorialist has been informed and believes it will appear by the Honorable Company's Accounts with His Highness, was actually paid into the ℳ Honorable Company's Treasury by some of His ℳ Highness Servants on or about the 16th. or 17th. day of the same Month...

Your Memorialist sheweth further that ℳ when the Two Months limited for the Payment ℳ of the Bill had expired and Your Memorialist ℳ applied for Payment thereof to Bavany Shanker ℳ the Drawer he was informed that His Highness had not supplied him with Funds to pay it, altho' at the time he gave the Teap His Highness had undertaken to supply him with Money to ℳ discharge it when it became due and for that purpose and by way of securing the Payment of it had Assigned over to him his Collections of

Grain

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Grain in the Tennivelly Distrect. And this Statement of the Transaction was also confirmed by His Highness to whom your Memorialist also applied for Payment & from whom he recived the strongest Assurances that he should shortly be paid - and Accordingly some Short time after his Highness having established a Loan of 1,16,000 Porto Novo Pagodas being equal to 100,000 Star Pagodas from Mr. Johnston for which he had given him a Bill of Exchange for that Amount he endorsed over 58,000 Porto Novo Pagodas equal to 50,000 Star Pagodas to your Memorialist who thereupon gave up to his Highness the Teaps he has Received of Bavany Shankers and the Several Securities and Orders for the Collections of Grain in the Tenevelly Distrct were given up by the said Bavany Shanker to His Highness and the same together with other Assignments and Orders to the full Amount of the Money lent were made over by his Highness to Mr. Johnston.-

Your Memorialist in Proof of this Transaction begs leave to Refer to the Copy of the

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the Bill of Exchange with the Endorsement thereon &
other Vouchers herewith sent and your Memorialist
understands that His Highness at the Time or Soon
after he made his Charges against your Memorialist
acknowledged in a Letter to Government dated 16th or 17th
August that he had indorsed over to Your Memorialist
a part of this Bill of Mr. Johnstons.—

Your Memorialist Sheweth further that
Mr. Johnston not having paid your Memorialist
the Amount of the Bill agreeably to his undertaking
and his Highness's Order your Memorialist &
Commenced a suit against him in the Honorable
the Mayor's Court and therein Stated the several
Facts above mentioned and Annexed several Vouchers
in support of the same but Some Short time after
Your Memorialist & Mr. Johnston came to an
Agreement respecting the suit whereby it was
Stipulated that Mr. Johnston should have one
Year allowed him for the Payment of the Money
& that in the meantime he should assign Over
the Orders & Assignments he had Received from
his Highness to your Memorialist who was to
receive the Collections of Grain so assigned over &

and

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and apply the Amount thereof to the discharge of his Debt in proof whereof your Memorialist begs leave to refer to the Copy of the Agreement between Mr Johnston and your Memorialist confirmed by a Decree of the Honorable the Mayor's Court as well as Copies of the several Orders given by Mr Johnston directing the delivery of the Grain to your Memorialist

Your Memorialist sheweth further that about the time or soon after their Agreement was entered into very considerable Quantities of Grain had been Collected and were ready to be delivered up to Your Memorialist to the full Amount of his Demand but the Hon.ble President in Council of Fort St George having thought proper upon some Suggestions of his Highness of which Your Memorialist has since been Acquitted to Confine Your Memorialist in the Main Guard where he was detained by Force untill he was obliged to lodge Securities to a very Considerable Amount and your Memorialist having among other Securities given up their Vouchers respecting this Debt, he was thereby totally

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totally deprived of Receiving any part of his Grain
thus Assigned to him and Government having very
shortly after found it expedient to Appoint their own
Servants to Collect His Highness's Revenues the
Grain thus ready to be delivered to your Memorialist
was received by the Honorable Company's Collector
and disposed of on their Account. your Memorialist
being Prevented from the Circumstances abovementioned
from receiving the same.—

Your Memorialist further sheweth that
during his Confinement being in or about the
Month of September 1790. Your Memorialist's
Agent Sevaram Trovady having applied to
Mr. Benjamin Torin the Honorable Company's
Collector for the Tennevilly District and Stated
to him that this Grain had been made over by
His Highness for the Payment of this Debt
long before Government had taken Possession
of His Highness's Revenues & therefore could
not be Received by the Company because it
did not belong to His Highness but was the
Property of your Memorialist Mr. Torin Replied

That

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that your Memorialist was then as he understood in Confinement by the Order of Government for certain Charges brought against him by the Nabob and the Vouchers respecting this Demand as he was informed had been also lodged in the Hands of Government and therefore he could not allow this Grain to be delivered to your Memorialists Agents unless these Vouchers were produced: which your Memorialist has no doubt Mr Forin will be at any time ready to acknowledge.-

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays that your Honorable Board will have the goodness to take into your Consideration the above Facts all of which your Memorialist can prove in the fullest and Clearest Manner and he humbly trusts they will be pleased to restore to him the Amount of this Grain which it is plain did not belong to His Highness and therefore could not be received by the Honorable Company's Collector on his Account and which your Memorialist trusts will appear the more

reasonable

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reasonable to your Honorable Board as it is Evident that your Memorialist was prevented by his unfortunate Confinement and by the Seizure of his Papers from receiving the Grain which had by the Vouchers to produce, was ready to be delivered to him - And your Memorialist with Confidence relies upon the Liberality, Beneficence and Justice of your Honorable Board that you will not allow him to be exposed to the hazard of loosing this large Sum of Money in consequence of a Concurrence of unfortunate Circumstances which your Honorable Board knows it was not in his Power to prevent. -

And Your Memorialist as in duty Bound. -

Shall Ever Pray

/Signed/ A. Paupiah Brahmeny

Madras 25 January 1790.

Fort St. George
21st October 1791 - S

P. Pagodas 116,000

Two Months after sight pay to his Highness the Nabob Wallajah Behauder or order the Sum of One hundred and Sixteen Thousand Porto Novo Pagodas Value Received of Citabar Cauon Behauder, and place the same to Account as p/ Advice from. -

/Signed/ Samuel Johnston

To Messrs Balfour, Spalding & Colt,
Fort St. George.

To

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Fort St. George 22d. February 1790

Recieved in part the Sum of Fifty Eight thousand Porto Novo. Pagodas Transferred to A. Paupia Brahmin

P. N. Pag. 58000

/Signed/ Mutlee Kistnah.

Fort St. George 22d February 1790

Recived the further Sum of 10,000 / Ten thousand Star Pagodas in part of the within

Str. P. 10,000

/Signed/ Mutlee Kistnah.

Fort St. George 23. February 1790

Recived the further Sum of Six thousand Star Pagodas in part of the within Bill.

Str. Pag. 6000

/Signed/ Mutlee Kistnah

Fort St. George 24th February 1790

Recives further Sum of Three Thousand and Six hundred Star Pagodas in part of the within Bill.

Str. Pag. 3600

/Signed/ Mutlee Kistnah

Fort St. George 25th February 1790

Recived the further Sum of Thirteen thousand Star Pagodas in part of the within Bill

Str. Pag. 13,000

/Signed/ Mutlee Kistnah

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Pag.e 15000.--.--

Rec.d the further Sum of Fifteen thousand Star Pagodas in part of the within Bill.-

/Signed/ Muttu Kistnah

Madras 25. January 1790

Messrs. Balfour Spalding & Colt

Gentlemen,

I have this day drawn upon you at 12 Months sight in favor of his Highness the Nabob Wallajah Behauder for £16,000 Porto Novo Pagodas which you will be pleased to honor.-

I am &c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ Samuel Johnston

Mr. Colt Presents his Compliments to His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Behauder and is sorry he could not have the honor of waiting on him this Morning as he had not Genral Medows permission to attend the Durbar Mr. Colt is happy to inform His Highness that the Tennevelly bill is at last Settled to his Satisfaction. Viz.t 58,000 Pagodas to go into the Company Treasury tomorrow or next day by us. 58,000 To Paupah agreeable to his Highness instructions by Mr. Johnston.-

His Highness The Nabob Omdat ul Omrah Behauder &c. &c. &c.

To

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To Paupiah.

If you will call upon me tomorrow and bring with you the Receipts of the Company's Shroffs for the Money you have paid into the Treasury, I'll than give you my Bond for Pagodas 50,000. Star upon the Terms mentioned Yesterday at the same time you must deliver over to me such Papers Relative to the Transaction as belong to the Nabob and it is to be understood that the 50,000. Star Pagodas or 58,000 Porto Novo Pagodas is in part discharge of my Bill for £16,000 dated 25th January and for which you must give me a receipt on Account of the Nabob—

I am,

Your friend,

/Signed/ Samuel Johnston

Vepery
22d Febry 1791.—

Mayors Court at
Madraspatnam

Friday 23d day of July Anno Domini 1790

Present

Vincentio Corbett Esqr. Mayor;
James Call, William Webb, Josias du Pre Porcher
Andrew Ross, James Landon, John Mitford
& Henry Richley, Michell Aldermen.

Mayors Court

Between Awadanum Paupiah Bramin of Madras Inhabitant Complainant and Samuel Johnston now of Fort St. George Esqr. Defendant

The Defendant by his Attorneis &

Messrs

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Messrs. Stephen Popham and Peter Walker being in Court and acknowledging the justness of the Complaints demand, This Court doth therefore think fit to order and Decree, and doth accordingly Order and Decree, that the Defendant shall pay unto the Complainant the full and just Sum of Fifty Thousand Star Pagodas / Star Pagodas 50,000. / together with all such Interest as now is or shall hereafter become due thereon until full payment is made, also all Costs of this Suit.

By Cur

/ Signed / J. Taylor
Regr

Swaudanum Paupiah Brahmny Compt.

vrs

Samuel Johnston Esqr. Defdt.

It has been this day agreed between the above Parties that the Defendant shall allow a Decree to pass and Execution thereon for the Sum sued for with Interest and Costs, but stay of Execution or any other Proceedings thereon either against the Defendants Person or his Effects

for

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for the Terms of one Year from this date & It is further Agreed that the Defendant shall give to the Complainant every Order and Paper that he has or can procure to enable the Complainant to Receive any Collections of Grain or Money in the Tennevelly Country belonging to the Defendant which is to go in discharge of the Amount of the said decree which is to Remain as a Security for any deficiency, and should the Amount of such Collections exceed the Amount of the Decree such overplus is to be accounted for to the Defendant and it is further Agreed by and between the Parties that Should there not be any Collections made as herein above specified the Complainant is not to be Considered as in any wise Concerned or Interested therein, but that the Same shall be borne by the said Defendant who under every Consideration is to be accountable to the full Amount of the decree and the Costs of the suit The Said Auvadanum Saupiah Bramin in Consideration of the above Agrees to give every Assistance in his power to expedite the Recovery of the said Collections and immediately to withdraw

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withdraw the present Arrest and all proceeding &
thereon upon the Decree being passed

Witness our Hands and Seals this Twenty
third day of July in the Year of our Lord 1790

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of

To Renter of Tinnevelly

These is to give you Notice that on the &
twenty third of last Month July I assigned over
to Avadanum Paupiah Braminy every Order
that I had or could procure to receive Collections
of Grain or Money in the Tinnevelly Countries &
I therefore hereby Authorize empower and direct you
to deliver to or Keep at the disposal and order of
Avadanum Paupiah Braminy all Grain or
Money or Money arising from the Collections
of Grain in the Tinnevelly Countries to me
any way belonging. I also empower and direct
you to Receive every Assistance from Avadanum
Paupiah Braminy or his Agents that he or they
may give to expedite the Recovery of the Collections
which when they are received are to be paid to him or to his order

/Signed/ Saml Johnston

1793 The above were given
and signed by Mr Johnston
the 1st of August 1790.—

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James Buchanan Esqr.

Tenevelly

This is to give you Notice that on the Twenty third of last Month July I assigned over to Avadanum Paupiah Brahminy every Collections of Grain or Money in the Tinnevelly Countries I therefore hereby Authorize empower and direct you to deliver to or keep at the disposal and order of Avadanum Paupiah Brahminy all Grain or Money or Money arising from the Collections of Grain in the Tinnevelly Countries to me any way belonging — I also empower and direct you to remove every Assistance from Avadanum Paupiah Brahminy or his Agents that he or they may give to expedite the Recovery of the Collections which as they are Received are to be paid to him or to his Orders

/ Signd / Saml Johnston

NB The above was given and signed by Mr. Johnston on the 1st of August 1790

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Annanda Row Jomastah to Mr. Johnston

Tennevelly

This is to give you Notice that on the twenty
third of last Month July I assigned over to Avadanum
Paupiah Brahminy every Order that I had or could
procure to receive Collections of Grain or Money in
the Tennevelly Countries Therefore hereby authorize
empower and direct you to deliver to or Keep at
the disposal and order of Avadanum Paupiah
Brahminy all Grains or Money or Money arising
from the Collections of Grain in the Tennevelly
Countries to me any way belonging I also empower
and direct you to receive every Assistance from
Avadanum Paupiah Brahminy or his
Agents that he or they may give to expedite the
Recovery of the Collections which as they are
Received are to be paid to him or to his Order

(Signed) Samuel Johnston

N.B: the above were given
and signed by Mr. Johnston
on the 1st of August 1790

List of Papers herein enclosed

1. Mr. Johnston's Bill drawn on Messrs. Balfour,
Spalding & Colt.—
2 Mr. Colt's note to his Highness Nabob Omdut Ul
Omrah Behauder.—
3 Mr. Johnston's Letter to Paupiah
4 Decree of the Honble the Mayor's Court.—

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5 Agreement between Mr. Johnston and Paupiah in the Honorable the Mayor's Court

6 Mr. Johnston's Order to the Renter of Tenevelly

7 Mr. Johnston's Order to James Buchanan Esqr.

8 Mr. Johnston's Order to Annanda Row Gomastah to Mr. Johnston at Tenevelly.—

9 Memorial to the Honorable Board.—

Agreed that a Copy of the Memorial be transmitted to the Collector at Tenevelly, with Orders to communicate to the Board every Information in his power on the Subject of Paupiah's Claim particularly explaining whether the Want of the Vouchers was the Only Inducement for his Refusal to deliver the Grain to Paupiah's Agents, as stated in the Memorial.—

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Paupiah.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel De Wangenheim.—

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
Governor &c. &c. &c.

Sir.

As the Departure of His Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment has not yet taken place, and there are 254 Men whose time of Agreement

From Colonel De Wangenheim requesting to be informed of the Board's Intentions respecting the Men of the 14th Hanoverians whose time of Service will expire on the 7th Decmbr

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Agreement expires on the 7th of the next Month of December; I not only take the liberty, most obediently to remind you of it, but at the sametime request to be informed, whether perhaps it is intended that those Men should be again reinlisted, until the total Departure of the Regiment can be effected, or if they can be again dispensed from doing duty as before.—

The Number of those Men which remains after the above 254 Men are deducted and who are obliged to continue to do duty without Receiving new Bounty Consists, in 325 Men, the Sick not included.—

I have the honor to remain with Respect
&c &c

Madras
9th November 1791.—

/Signed/ Wangenheim
Colonel.—

Agreed to inform Colonel De Wangenheim
Minute thereon.— that the Men whose Terme of Service will expire on the 7th of December next may be reinlisted for the Term of one Month.—

As the Time approaches for the Embarkation of the Hanoverian Troops it is agreed to know from Lord Cornwallis, whether he Approves of the Boards endeavoring

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Endeavouring to engage any of the Men in the Companys Service.—

Read the following Letter from Major Lappage

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you

From the Commandant at Palegautchurry Paragraph of the Public Letter from General Abercromby's Army including one from Coimbatore dated the 24th Instant

that 3750 Bullocks Arrived here yesterday afternoon from Dindigull, they are much better than the former, but it will be necessary for them to halt two or three Days, as they are much fatigued from heavy and constant Rains and long Marches.—

A second convoy of 2000 Bullocks went off this Morning escorted by two Companies of the 12th Bombay and half a Travancore Battalion & Sepoys.—

Near 5,000 Will be procured on the 3d of Next month escorted by the remainder of the 12th Bombay and 5th Carnatic Battalions. There is from 1500 to 2000 that are unfit for any

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any Service I shall therefore recommend it to Captain Torin to return them to Pondigatt.—

I have a Letter from Lieutenant Chalmers of the 29th the Enemy had advanced their Trenches within 30 Yards of the ditch, but had made very little impression on the Works and as often as they opened their Batteries he Silenced them If he does not run short of Ammunition they will find it a difficult Matter to take the Fort.—

His Gallant defence does him great Honor against so considerable a force.—

Palighautcherry 31. October 1791

I have the Honor to be with great Respect.—

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Cuppage
Major Commanding.—

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Minute thereon Letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Poonah.—

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Fort St. George.

From the Resident at Poonah opinion respecting the Maratta Vakeels residing at the Presidency and Sanjou—request to that no Dustic may be levied upon Articles which the former may wish to send to Poona

Honble Sir,

In Answer to your Secretary's Letter of the 29th Sept. I beg leave to observe that in my Opinion the

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the present would not be a proper Time for proposing to this Court the Recall of all Agents from your & Presidency in whose Behalf I Received a few Days ago an Application from the Minister which and its Translate I enclose and beg to Recommend to your Notice as Enjoy similar Indulgences and Exemptions herein Cases that Relate to my Person or my Office and of which I most studiously avoid any improper Use by my Dependants.-

But as from your Letter it appears that the Expence of the Ministers Agents at Madras and Tanjore is burthensome I conceive no exemption can be made by this Court to your paying them entirely at your Convenience as this Court does me but without making it pointed - and perhaps would be the best way of getting rid of the Burthen altogether as I am inclined to think this Government will not very Readily Continue them When their Expence is to be defrayed from hence.

I need not observe how necessary it is, should You adopt this Suggestion, that its Origen should be Kept carefully Secret.-

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
/Signed/ C. M. Malet D.S.

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P. S.

It may not be improper to acquaint you that I have lately been permitted to purchase Bullocks and Grain for the Bombay Government free of Customs to a large Amount

Translate of a Memorandum presented by the Minister at Poona to the Company's Resident there relative to the Marratta Vackeel at Madras.-

Junardhun Seeram Who has long been Vackeel of this Government at Madras has written that having purchased some Articles to send here also for his own Use Custom have been Demanded thereon which has not been done hitherto - A letter therefore is Requested of Sir C.M. Malet to the Government of Fort St. George in prevention of the Exaction of Customs.-

Camp on the Kistna
14th October 1791.-

True Translate
/Signed/ C.M. Malet.-

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Poonah

Resolved that a Copy of Mr. Swartz's Letter of the 5th. August, stating the Allowance formerly given to the Marattas Vackeel at Tanjore be transmitted to the Board of Accounts Revenue, with Instructions to direct the Collector to pay the same in

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in future with such Arrears as may have fallen due since the Revenues of the Tanjore Country came under the Company's Management.—

Agreed that the Maratta Vackeel at Madras be exempted from the Payment of Duties on Articles purchased or to be purchased by him for his own use as well on some intended to be sent to Poona and that the Board of Revenue be informed of the same, and instructed to give Orders to the Collectors to guard against any Abuse of this Indulgence, by preventing the Vackeel from lending his Name to others, to the detriment of the Revenue.—

Read the following Letter from Lieut Colonel Ross Military Secretary to Lord Cornwallis

To William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Military Secretary to Lord Cornwallis enclosing Copy of a Narrative delivered by Mr. Drake, and others who have escaped from Tippoo, to Captain Little, containing an Account of most of the Prisoners and the Destitute that have been in Tippoo's Possession.—

I have been desired by Lord Cornwallis to request that you will Communicate to the Board the enclosed Copy of a Narrative which was given to Captain Little Commanding the Bombay Detachment serving with Purseram Bhow's Army, by Mr. Drake and some other Prisoners who have lately

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lately escaped from Tippoo Sultaun, to that Army, & containing an Account of the treatment that they have experienced, and of the fate (as far as they know or had heard) of many other Prisoners as well as of some Deserters, that have been in Tippoo's possession.—

His Lordship has desired me to add that as it may be gratifying not only to some individuals, but to the public at large to see the abovementioned Narrative and accompanying lists of Names &c. he can see no objection to your permitting the Editor of the Madras Courier, if he should be desirous to do it, to insert them in his Publication, And the Names of Barrell & MacKenzie, two Prisoner who have very recently made their Escape from Chittledrog, are to be added to the Number of those that were with Captain Little at the time that the Narrative was Written.—

Camp in the Mysore Country
Bangalore 6th November
1791

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
(Signed) A. Ross
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Narrative

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Narrative of Mr. William Drake &c formerly Midshipman of the Hannibal and other Prisoners taken last War, who have lately made their Escape from Tippoo

On 8 July 1791. Arrived at Ruddy Fortress on the Southern Banks of the Tumbedra & acquired by the Marattas during the present War, Mr. William Drake formerly Midshipman of the Hannibal James Sweeny Drummer of Marines, and John Jordan Seaman of the same Ship and William Whiteway Gunners boy of the Fortitude. The prisoners taken by the French in the Hannibal Chaser, Fortitude, Yarmouth, Raiser and Resolution to the Number of about 500 were landed at Cuddalore 30 June 1782 sent from thence to Chellambrum the beginning of July where they remained Prisoners with the French till August 12 when they were delivered over to Hyder Ally Khan and marched to Bangalore the Privates in Irons. They Arrived at Bangalore 2d. September The Officers were sent into the Fort the next day and three days after were put in Irons with an Allowance of one Cowrey

Fanam

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Fanam / Something less than the 3d of a Rupee / and a Seer of Rice each p day - Some of the Privates were forced into Tippoo's Service as Mechanics at Bangalore as p List / N.o 1 / and others Confined in Bangalore, Auspore Ballapore Dewanelly &c.a on the 19th October the youngest of the whole to the number of 51. / N.o 2 were sent to Seringapatam, where they arrived 31st October they & remained there till 7th November when their Heads were shaved and on the 11th all their things were taken from them and they were Circumcised. soon after Mussellmans Names and dress's were given them, and they were & Marched about the Parade, The Midshipmen had an Allowance of two Country Fanams p day and the others one, with Victuals Cooked for the whole - Thus they remained till November 1783 when on a trifling Misdemeanour of some of them, all were Confined and being rather & Clamorous with the Killedar for this treatment & some were beat and all were bound on the parade and Rings / Boly / the Badge of Slavery were put into their Ears. They were then Incorporated into a Battalion of Cheyles where they remained till 19th December 1783. They were then sent to Mysore with some other Europeans Amounting to about 85 / List N.o 3 /

where

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where they remained in Close Confinement till April
1784. in two Prisons when they were brought back
to Seringapatam. paraded in Reviews before Tippoo &
questioned as to their Knowledge and qualifications
as Mechanics. The Command of a Company of Cheyla Boys
with Exercising Muskets without Locks was given
to Messrs. Speediman, and Routledge, and the others
were made Havildars having the Command of 6. with
an Allowance of about 9 Rupees p. Month of 35 or 36 Boys
They were all distributed into two Battalions and
were sent to Chinnapatam about 12 Cose Westerly
of Seringapatam. They staid there Till February
1785 when they were again sent for to Seringapatam
and Reviewed by Tippoo. He gave Battalions of
Cheylas with Firelocks to Messrs. Speediman
and Routledge and a Battalion of Boys with
exercising Muskets to Serjeant Dempster and
made the other Hivaldars in those and other
Cheyla Battalions. Mr. Speediman who had
ever been very low spirited Cut his throat in about
a Month - The Battalions to which they were
posted were four of Christians called Achomby and
four of various Cast called Afsid Alloys all of

Ceremonies

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Circumcised. Thus they remained till February '86. when Tippoo on the breaking out of the Mahratta War & Attacked his Army gave all the Battalions new Arms and Accoutrements and Marched to Bangalore & with among his other Troops twelve of those & Battalions four old ones (Aged Allys) The Army Consisting of 80,000 Fighting Men Commanded by Tippoo in person left Bangalore in May and & proceeded towards Adoni, which they reached about the end of that Month, plundered the pettah, Attacked the Fort and in attempting to Storm it were beat back twice. — On the Advance of Moguel Ally Khan to the relief of Adoni with a strong Detachment from the Allied Army to the Northward of the Tumbeddra, Tippoo raised the Siege and Retreated five Cos. The Garrison of the Fort was withdrawn and & proceeded with Moguel Ally's Detachment across the Tumbeddra to the Main Army. Tippoo Came in sight of Tumbeddra at Chanelgoot kept & along its Banks and Crossed it in Boats and Baskets at Jurry gonout about 64 Cos from Adoni and 7 from Hurry Hur. All the European Chyles and many other Europeans were then sent

back

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back to Seringapatam in consequence of the desertion
that had taken place among them. The Europeans
were then again incorporated into Battalions
as Havildars and a Battalion was given to
M. Routledge, Serjeants Dempster and
June or July 1787 when Tippoo Arrived there
on the Conclusion of the Mahratta War and on
receiving them He selected the Europeans to the
Number of 86. They remained till December without
Employment when he dispersed them as follows
To Chittledroog 22 Englishmen 1 Woman and 7
Foreigners To Bednore 22 Englishmen and 7
Foreigners and 22 Englishmen and 6 Foreigners
remained in Seringapatam (List N.4) those
for Chittledroog and Bednore were sent in Doons -
The Chittledroog party reached their destination
27 December and were incorporated into 6 Sepoy
Battalions that were at that place - The 1st
Commanded by Abdul Ghuromy who had been in
Captain Kelly's Battalion Second Abdul Khan
3d Agay Khan, 4th Hussain Khan, Mahomed Ally &c
(formerly in the Service of the Nabob of Arcot) &
Commanding

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Commanding the whole - Here they were all privates at 4 ½ Rupees ₰ Mo. / or 15 Country Fanams / and 3/4 Seer of Rice ₰ day for one Year and a half & and afterwards their Allowance was 7 Rupees ₰ Mo. of 45 days and they were treated in every respect & very severely - They did duty in the Pettah till & about One Month before the Fall of Bangalore when they were put into the lower Fort and had to build their own Habitations. On the Mahratta parties Coming into the Neighbourhood of Chittledroog several Detachments were sent against them from the Fort and in February 91. The Europeans also were employed on this Service at which they were very thankful thinking it might afford them an Opportunity of making their Escape, Dowlet Khan the Killidar in person 3500 Men / 1000 of them Horse under Rubben Jung / proceeded to & Tuckteray 17 Cos towards Roydroog in the hands of Some revolted Poydars who offered to pay tribute but would not Surrender - There were unsuccessful Attempts were made to storm but on at & Breach being made the fourth Succeeded and & almost

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almost every Man in the place was put to death
One European Cheyla was Killed and one Wounded
Mr. Le Sage received a Ball thro the Body from
some of his own party which Killed him on
the spot Upwards of 200 of Doolut Khans
people were Killed and wounded. They were
several time met in the Neighbourhood of
Chittledroog and Doolat Khan afterwards
Marched Towrd Heyder 7 Cos from Chittledroog
but hearing the Mahrattas being in force there he
determined to Return before the party got back
to the Fort the afternoon was far advanced and
the Weather was very Cloudy — Taking advantage
of this Mr. Darke and the others loitered as much
as they could and dark coming on with Rain
before they had got within they repeated from the
party and moved on all Night, hiding themselves
in the daytime, till they had got within
the Mahratta District — John Leavesly
and William Pearson Seamen, and
Thomas Jones Marine of the Hannibal and
Alexander Bruce Drummer of the 100 Regiment
made their Escape out of Chittledroog 9th September 1791

and

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and proceeded to Hurry Hurr These two parties amounting to Nine joined Captain Little, Detachment 11½ Miles North of Chittledroog 21st. September—George Beale and Thomas Fairsedes both of the Yarmouth made their Escape from Bednore, Arrived at Hurry Hurr 3 Sept.r and have since proceeded to Bombay—

At Seringapatam General Mathews was in Confinement Daines Sherry was sent for one day to the Kutcherry there and some pewter plates with marks on them was shewn to him to explain the saw on them Words to this purport "I am indebted to the Malabar Christians on Account of the Public Service 40,000 Rupees. The Company owes me about 30,000 I have taken poison and I am now within a short time of Death, whoever Communicates this to the Bombay Government or to my Wife will be Amply Rewarded" Signed Richard Mathews Part of the Guard that were posted over the General have assured Mr. Drake and the others that poison was given to him in Pills Colonel Baillie died 11th. November 1782. but whether by Violence or not Cannot be ascertained with Confidence tho the general Opinion was in the Affermative Capt.n Ramsay and Lieutenants Sampson and Fraser of

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the Madras Establishment were seen by M. Drake and many others carried over the parade of Seringapatam in Covered Doolies one of them said to the European Boys then at exercise there "God bless you Lads we know not "where these people are taking us. On the Arrival of the European Chiefs at Mysore about two Months after, one of the Mundyvallas assured them that those Officers were poisoned there many others Confirmed this. Captain Landmann and M.r Cullock have their lives not known how at Gopauldroog. It is to be remarked that the Water of Gopaulldroog at the foot of the Rock is very generally reported to be of a poisonous Quality which in a short time kills all who drink it - The Toson he saw was a good one - They had not heard any particulars of the other Bombay Officers who are Missing M. Routledge mentioned to M. Drake and the others that Kishen Row, the Braminn of the regular Infantry told the poisoning of the prisoners Killed by Tippoo had informed him that twenty five British Officers on pretence of Marching them from one place to another had been by Night forced into a pit and smothered - The two prisoners that escaped from Chittledroog met on

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on their way to Hurry Heir, with one Smithey who informed them that on the Capture of Bangalore all the Englishmen in Seringapatam except himself (who practised physic) were sent in small parties to different forts, that he himself likewise was soon after sent away under a Guard and supposing they intended to put them to Death he took a favorable opportunity of seizing one of their Swords, with which he cut down two or three of them and the rest ranaway - That he soon after fell in with Fourteen other Europeans under a Guard and urged them to endeavour to extricate themselves which they did, and after a long Conflict with the Guard in which fell 4 Europeans they made their Escape and reached a Detachment of the Nizam's Troops - That a letter from M. Routledge while in Confinement at Narrondroog having been intercepted, and the Names of Serjeants Dempster and one Green being mentioned they were put to death - Smithey is well acquainted with the Country Languages and being also a Deserter preferring a Wandering life to any other left his Comrades - He dresses in the Mahomedan Habit and goes by

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by the name of Boodeen Beg – Thomas Jones
one of the Mechanics that were detained at Bangalore
and who is among those who have lately escaped
from Cheitta Droog was sent under a Guard
from Seringapatam to Chellidroog about
August 1790 He says that on a Correspondence
Carried by Mr. Routledge with the Carnatic
being discovered fifteen Natives concerned in it
were put to death and Mr Routledge was
sent to Narrandroog about 7 Officers of
Seringapatam where orders for his Death were
given to the Killidar who behaved at first
very kindly to him, but the orders being repeated
he was Shot – The latter part he learnt from one
Oliver and others whom he met close to Narrandroog
Oliver also acquainted him of their being at
that time two private Europeans in Confinement
at Narrandroog – Of the Mechanics sent from
France about 30 Arrived at Seringapatam
of whom 10 or 12 have died – They are of little or
no use and have often expressed a wish to
return but Tippoo will not permit them
None of them who have now made their
escape

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...escape know any thing of Lieutenant Hamilton or any other Officers who have of late been confined in Seringe. There are now doing Duty with Tippoo a great number of Native Officers and Privates who have formerly belonged to the Lower Carnatic in the Service of the English or Mahomed Ally Khan — Those who have made their Escape from Chittledroog reported the Garrison of that place to be to the best of their Knowledge as follows - Four Nominal Battalions of Cheylas Consisting of about 800 Twelve Nominal Battalions of Regular Infantry Consisting of about 2300 about 3000 Peadas & stationed in the upper Fort Two Companies /120/ of Goolandaze Native One Company /60/ of Goolandaze stationed without the Fort & Consisting of European Deserters and Native Christeans, 3 or 400 Irregulars, with & Swords Pikes, Clubs, Bows, and Arrows, styled & Hurpeen Commands the Troops under Dowlet Khan - To give more full and Satisfactory & Information of the Europeans who have been in Service or in Confinement with Tippoo and are not noticed above a list is subjoined /No. 5/

Several

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Several European Boys were taught dancing in the Country Style and forced to dance in female Dresses before Tiepoo. It is said that of late as they grow up they have been transferred to the Cheyla Battalions

Memorandum in Writing by those who have escaped could not be kept during so long and tedious a Confinement, and Memory alone cannot complete the Lists so accurately as could be wished The Country names given by Tippoo to such of the Europeans as were Circumcised are inserted in the Lists with a View to facilitate the Enquiry and Recovery of those who should be alive. They have occasionally been altered. The Account of the Europeans yet alive in Tippoo Country is collected generally from the whole of those who have made their Escape. Those in Seringapatam in particular Soon as Thomas Jones as late as August 1790. and to a late period from the Report of Some they to the two Men who escaped from Bednore. Those at Bednore to about August 1791 from the above two Mens Report to those who have joined Captain Little's Detachment from Hurry Hur. Those at Chittledroog to September 1791

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List of persons taken by the French last War, delivered up to Hyder Ally Khan and forced into his Service at Bangalore as Mechanics

Name	Stations when taken	Country Names given them	Remarks.
Peter Barry	Hannibal Seaman		Dead.
John Shields	do	do	do
Francis Blair	do	do Bellum Beg	Alive in Seringapatam
Jno for Thos Taylor	do	do Sellum Beg	do
Jno for Joseph Bennett	do	do	Dead
John Chase	do	do	
William Vernon	do	do	
James Ravener	do Marine or	do	
George Smith	do Capt Steward	do	Hanged in Seringt for Corresponding with the English
Robert Briggs	do	do	
Peter Orr for Hoare	Revolution or Raiter	do	
William Elder	Chaser	do	
William Paterson	Hannibal	do	Dead.
William Bell	do	do	do
John Kemp	do	do Hallad Beg	Alive in Seringapatam
Henry Delany	do	do Dildar Beg	do do
Thos Gilchannon	do	do Gildar Beg	do do
Micht Rowland	do	do	Do
Edwd Walsh	do	do Pully Beg	Alive in Seringapatam
Stephen Katen	do	do	Dead
David Pending	do	do	do
William Forester	do	do Fazel Beg	Alive in Seringapatam
William Day	do	do	do do
Thomas Williams	do Marine or	Do	Hanged in Seringt for Corresp.
John Asberry	do	do	Dead
John Mahallon	do	do Mahomed Beg	Alive
Thomas Jones	do Marine		Escaped from Pattledroog
John Mc Gregor	do Seaman		Dead
Patrick Durett	do	do	do

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Names	Stations when taken	Country Names given them	Remarks.
Archibald Douglas	do	do	Hanged in Seringr. for Correspondence
William Smith	do	do	Dead
Edward Hunt	Raikes	do	do
Thomas Taylor	do	do Sellum Beg	Alive in Seringapatam
Robert Woods	Chaser	do Ismael Beg	do do
Willm Painter	do	do	Dead
Abraham	do	do	do
Christr Ore/or Hoare/	Fortitude	do	do
Robert Williams	do	do	do
William Menton	do Midshipman	Munroe Beg	Alive in Seringapatam
Thomas Mason	do Seaman	Muckrum Beg	do do
Joseph Warren	Chaser	do	dead
William Clapsupper	do	do Kurrum Khan	Alive Seringapatam

No. 2

List of the Youngest Selected from among the Prisoners and sent to Seringr. from Bangalore.-

Names	Stations when taken	Country Names	Remarks.-
William Drake	Hannibal Midshipn	Hussain Khan	Escaped from Chillendroog
W. W. O Le Sage	do	do Seyed Khan	Killed at Tullaycherry March 91
R. Grimes Austen	do	do	Dead
Wilkinson	Raikes	do	do
Wm Hudeman	Resolution Masters Mate		do
Randal Cadman	do Midshipman	Delawar Beg	Escaped from Seringapatam with 10 others
Joseph Wright	Yarmouth	do	do
John Miller	Fortitude	do Mahomed Beg	Alive at Bednore.
Masters	Hannibal	do	dead
John Jordan	do	Seaman	Escaped from Chillendroog
James Murry	do	Marine	do
Thomas Hall	do	do Hashim Beg	In Chillendroog Alive
William Richardson	do	Seaman	Escaped from do
John Leavesley	do	do	do

Francis

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Names	Stations so how taken	Country Names	Remarks.
Francis Horrisbey	dº Seaman		alive in Bednore
Richard /or Lewis/ Alsop	dº Marine		dº Seringapatam
William Telly	dº Seaman		dº dº
William	dº Boatswains Boy		Dead /Name forgot/
William Mead	dº Captains Boy		Escapes from Bednore with Capt. White
Daniel Kelly	dº Seaman		dº from Camp.
Robert Wood	dº dº		Dead
John Hicks	Chaser dº		alive in Seringapatam /Doubtfull/
John Wood	dº dº		Escapes from Chittledroog.
Wm. Dowdney	Raikes Steward		alive in Bednore /doubtfull/
John Hooper	dº Seaman	Billumkhan	dº dº
Edward Murphy	Fortitude dº		Dead
Edward Kelly	Raikes dº		Poisoned by Rayer's Wife
John Barrate	Fortitude dº		dº dº
William Curtis	Resolution dº		Dead
Jnº /or Wm/ Pigit	Resolution Raikes Seaman		Alive in Seringapatam
Jnº Johnstone	dº dº		Escapes from Camp
Wmº Skinner	dº /or Raikes/ dº	Delawankhan	alive in Bednore
Jeremiah Ryley	dº dº	Hyder Ally Khan	Escapes or alive in Seringapatam
James Murrell	Yarmouth dº		Dead.
Wm. Whiteway	Fortitude dº		Escapes from Chittledroog
John Bradsell	dº dº		Killed at Tellicherry March 91
William Malone	dº dº		Dead
Michael Hart	Resolution dº		dº
James Hampson	Gift dº		dº
Andrew Seaward	Fortitude dº		dº
William Cope			Died in Seringapatam before Commenced
George Elles			Dead
George Rouch	Yarmouth Seaman		Escapes from Bednore
Oliver Clements	Raikes dº	Sillimankhan	Dead /Doubtfull/
Trueman	Fortitude dº		Escaped from Camp
Fletcher	Raikes dº		Dead
Joseph McKenzie	Servant to a Captain of a Country Vessel		Alive in Bednore

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List of Europeans in Addition to N°2 sent from Seringapatam to Mysore

Names	Stations when taken	Country names given them	Remarks
G. H. D. Clarke	Est.d Madras Establishment	Mustaum Khan	Dead
Jno.s Alex.r Dimpster	Serj.t Major Bengal artillery	Sellimun Khan	Killed at Seringapatam for Correspondence
Arthur Ross	Bailies Detach.t Kings	Kauder Beg	Desirter
James Sinclair	do	do	Belmore alive prisoner.
Edward Morton	do Company		do do
George Morton	do do		Alive in Belmore (doubtful) first
John Fleming	Soldier		dead do
John Briston	Madras Artillery		do Deserter
Thos.s or Jno.s Reynolds	Bengal do	Dilawar Khan	Escaped from Seringapatam
John Green	Madras do		do Prisoner
Barclay Smithy	do do	Boodun Beg	Killed in Seringapatam for Correspond.s Deserter
Bengal Woodley	Bailies Detach.t joined to the Company	Sumeder Beg	Escaped from D.o D.o
Ralph Smith	Officers Servant Madras		do
John Bastiones	Mad.s Est.d Soldier		Dead Ran away
James Snellgrove	Col. Hunters Sons Serjeant	Sultaun Beg	Deserter Dutchman
Pat.k W.m or Peter Lynch	Taken at Nagin Rajahs King	Boodun Beg	Alive in Seringapatam first
Patrick Robinson	Bengal Artillery		do do do
Robert M.c kenzie	Bailies Detach.t Drummer	Kauder Khan	do in Belmore do do (doubtful)
Chas.s or Johns Plumpey	Mad.s Establish.t Soldier		do in Chittledroog
John Mullock	Bailies Detach.t D.o	Bynam Khan	do (doubtful) Belmore
John Clark	Soldier in Mangalore		do in Chittledroog
Groves	Serj.t Major Baillies Detach.t	Sahet Cawn	do in Seringapatam Deserter
John Hayes	Soldier Bailies D.o		Dead
Thomas Maclean	Matthews Detach.t Tipoo		Poisoned by his Wife first
James Duffey	do do		do do
Jno.s Le Walker	Madras Est.d Soldier		do do
Lucas	Bailies Detach.t D.o		Deserter
Speedeman	Lieut Mad.s Establishm.t	Tipoo Khan	Dead Prisoner
Routledge	do do	Rupoo Khan	Cut his throat do
			just to death for Corresp.e D.o

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List of Europeans as Stationed in 1787.

Names.	Stations when taken	Country Names given them	Remarks...
John Clarke	Soldier in Mangalore	Seringapatam alive	Deserter
Jno. for Richd. Alsop	Hannibal Marine	do	do
Wm. for Jno. Gopie	Country Vessel Seaman	do	do for Escaped
Tho. for Jno. Reynolds	Company's Service	Delawar Khan	do	do
Tho. for Patk. Lynch	Matthews Detachment	Boaden Beg	do Writer	do prisoner
Patrick Robinson	Company's Artillery	Raymon Beg	do for Bednore	do	do	doubtful
John Hutcheson	Matthews Detachment	do	do	do	do
James Snelling	Humberstons Serv.t	Sultaun Beg	do	do	do prisoner
Frederick			do	do	Foreigner
Richard Sunt			do	do	do
John Fleming	Madras Establishm.t		do	dead	Deserter
Wm Lynch	At Mungalore		do	alive	do
Wm. Drake	Hannibal Midshipman	Hussein Khan	Chittledroog	Escaped
W.W. & Ledage	do	do	Syd Khan	do	Killed at Tulkenpeah March 91
Groves	Sergt. Major Bengal Detch.	Saheb Cawn	Chittledroog	dead	prisoner
James Skurry	Hannibal Marine		do	Escaped
Wm Richardson	do	Seaman	do	do
Wm Whiteway	Fortitude	do	do	do
John Jordan	Hannibal	do	do	do
John Wood	Chaser	do	do	do
Hew.r Bruce	Matthews Army	Tipu King	do	do	Prisoner
John Leavesley	Hannibal	Seamen	Chittledroog	Escaped	prisoner
Robt Mc. Kenzie	Bailies Detachment Dec.d Kings	Hauder Khan	do	alive	do
John Barrett	Mathus Army	prisr. do	Dowd Khan	do	do	do
John Mullock	do	do	do	Byram Cawn	do	do	do
George Madden	do	Servant	Meidum Beg	do	do	do
Robert Woods	Hannibal	Seaman	do	Dead
William Malone	Fortitude	do	do	do	do
James Roth	do	do	do	do	do
John Bradsall	do	do	do	do	do

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Names	Stations when taken	Country Names given them		Remarks
Thomas Brown	Hannibal Seaman			Chittledrug Escaped 1790
Thomas Hewson				do do do
Joshua Hart	Resolution Seaman			do dead
Thomas Hall	Hannibal Marine	Hakims Beg		do alive
Francis Hornsby	do Seaman			Bednore prisoner alive
James Sinclair	Mathews Army Kings			do do dead
Arthur Ross	do do	Hauder Beg		do do alive
Wm Docodney	Raikes Seaman			do dead (doubtful)
John Hooper	do do	Billum Beg		do alive
Geo: Elles	do			do dead
John Basty	Madras Estab: Private	Sawal Khan		do Dutchman Deserter
Ralfph Smith	Officers Servant Madras			do dead Ranaway
Thomas Forcides	Yarmouth Seaman			do Escaped
George Bush	do do			do do
Wm Stenner	Raikes	do Dilwar Khan		do alive
John Willey	Fortitude Midshipman	Mahomed Beg		do do
Thomas Male	Seaman			do do
George Morton	Bailies Detachment			do dead Joathan doubtful Sepoy
Ezra Morton	do do			do do do
Patk Robinson	Company's Artillery	Raymon Khan		do do do
Peter Payne	Humbertons Detach!			do Escaped Prisoner
Oliver Clements	Seaman	Sulliman Khan		do dead
James Walker	Madras Establishment	Sulliman Khan		do Deserter alive
James Summers	Mathews Army			do prisoner
Mathew Watts	do do			do do do
Joseph M'Kenzie	Servant to a Captain of a Country Vessell			do alive
Chas for Jno Plumpy	Madras Establishment			do Deserter Dead (doubtful)
William Tilley	Hannibal Seaman			Seringapatam Alive
Bengal Woodley	Bailies Detachment Writer to the Commissary	Saunder Beg		do Escaped
John Barston	Company's Artillery			do do

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List of Europeans who have been in Service or in Confinement with Tippoo and are not noticed in any of the foregoing Lists.—

Names	Station	Country Names given them.	Remarks.—
Banburry	Bby Establis.t Ensign		Dead Deserter
James Green	Madras	do	do do
James Fergufson			Escaped from Camp.t do
John Morely	98.th Regiment private		Dead Prisoner
John Ward	Col. Baillies Detach.t		do do
Will.m Putnam	General Mathews Army	Tutty Beg	Alive in Seringapat.m prisoner
Will.m Williams	do	Waldar Beg	do do Not taken out for attempt. to Escape prisr.
Thomas Staunton	Madras Establishm.t	Toddy Beg	do do Deserter
Thomas Bull	General Mathews Army	Bellum Beg	do do
Joseph Warren	Chaser		Dead Prisoner
John Burrows	General Mathews Army	Bahauder Khan	Alive do
John Humphries	do Serjeant		Dead do
Wm Knight	do Servant		Escaped from Camp.t
Paradise			do Dutchman Deserter
Edwards	General Mathews Army		do Prisoner
Green	Comm.r of a Country Vessel		Hanged at Bangalore for Correspond
Sam Elliott	Bombay Establishm.t	Abdulla Beg	Alive in Seringapatam Deserter
James Watkins	do		Alive in Chittledroog Deserted from Tellicherry they have behaved very well to those who Escaped.—
Thomas Mosely	do		
Beeher	Comm.d of a Country Vessel		Wrecked on the Mal: Coast go Alive in Bednore
Chapman	100. Reg.t Drum.r w.th Mall.t	Hussain Beg	Alive in Seringapatam Writer
Thomas Chapman	Chaser Seaman		Hanged at Bangalore for Correspond:
John Ryan	102.d Reg.t Drummer	Hurbal Beg	do dancing boy prisoner
John Sutherland	100 do Fifer		do do do
Thomas Barker	do do		Dead
Francis Moore	Company's Service do		do
William Day	Madras Establishment		Deserter Escaped from Camp
William Alderson	General Mathews Army		

Robert

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Names.	Stations	Country Names given them	Remarks.
Robert Scott	General Mathews Army		Sent to Ramghenry near Seringapatam
George	Hamberston's Det. Tipu		Alive in Chittledroog
John Beatles	Madras Establishmt		Deserter dead
Flood	Serjt Bombay Do		Hanged for Corresp.ce prisoner
John Wilson	Company's Service		Alive in Seringapatam taken 22 Years ago with one Samuel who died lately
Thomas Speedley	do Serjt Mathews Army		Sent to Meerghenry
James Wilkey	Resolution Carpenter		Prisr Hanged for Corresponde
George Thompson	Chaser do	Cous Beg	Alive in Seringapatam
Patrick Ryley	Mathews Army		Hanged himself prisoner
Inft for Sat Malhannan	do	do	do for murdering Insr or James Wills Bailies Detachment & Thr Cole & Wife Mathews Army
Charles Cozens	Mathews Army Kerga	Dowd Beg	Chittledroog Alive
John Baptist	Bombay Establish		do do deserted from Tellicherry
Richard	do	do	Names forgot Escaped from Chittledroog do
Dodds	do	do	Killed in attempting ho do do
John Kestall	Chaser	Dowlat Beg	Alive in Seringapatam Blind
James Wright	Fortitude Seaman		Hanged at Seringapatam
Thomas Male	do		Alive in Bednore
Roberts	Bailies Detachment		Dead
Baptist	Brathwaites do		Escaped from Camp
Kingsberry	do Dr Rayns Servant		Dead
Higgins	Bailies Detachment		Escaped in 1782
Clements	do	do	do do
Browne	do	do	do do
Mc Intosh	do	do	do do
Richard Stacey	Seaman	Sultaun Beg	Taken at St Jago alive in Seringapatam
Thomas Thompson	Soldiers Son Bombay	Murrad Beg	Dancer at Seringapatam
William Simmonds	do	Hussein Beg	do do

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Inclose by Captain Littler desire a Continuation and Correction of the Narratives of four Prisoners who have of late escaped from Tippoo Two other Europeans, David Lewis who says he has been Eight Years in the Country Service but never in Tippoo and Thomas Simmonds who appears to be a Deserter from Onore at last War are of late arrived here but brings no particular Information.

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List of Europeans Stationed in Septembr 1790

Names	Station when taken	Country Names given them	Remarks
James Barclay Smithy	Madras Artillery	Booden Beg	Solundroog Escape / Captain Littles Camp
Randal Eadman	Resolution Mds	Detawar Beg	do do / Madras by Report
George Morton	Bailies Detachment	do do / do /	
John Briston	Company's Artillery	do do	
Patrick Robinson	Do	Raymon Beg	do do / Adoni /
John Taylor	Hannibal Seaman	Sellum Beg	do do
John Rynnier	Medows Army	do do / Pannyel /	
James M Donald	do do	do do / Kurnool /	
John Berry	do do	do do / do /	
William Chapman	do do	do do / do /	
Alexr Graham	do do	do do	
James Snelling	Col. Humberstons Servant	Sulsauen Beg	Narrandroog
William Lynch	Mangalore Soldier	do do	
William Dowdney	Raikes Seaman	do do	
James Burne		do do	
Henry Delany	Hannibal Seaman	Dildar Beg	do do
Thomas Taylor	Raikes do	Sellum Beg	do do
Francis Blair	Hannibal do	Bellum Beg	do do
Thomas Selshaman	do do	Seldar Beg	do do
William	Raikes a Resolution	do do	
Willm Williams	Genl Mathews Army	Wildar Beg	do do
Jas for Richd Jalsop	Hannibal a Marine	Soondy droog	

John

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Names	Stations when taken	Country Names given them	Remarks.-
John Ryan	King's Regiment	Kubbut Beg	Soondy Droog
James Elliott	Bbye Artillery	Abdulla Beg	Seringapatam
John Sutherland	King's Regiment Fife	do	Danur
Thos Male	Seaman		Soondy Droog
Benlat Woodley	Bailies Detachment	Secunder Beg	do do
John Hutcheson	Mathews Army		do do
John for Thos Reynolds	Company's Service	Dildar Khan	do do
George Hooper	Raiths Seaman	Billum Khan	do do
John Clarke	Soldier in Mangelu		do do
William Tilley	Hannibal Seaman		do do
William Gopie	Revolutionaries do		do do
Robert Woods	Chaser	do Jamaat Beg	Seringapatam
Richard Stracy	do	Sultaun Beg	do do
John Mahallam	Hannibal	do Mahomed Beg	do do
George Thompson			do do
Thomas Bull	Mathews Army	Billum Beg	do do
John Burrows	do	Bahauder Khan	do do
John Kemp	Hannibal Seaman	Hattul Beg	do do
John Welton	Company's Service		do do
Edwd Welsh	Hannibal Seamen	Pully Beg	do do
Willm Putnam	Mathews Army	Tully Beg	do do
Willm Tunster	Hannibal Seaman	Tazel Beg	do do
Willm Day	do	do	do do
Thos Mason	Fortitude	do Muntoom Beg	do do
William Colepepper	Chaser	do Kurram Beg	do do
1st for Patk Lynch	Mathews Army	Boden Beg	do do
" Chapman	Kings Regiment	Hussun Beg	do do Writer
" Fredrick			do do do
Richard Tunt			do do Foreigner
Thomas Hall	Mathews Army		do do do
			do do

Agreed.

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Agreed that a Copy of the Narrative be transmitted to Bengal — Agreed also that the Editor of the Madras Courier be informed that a Copy of the Narrative will be furnished him, if he have any desire to publish it —

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Secretary to the Governor General —

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from Major Close —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department —

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you, by desire of His Lordship, for the information of the Honorable Board Copy of a Letter received last Night from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, on Detachment, — The Prisoners taken at Penagra are to be forwarded to Vellore to be kept in confinement with the others formerly sent thither from Bangalore. —

From the Deputy Adjutant General with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell advising of the Capture of the fort of Penagra —

Head Quarters
11 Miles from
Bangalore, near
the Ossore Road
5th November 1791

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. J. Close
Depy Adjt General
Major

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Major Close Deputy Adjutant General.-

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you from Daramsporay of my Arrival there, and the Capture of a Number of Cattle from the Enemy.- I have now to request, you will communicate to the Commander in Chief the further proceedings of the Detachment under my Command.-

I marched yesterday towards Dinagra, in which direction many of the Horse had retired or with the Cattle they had driven off- after a very long March the Detachment came in sight of the Place at 2 o'Clock- Lieutenant Poole with the 1st. Battalion of Sepoy Volunteers, was ordered in advance to summon the place, but the Fort firing on the Battalion as it advanced, the Pickets and some Companies of the 74th. Regiment with their Guns, were directed to support it.- A Flag of Truce was sent to summon the place which was fired upon from the Walls.- Parties were immediately posted round the Fort, to prevent the Garison from escaping, and the 6 Pounders, having no effect on the Wall, when fired at 300 Yards distance, after reconnoitring, it was resolved to attempt

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attempt to force the Gate which is on the south side of the Fort.— This was found to be more difficult than was at first supposed,— a Glacis which covered the Gate rendered it necessary to bring the Guns close to it This was done under the Fire of a covering party & pushed on to the edge of the Ditch, to keep a constant fire upon the Walls— Three Rounds were fired from the Gun, but without effect— Ladders were therefore applied on the Wall, Escaladed by the flank Companies of the 71st— On entering, a second Gate was found, the Wall of which was ascended in the same manner, and those who first mounted the Rampart opened this and a third Gate to admit the Troops.— As the Party ascended the 2d Wall, Signalls were made for Cowle but it was too late.— The Garrison consisting of about 300 Men were driven from the Works, and about 150 of them were Killed, or Wounded, before the firing could be stopped.—

The place was full of Inhabitants, and of the Families of the neighbouring districts— some of them apparently of Rank— Such of the Men as held official situations, or from former employments, were

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were judged to be of consequence, are detained as Prisoners, Some fell in the Assault — The Inhabitants were permitted to depart where they pleased.

The great fatigues the Troops had undergone, & wish to ascertain what was in the place, and to demolish as far as it was possible, & Sort the ... strength and Situation of which, rendered it ... a convenient station, for Parties to assemble for the purpose of ravaging the Baramahal, induced me to halt to day — A small quantity of Paddy was found in the Fort, and some Rice, as much of which as we have carriage for is taken for the Troops the rest which there was no mode of removing, was given up to the Followers of the Detachment — 300 Horses which had been left there by the party which lately came into this Country, of which I had previous intimation, were removed the night before our arrival

A considerable quantity of powder which was in the Magazines (30 Candys) was employed in destroying the works — The Gates were burnt, and the Walls so much breached as to render the Fort perfectly untenable — I shall have the honor to forward to Lord Cornwallis in a few days a sketch of the Fort, it is situated in a very rich Country, abounding in Grain, and the destruction of it will, I trust, completely prevent any Supplies from hence reaching Seringapatam, The Road by Alimbaddy is already much ... interrupted by the Polligars —

I am with

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A number of Cattle were taken here but from the want of Drivers many of them have been unavoidably lost, yet I trust a considerable number will reach the Army.- I shall send them to Pyacottah under an Escort from Policode.-

I have the honor to enclose a List of the Principal Prisoners taken in Penagra, and request His Lordship's instructions relative to the disposal of them.- I am happy to add that our Casualties only amount to three Europeans and three Natives Wounded, none dangerously.-

The Detachment will reach tomorrow towards Policode but I fear the very heavy Rains, which have fallen all this day, and seem likely to continue, will prevent my getting beyond Paperpetty a Village two Cos short of Policode, where there is good Ground of Encampment.-

Camp, near Penagra
1st November 1791 - 9 P.M.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hamilton Maxwell
Lieut Col

List of Prisoners - Mussulmen

Mahomed Tahir Uldeen - - Amildar of Penagra, Nephew of Golam ali, Buckshy of the Aram Cutchery -
Jag Khan - - - - - Killidar
Ghazaffer ali - - - - - A Balla Admy, Nephew to the Amildar
Mahomed Ali - - - - - Brother to the Amildar formerly Amildar of Adamancottah, and lately of Assumbellore -
Hyder Ali - - - - - Lately Amildar of Ossoor
Rehim Khan - - - - - Amildar of Adamancottah
Nizam uldeen - - - - - Lately Amildar of Sankyngydurgum
Sahib Khan - ? - - - - - Called Balla Admy's
Golam Rusul ?

Bramins

Yeneat Row - - - - - Sheristadar of Penagra
Rayma Pundit - - - - - Deputy to Do

Killed

Amildar of Udinguddy - - Hyder Saib his Cullution 100,000 Pag.s P Annum
Amildar of Daramporury - - Mahomed Maitum -

Dead

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Deputy Adjutant Genl.

Ordered that a Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwells Letter be transmitted to Mr. Secretary Hay for the Information of the Supreme Council.—

Read the following Letter from the Acting Deputy Adjutant General at this Presidency.—

To Wm. Collins Jackson Esqr.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed by Major General Musgrave to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, that Earl Cornwallis has been pleased to appoint

From the acting Deputy Adjutant General advising of Lord Cornwallis having appointed Ensign Russell Manners of the 19. Battalion Native Infantry to a Commission in his Majesty's Service.—

Ensign Russell Manners of the 19th. Battalion of Native Infantry, to a Commission in his Majesty's Service.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Actg Deputy Adjt Genl.

Head Quarters
November 9th 1791.—

Ordered that the Name of Ensign Manners be struck out of the List of the Army on this Establishment.

The Name of Ensign Russell Manners to be struck out of the List of the Army.—

" Chas. Oakeley.
" Wm. Deane
" Wm. Hudleston

Gilderie
Esq

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Diary.

Received the following Letters.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council.

Honorable Sirs,

From the Commandant at Dindigul - complaining of a want of Quarters for the Offices in Garrison - the last Supply of Cattle arrive at Saligaundchery - Intelligence from Coimbatore -

From the late arrangements, respecting — Offices, I perceive, that one Captain, and one Subaltern are appointed to the Garrison - which obliges me to represent to you a want of Quarters for their accomodation - and I know of no Buildings, suitable for them, either in the Fort or Pettah, except a certain proportion of the new Palace, the greatest part of which is unoccupied, and made no kind of use of - after allotting a certain proportion of the new Palace, to one Captain, and one Subaltern, sufficient — accomodation would even then remain for Mr. Vaughan, both as Paymaster and Storekeeper, on account of the Building being so very spacious and the number of apartments.

I know of no other Oeconomical Plan - unless, the Gentleman had an allowance for Building, which might not be — altogether consistent at this present juncture. -

The Party I sent from hence with the last Supply of Cattle, have arrived safe at Saligaundchery - but a Report having prevailed of the Enemy's being in possession of

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of Annamally induced Major Cuppage, to recal, the Officers and Party from returning hither, however I find since, that the report was not well founded and that their Cavalry, have only moved a few miles, the Pallygaudcherry road— Two Hircarahs, who are just arrived inform me that they left Coimbitoor, the 1st Instant, were Prisoners for two Days in the Pettah, but the Entry being a sleep, gave them an opportunity of escaping which they so effectually accomplished, that they brought off, the Sentinals Firelock — they were to have been taken before Khan alle Hasan, next morning, supposed for execution. They have carried their approaches within thirty yards of the Fort — and have not as yet summoned the Garison —

Dindigull
November 4th 1791
3. P.M.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c
/ Signed / T. Bowser,
Captain Commanding

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary Military Department.

From the Deputy adjutant General enclosing a Copy of Orders given to Colonel Floyd in consequence of the Incursion of the Enemy's Horse into the Carnatic —

Sir,

By desire of Lord Cornwallis I have the honor to enclose you for the information of the Honble Board, Copy of a Letter dispatched last night to Colonel Floyd, in consequence of intelligence received from Mr. Kindersley of a Body of the Enemy's Cavalry having

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entered the Carnatic by the Changamah Pass

Camp
3 Miles South of
Bangalore
7th November 8th 91.

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
/ Signed / B J Close.
Depy adjutant Genrl.

To Colonel Floyd,

Sir,

In my letter of the 4th Instant, I had the honor to communicate Lord Cornwallis's desire, that you should ascend the Pidnaygdungum Pass with your Detachment at a convenient period, in order to come forward with the 2d Division of the Convoy now in charge of Lieutenant Colonel Peile, His Lordship still giving you the latitude to act agreeably to circumstances maintaining a constant communication with Head Quarters - The Topsall of to day arrived this instant, brings intelligence from Mr Kindersley at Vellore, that a Body of the Enemy's Cavalry have entered the Carnatic by the Changamah Pass, and committed depredations particularly in the Neighbourhood of Pollore and Callispauk - Their number is not mentioned, however before this comes to hand, it is probable you will be assured on that head -

In consequence of this report therefore, which

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in his Lordships idea is not without grounds, he directs that in case of its proving authentic, you will immediately order a party of dismounted Troopers to relieve the Bycole Companies at Vaniambaddy, and afterwards employ these Companies as you may find it expedient, for the purpose of pursuing and running down the Parties of the Enemy who may have ~~mayhave~~ made the incursion, concerting at the same time with Captain Flint and the Officer in command at Tyagar, who may possibly be able to contribute a Detail of Troops to assist against the Enemy —

As the presence of your Detachment is not immediately required above the Ghauts, His Lordship leaves it in your option to continue a certain period in the Carnatic, not only to make the arrangement already [illegible] also to support it by means of the Troops under your Command, to any degree not likely to obstruct or interfere with any part of the general plan of operation determined upon for the ensuing Campaign —

Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell still continues in the Valley, having carried the Fort of Penagra by assault with very little loss, and made prisoners many principal persons employed in Office by the Enemy in

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the Neighbouring Posts and Districts — He will be written to, to have an eye towards the Changamah Pass —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) B.J Close
Deputy adjutant General

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Camp 11 Miles
from Bangalore near the
Ossore Road 6th November
1791.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

From Captain Andrews Read advising of the Number of Battering Guns and Quantity of Ammunition collected entends changing the attack of the lower fort from the west to the East Face —

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that two 20 and two 18 Pr. with 300 Rounds for each gun arrived here on the 1st Instant from Nundydroog, escorted by a Company of Sepoys under the Command of Ensign Muirhead — There are now here two 26 Pounders with 719 Shot for them, two 24 Pounders with 1000 Shot, and two 18 Pounders with 600 Shot, which will, I make no doubt, be amply sufficient for the reduction of the lower Fort. —

Having all along observed that the Garrison were indefatigable in repairing the Breach in the side and having lately discovered them endeavouring to cut it off entirely, I was led to suspect they had also taken pains

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to widen and deepen the Ditch in front of it - On that account, as soon as I heard of the Guns being on the road, I took every step in my power to ascertain the Depth and width of it exactly; and, by the Reports of different Gentlemen who measured it, it has been found to be not less than 13 feet deep and 10 or 12 Yards wide - Those Circumstances which have very much vexed and disappointed me determined me to change the attack from the west to the East face, upon which, altho' our Batteries must be much more exposed than before and at more than double the distance from our encampment, The Ditch from every appearance will be but a small obstacle in our way, and there is every reason to expect success - In pursuance of this plan, I made application to - Hafiz Jee for his permission, which being readily granted, a Battery for 2 Guns was begun on the night of the 6th, from which the whole of the East face can be enfiladed - this morning it was finished and the Guns put into it during the course of the night, and a Breaching - Battery will be begun immediately -

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signd) Andw Read

Captain Commanding

Ellore Detachment

Camp before Purrumcondah

3d November 1791 -

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12th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal — enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper with Copies of Papers to which it refers respecting the short Delivery of the Company's Flower shipped on the Eagle —

To D.

To D. enclosing Copy of Mr. Drake's Narrative and of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell's Letter to the Deputy adjutant General advising of the Capture by assault of the Fort of Penagra — informing him that since Mr. Drake's Narrative was written two Prisoners Barrett and Mackenzie have made their Escape from Chittledroog —

To the acting Resident at Cuddalore

To the acting Resident at Cuddalore — desiring him to transmit to the Board an Estimate of such Repairs as may be deemed absolutely necessary to the Security of the Company's Buildings at Cuddalore —

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — informing him that Mr. Young may be authorized to augment the Store of Grain in the Palmaud District to fifty Garce of Rice —

To the Commandant at Ongole

To the Commandant at Ongole — informing him that Lieutenant Beale has the Board's Permission to make up Carriages for the two small Iron Guns at Temeycotah —

To

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To the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the army to Prize money—

To the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the army to Prize money— enclosing Copies of two Letters from the Military Board—communicating the Sentiments of Government thereon; and desiring them to close the accounts and report the Balance due to the Captors for the first and second Campaigns—

To Colonel De Wangenheim

To Colonel De Wangenheim—informing him that the Men of the 14th Hanoverian Regiment whose Time of Service will expire on the 7th December next may be reenlisted for one Month.—

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore—informing him that his Charge for Candles will be admitted in Consideration of the Encrease of Business in his Employ, and continued during the war—

To the Collector in the Tinnevelly District

To the Collector in the Tinnevelly District enclosing Copy of a Letter received from Avadaiumeem Pauliah Braminy, and desiring him to communicate every Information in his Power on the subject of his Claim; particularly explaining whether the want of Vouchers was (as Pauliah has asserted) the only Inducement for his Refusal to deliver the Grain to his Agents.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of army accounts

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of army accounts— desiring him to report upon an application from Mr Bailey Surgeon at Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam for a Continuance of the allowance of 25 Pagodas
Pr Mensem on account of Hospital Servants. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - enclosing

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.

Copy of a Letter from the Reverend Mr Swartz stating the allowances that were formerly given to the Maratta — Vackeel at Tanjore and desiring them to instruct the Collector to pay the same in future, with such Arrears as may have fallen due since the Revenues of the Tanjore — Country came under the Company's Management. —

Sent the following Letters.

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Lord Cornwallis — requesting him to communicate his Opinion upon the application of the Tanjore Creditors submitted to him under Date the 2d. — March. —

My Lord,

We had the Honor to address your Lordship on the 2d March — respecting a Claim which had been preferred to us by the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore to participate in the Arrangement which your Lordship had thought it necessary to make in favor of the Creditors of his Highness the Nabob, to whom Bonds at 12 Pr Cent Interest were given for the Sums respectively due to them at the Commencement of the present War. — The Tanjore Creditors having preferred the Claim a

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second Time to our consideration, we beg leave to request your Lordship will be so good as to inform us of the reply which you would wish should be made to them. — It may be necessary to observe that the Company's 12 p.r Cent Bonds bear a Premium at this time of four p.r Cent. —

Fort St George
12th November 1791.

We have the Honor to be
with great respect and Esteem
Hon.ble Sir
Your most
Obed.t Hum.le Servants
(Signed) Chas Oakeley Hon.ble Council

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

For Major General Medows requesting that he will order Mr Burke's Penalty Bond to be transmitted to the Presidency - advising of Ensign Manners having struck out of the List of the army —

Honorable Sir,

We have received a Letter from Mr Burke
his Majesty's Paymaster General in India advising us that
he had executed the Bond which we had the honor to
enclose to you for that purpose in our Letter of the 25th Ultimo, - but
as it has not been transmitted to us, we request you will be
pleased to desire Colonel Harris to send it under cover to our
Secretary —

Major General Musgrave having reported
to us that Earl Cornwallis had been pleased to appoint
Ensign Russell Manners to a Commission in his Majesty's
Service, we have directed that his Name be struck out
of

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of the List of the Army on this Establishment —

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12th November 1791.

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

(Signed) Chas Oakeley &c Council

To Major General Musgrave

&c &c &c

Sir,

To Major General Musgrave stating the amount to be subtracted from the Balance standing against him in consequence of the additional allowance granted to Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades of the Army advice of the Board's Intention of recommending to the Court of Directors that a further allowance be granted him —

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Ultimo, and to inform you that in consequence of the late Arrangement in Camp respecting Officers Commanding Wings and Brigades three Pagodas ℔ Diem for the time you served with the Army in the Field, will be deducted from the Sum ordered by the Honorable Court of Directors to be refunded by you — the Balance against you will then be Pagodas 1612 - 20 —

I am further directed to observe that the Board will take the first opportunity of recommending to the Honorable Court that the further Sum of three Pagodas ℔ Diem for the same Period be allowed you —

It would have given the Board Pleasure to have granted it without any reference, if they had not been positively restricted from doing so by repeated Orders from the Company —

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I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy to Govt

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mb. Nos 64 65 66 67 68.

From the Commandant at Angole stating the Period at which the Detachment of the 8th Battalion Native Infantry commenced their march from that Station for Amboor and the Cause of his not reporting the Circumstance to Government—

From the Commandant at Pondamalee advising of his having given up the unoccupied Barracks for the Reception of Grain—

From Lieutenant Riddell advising of his received orders from Lord Cornwallis to proceed to, and compose part of the Garison of Vencatagherry—

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing a Muster Leathern Cap and desiring to know if they will answer instead of Hats for the European Troops, and in that Event, what Number will be wanted—

From D. desiring to be furnished with an account of the Money advanced at this Presidency to Captain Smith for the purpose of enabling the Troopers of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry to return to Bengal—

14th Dispatched Letter to the Board of Revenue (as entered in Mb. No 69) desiring that no Duties may be levied on Articles sent to Poona by the Maratta Packet at the Presidency—

Received

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Received the following Letters

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Political and Military Departments of

Fort St. George

From the acting Deputy Adjutant General - Major General Musgrave recommends that Rajahmundry be considered the Head Quarters of the 4th Revenue Battalion - that Captain Mcat be allowed to join his Battalion - that Major Roberts be appointed to the Command of Samulcotah - and that Serjeant Connor be promoted to the Post of Quarter Master of Invalids.

Sir,

I am directed by Major General Musgrave to desire you will lay before the Honorable President in Council the accompanying Copies of Letters from Colonel Brathwaite and Captain Mcat, together with his recommendation that Captain Mcat's request be granted, and in consequence, that the Head Quarters of the 4th Revenue Battalion, agreeably to the System originally adopted on raising the Corps, be again established at Rajahmundry, by which the Command of that Station, for the present, will be provided for in the Officer Commanding the Battalion.

The command of the Fort and Garrison of Samulcotah having been for some years past considered as a Field Officers Command, and being now Vacant, I am directed by Major General Musgrave to request you will submit to the Honorable President in Council his recommendation of Major George Roberts to be appointed to that Command, in which the General is of Opinion he can be employed with greater advantage to the Service than at the Presidency where he is at

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present stationed as also that Serjeant Canner of Invalids, Serjeant Major of the Garrison of Masulipatam, who is a good, and very deserving old Soldier may be promoted to the Post of Quarter Master of Invalids, vacated by the decease, some Months ago of Mr. Burne.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Mo.
Obt. Servt
(Signd) Fred. Pierce
Acting Deputy Adjutant General.

To Ensign Pierce
Acting Deputy Adjutant General.

Head Quarters
November 16th 1791.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you to lay before General Musgrave a Letter I have received from Captain Muat and to add, that as Rajahmundry is now situated, garrisoned only with a few Revenue Troops, it cannot be very material who Commands there - and that I am of Opinion Captain Muat will be better employed with his Battalion.

I have &c &c
(Signd) John Braithwaite.

Ellore
November 1st 1791

A true Copy
(Signd) Fred. Pierce
Acting Deputy Adjt. Genl

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To Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army,

Head Quarters.

Ellore.

Sir,

Although reasons might exist that formerly prevented my Requests being granted, for permission to resign the Command of this Station, Yet as it appears to me that it may not be a Material object to Government who Commands Rajahmundry at present, as Matters are Circumstanced, I wish now to be indulged with leave to resign that Command, and to join my Battalion at Ellore – I therefore beg that if you think there is no impropriety in this Request you will be pleased to forward it.

I am with the greatest Respect.

Sir

Your

/Signed/ Geo: Muat Captain

Rajahmundy
2d. November 1791

A true Copy,
/Signed/ Fred Pierce
Acty Depy Adjt Genl

From the Resident at Hyderabad with Letter addressed to Lord Cornwallis under a flying Seal.

William Collins Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Governor in Council Military Department

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I enclose a Letter for the Governor General

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of this date which I have left open for the Board's information after they are acquainted with the contents of it I request it may be sealed and forwarded. —

Paangul
10th October 1791

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

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President.
William Petrie and John Hudleston Esquires

Wednesday
16 November 1791.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis advising of the Measures he has taken to prevent any Incursion of the Enemy's Horse into the Carnatic —

Sir,

I moved this morning about ten miles to the Westward and am now encamped with my right within four miles of Bangalore, in a position which will prevent any parties of the enemy from passing to the (Southward

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Southward of that place, and as I intend that Major Dowdies Brigade shall be posted to the Northward of the Pettah, I trust that our Convoys cannot be disturbed, even by a false alarm, on their march from Venkatoghery.

It gave me great concern to hear last night that some Looties had entered the Carnatic by the Changama Pass, their number must I think be inconsiderable, or Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell would certainly have heard of them —

I have directed Major Close to transmit to Mr. Jackson for the information of the Board, a copy of the letter which he wrote last night by my order to Colonel Floyd. I have desired the Colonel to remain some days longer below the Ghauts, it is in my opinion much easier to drive the enemy's plundering horse out of the Country, by keeping them in constant alarm with light detachments of Infantry than by pursuing them with our Cavalry, which would probably be the first to sink under the fatigue.

The Ongole Companies which are very strong, and by all accounts in very good order, will remain in the Carnatic 'till it is perfectly clear of the enemy's parties, and I shall direct Captain Read to send them back immediately to you in case of any future alarm —

As two detachments of Infantry,

I will

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will harrass the enemy much more than one, it may perhaps be advisable that you should order three or four Companies from Trichinopoly (if that quarter should not be threatened with any danger) to join Captain Flint at Tiagar, where that zealous Officer whose local knowledge will be of great use, may by that means be enabled to act with efficacy on that side. —

The failure of the crops in Bengal is truly mortifying and distressing, and you can expect to receive no supplies from thence. By Letters however from Palacat-cherry I understand that they are still collecting with ease great quantities of grain at that place, and as it appears probable that they will be able to procure much more than it can be possible to transport to the Army, you may if it should be necessary, draw some assistance to Madras from that side of the Peninsula —

Camp near Bangalore November 7th 1791.

I am with much esteem
Yr. &c.
(Signd) Cornwallis.

Minute thereon

As the Party of irregular Horse which lately entered the Carnatic by the Changamah Pass have retreated into the Baramhaul through a Report, the Board do not judge it necessary to issue the Order suggested by Lord Cornwallis for the March of three or four Companies from

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From Trichinopoly to join Captain Flint at Tiagar.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm

To M. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Political and Military Departments

of Fort St. George.

From Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm expressing his Acknowledgements for the favor conferred on him in appointing him to succeed to the Offices held by Colonel Capper

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th instant informing me by Order, "that the "Honorable the President in Council deeming me peculiarly well qualified to succeed to the Offices held by Colonel "Capper have resolved to appoint me to them whenever "they shall be declared vacant by the resignation of that "Gentleman, and that I am therefore, to obtain permission "to quit the Army in the Field as soon as my services there "can be dispensed with."

I beg the favor of you to express to the Honorable the President in Council that I shall endeavour to deserve the confidence intended to be placed in me in the Offices held by Colonel Capper and shall obey the Orders signified relative to quitting the Army.

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I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
(Sgnd) Henry Malcolm
Adjutant Genl of the Army.

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Agreed to inform General Medows that the Board purpose in consequence of his recommendation,

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to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm to the Offices held by Colonel Capper, so soon as they shall be declared vacant by the Resignation of that Gentleman; and to request that Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm may be permitted to return to the Presidency, so soon as his Services can be dispensed with in the Field.

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from Colonel Bruce.

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

From the Commandant at Vellore. inclosing a Letter from Captain S. Baillie.

Sir,

Accompanying I have the pleasure of forwarding for the perusal of Sir Charles Oakeley Captain Simon Baillies answer to the Letter I had directions to deliver him from the Board a few days ago.

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) Thos. Bruce.

Vellore
November 1791.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Captain Simon Baillie - in reply to the Charges preferred against him by the Governor of Columbatoor and Captain Brohier - requesting that the Money he borrowed of them may be repaid by the Company.

President in Council

Fort St. George the 15th

Sir,

I was yesterday favored with a Letter from

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From the Military Secretary agreeable to your Order enclosing Copy's to Earl Cornwallis from the Governor of Ceylon and Captain Brohier preferring a Complaint against me for the non payment of money I borrowed of them. I beg leave to inform you in answer to your letter that on 20th January 1790 I arrived at Point Dagall on the Island Ceylon in an Imperial Ship which left Portsmouth the 28th July 1789 - the Captain of the Ship that I came out with entrusted to my care two large Boxes containing Letters and a Number of Packets - One of the Boxes was directed to Madras and the other to Bengal - The Captain told me at the time he delivered me those Boxes that there were Letters in them for the Governor General of India and several Letters and a Number of large Packets for Mr Holland who was then Governor of Madras and therefore that he hoped that I would take the most expeditious way in my Power to forward the Letters to the two Presidencies as they might be of consequence to Government -

I told the Captain that he might rest assured that I would forward them to the Presidencies with all possible Dispatch - the Day after my arrival at Ceylon I wrote a letter to Mr W. Ward De Graff Governor of Ceylon - a Residing at Columbo, and sent him at the same time some Letters I had for him. I requested that he would be

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be so obliging as to Post Palankeen boys and a Guard for me on the Road from Point Degall to Columbo as I was entrusted with two Packets containing some Letters that might be of consequence to the Governors of Madras and Bengal; I at the same time requested of the Governor to be so obliging as send me an Order for (200) Two hundred Rix Dollars to pay my Travelling Charges on the Road, all this the Governor complied with very readily, on my arrival at Columbo, I met with Captain Brookes who I had formerly been acquainted with, I told him that I wished to hire a Vessel immediately to convey me to Tootacoreen as I had Packets I wished to forward to Madras and Bengal with all possible expedition. he told me that it was not possible to get a Vessel at that present time as all the Dutch Vessels were employed in transporting Troops from Columbo to Cochin as the Dutch were afraid that Tippoo would make an Attack upon that place, and that that Tippoo was then in the King of Travancores Country and at War with the English this made me more Eager to go to the East Captain Brookes then informed me that there was an English Snow in the Roads which was to sail in about fifteen Days for Tootacoreen I then asked Captain Brookes if he could oblige me with a Loan of one hundred and ninety

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Ninety Porto Nova Pagodas and that I would repay him in two months after my arrival on the Coast he agreed to this just as he was going out of the Room I requested him to Pay Governor M. Wand De Graff 200 Rix Dollars I had borrowed of him, he told me he would and when I saw him the next day he told me he had Paid the Money to the Governor and brought me the Balance of 190 Pagodas in Copper with which Money I paid the Expences I had been at during my Stay at Columbo, Just before embarked for Tootacoreen I wrote a Note to Governor M. Wande Graff requesting he would assist me with 100 Pagodas in Gold or Silver as a Copper Coin was of no use to me whatever, he returned me for answer that he had no Gold nor Silver but that he had the Pleasure of inclosing me a letter to the Governor of Tootacoreen, and that that letter contained an Order for 100 Pagodas for which I would be obliging as to give the Governor of Tootacoreen my Note of hand on receiving this letter I set sail for Tootacoreen and on my arrival there delivered the letter from the Governor of Columbo to the Governor of Tootacoreen, who gave me 100 Pagodas for which I gave him a Promissary Note Payable at one or two Months after Date which note of hand has never been presented

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to me for Payment and if it had I could not have proved it as the Honorable Company have never reimbursed me for the Expences I was at on their account in carrying those Packets from Paint Degall a cross the Island of Zeylon and from Zeylon to Palamcottah — On my — arrival at Palamcottah the Note of hand I gave Captain Brohier was presented me for Payment — more than a — Month before it was due the answer I wrote to the Gentleman who sent me the Note of hand was, that I thought if the Note was paid when it became due it was sufficient — some time after this when I was at Tritchinopoly I — received a letter from a Mr Buchanan, Mr Brohiers Attorney desiring that I would pay the amount of my Note of hand to Mr Brohier to Oliver Colt Esqr. who was then with the Grand Army at Tritchinopoly and when I sent Mr Colts Receipt to Mr Buchanan he would send me my Note of hand, I wrote him again that since my arrival at Trichinopoly I had not received a Pagoda from the Company but as soon as they had paid me for the Expences I was at in bringing those Packets to Palamcottah that I would Discharge my Debt to Mr Brohier — since which Time I have never had a Line from Mr Brohier or his Attorney — In January last I wrote Captain Brohier a letter informing

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informing him that I had not received a Sanam from the Company for bringing the Packets to Palamcotah but that I was Glad to inform him that in the Course of eight or Nine months I should be able to discharge my Debt to him and the 100 Pagodas I got from Governor Wand De Graffas the Garrison I was then in was on full Batta and that I would make a Point of Saving so much every month till I discharged the Debt and that I hoped he would not alter his Opinion of me for my having been so long without paying him, to which letter I never had an answer —

When I arrived at Pallamcottah I informed the Commanding Officer Colonel Bridges that I had two large Boxes with letters for Bengal and Madras and that I should be glad if he would inform me which was the best way of sending them there he told me that I might break open the Boxes and send them by the Tappall of different days this I did in presence of several Gentlemen the letters went accordingly by the Tappall and I sent a List to the Post Master Penical at Madras and sometime after received a letter from him acknowledging the receipt of them all while I was at Pallamcottah I wrote Mr. Holland who was then Governor of my having brought these Packets to Pallamcottah and

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having forwarded them to Madras and at the same time stated the account of Expences on account of these Packets as follows.

190 Pagodas for different Expences from the time of my arrival at Zeylon till I left it.

400 Sicca Rupees paid to Captain John Elliot for my Passage from Zeylon to Pootacarren which money I hoped he would be pleased to Order Mr Johnston Paymaster at Trichinopoly to pay me, I mentioned to Mr Holland at the same time I did not mean to Charge any Batta from the time I arrived at Zeylon till I came to Trichinopoly nor have I even drawn any Batta coming from Zeylon to Trichinopoly.

Mr Holland was never pleased to acknowledge the receipt of my letter and my knowing that his Excellency Percival Medows was so much taken up on his arrival as Governor at Madras I did not like to trouble him with writing on this subject till the war was over, I have stated the case to the best of my recollection just as it happened and I will leave you now Sir Charles Oakeley to judge whether I am entitled to receive money to pay the Debt I contracted or not, as the Money I laid out I understood was for the good of the Service - Your Secretary desires that I will immediately Pay the money I borrowed from Myn. Mande Graff and Brohier, had the Money I would do it with the greatest Pleasure

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Pleasure instead of Troubling you with so long an &c
Explanatory Letter — I have therefore to request the favor of
you, if you do not think I am entitled to the money, I make
a Demand off, if you will be so obliging as to Pay to
Governor Wände Graff 100 Star Pagodas and Captain
Brohier 190 Porto Nova Pagodas with Interest from
January 1790 till the present date the Method I mean
to take to repay that Sum is by leaving as much in the
Paymasters hands every month as you think I can spare
out of my Pay which is 50 Pagodas, I would not adopt
this Method if I had any other Recourse, I hope you will
take this affair into Consideration as I find it very —
Difficult to support myself in the Rank I hold in the
Service on my present Pay —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
Sir &c.

Vellore
6 November 1795 —

/ Signed / Simon Baillie Captain.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Captain Simon Baillie

The Board are of Opinion that Captain Baillie has replied in a very unsatisfactory manner to the Complaint preferred against him by the Governor of Columbo and Captain Brohier — as he came out in a foreign Ship, and the Letters which he brought could only have been private ones, the Board cannot help

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construing in a very unfavorable Light his attempts to deceive those Gentlemen who advanced him Money on the Belief that he was employed in the conveyance of Public Dispatches.—

Agreed that the above be communicated to Peroual Medows, and that a Copy of Captain Baillies Letter be transmitted at the same time.—

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered in C.C. N.º 259)

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Walla Jah Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 18th Rubbelowell 1206 Hegery
15th November 1791
Recved 15th Do. Do.

From the Nabob requesting to be furnished with Bills upon Mr Torin for a further sum of 20,000 Pagodas.—

In your letter to me of the 11th Septbr or 10th October 1791 you wrote me that it will only be with Torins power, after providing for the Bills already drawn upon him on my account, to answer Bills to the end of February to the amount of Twenty thousand Pagodas— This has given me much concern; I know not how I am to provide for my necessary expences— In consideration of my Distress, I request you will order a set of Bills to be made out for that amount payable as before to Venkatta Soobiah, and I hope you will favor me by delivering

these

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these Bills to him as soon as possible.—

What can I say more?

A true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Minute thereon.

The acting President informs the Board that he will prepare and submit to them the Draft of an answer to the foregoing Letter—

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.—

To W. C. Jackson Esq:

Secretary at

Fort St. George

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. desiring to be furnished with a Copy of the General Order published by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote on the 7th. December 1781. respecting the Rate of Exchange between the Arcot Rupee and Star Pagoda.—

Sir,

I am directed to desire, that the Governor in Council at Fort St. George will be pleased to furnish the Governor General in Council with a Copy of the General Orders issued by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote on the 7th. of December 1781 fixing the Rate of Exchange at 375. Arcot Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) J. Tombelle

Sub Secretary.

Fort William the 21st. of October 1791.

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The Secretary lays before the Board the following Extract of a General Order issued by Sir Eyre Coote on the 7th December 1781. which he supposes to be the paper required by the Governor General in Council.—

Extract of a General Order Dated Head Quarters 17th December 1781

Extract of a General Order published by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote respecting the Rate of Exchange between the Arcot Rupee and Star Pagoda.

"The following Advertizement of the Right "Honorable the President and Council is ordered to be inserted "in all Orderly Books of the army, and published to the "followers and others belonging to Cantonments, by Beat of "Tom Tom.—

"The Right Honorable the President and "Council being under the necessity of issuing Arcot Rupees "from the Treasury, for their Civil and Military Disburse- "ments Do hereby give notice, that they have thought fit "to fix the Exchange, from this Day forth, at the Rate of "375 Arcot Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas, and do hereby "require all Persons to conform thereto, in all Receipts "and Payments; they have further been pleased to fix "the Exchange of Twelve single Fanams for one "Arcot Rupee and do hereby command all Shroffs, "Boutique People &c. to receive all Arcot Rupees, "whether old or new, being of the Company's Standard "and weight, at the above Rates, on Pain of being "corporally punished, on Complaint and Proof made

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"before the Justice of the Month.—

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By Order of the Right Honorable
the President and Council

/Sgnd/ Chas Freeman Secy.

"The Commander in Chiefs further Orders are, that the most implicit Obedience be paid to the above Resolution of the Right Honorable the President and Council, under penalty of the most severe Punishment"—

In the Transmission of the foregoing Paper to Bengal, it may not be improper to observe, that the result of the Public Advertisement quoted therein, was not favorable to the Currency of Arcot Rupees, nor did the Exchange fixed by Government on issuing those Rupees from the Treasury become the settled Exchange in Receipts and Payments among Individuals— for this obvious Reason, that the Government which issued them declined to take them back in any Payments whatsoever— The Circulation being thus stopped, they lost immediately the Value that had been assigned by the Advertisement and were — purchased at the Market Price only by those who wanted Silver for the purpose of Exportation —

Minute on the foregoing Extract of General Order &c —

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Read the following Letter from the
Board of Ajsumed Revenue

To the Honorable Major General Medows
Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

From the Board of Ajsumed Revenue recommending that the Peishcush of Shevegunga be reduced from 2,29,000 Rupees, to the amount received from the Poligar during the last Ajsignment / Viz: Rupees 1,75,000 / and that an Engineer be ordered to survey the Bank of the Cauvery and report the Expence at which it might be permanently repaired.

Honorable Sir,

When we did ourselves the honor to address you the 27th: ult: last on the subject of the Rammaud and Shevegunga Peishcush, giving it as our Opinion that the latter should be ajsessed — equally with the former; that opinion was grounded on the information we had from Mr Macleod that both those Poligars had been equally ajsessed in our prayment of 3 Lacks of Rupees each to the Nabobs Government; and supposing the Cowries ajsessed by each to be of equal value, we of course recommended that both should be put on the same footing, when you were pleased on our recommendation to lessen the Rammaud Peishcush to what had been received during last Ajsignment — Mr Macleod in consequence of our Orders accordingly demanded the Amount Viz 2,20,000 Rupees from the Shevegunga Poligars, which has produced two

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addresses from him to Sir Charles Oakeley and our President,
wherein he positively asserts that he paid no more than
Vij 5,000 Rupees of Peishcush to the Company's Govern-
ment, and this is proved by an original account —
signed by Mr. John Sullivan and Mr. Irwin under
whose immediate authority he had been placed —

So positive an assertion, corroborated by
the proofs abovementioned, having led us to make
more particular enquiry into the cause of the claim
now brought before us for a reduction of Peishcush —
We found that altho no report had been made to
Lord Macartney by Mr Sullivan of separate Settlements
with either of the Poligars of Ramnaud and Shevegunga,
he had obtained very particular information of the
state of those Districts when he went there in the
Year 1784, and that in a letter addressed by him to
the Select Committee he says, that the relative proportion
of the produce of Ramnaud to Shevegunga is as three
fifths to two fifths — This accounts for the proportion of
Peishcush assessed by him on each Vij 2,20,000 Rupees
for Ramnaud, including the Garrison charges of
the Fort, and 1,75,000 Rupees for Shevegunga, which
in some respect agrees with the representation now
made to us by the Shevegunga Poligar. — a Copy of

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the Paragraph of Mr Sullivan's letter on this Subject taken from the Records of the Committee of Assigned Revenue inclosed with the Copy of the Rajah's letter, from which we doubt not you will judge it proper to acquiesce in the request he has made to reduce his Pishcush to what was received from him during last Assignment Virt 1,75,000 Rupees; and we recommend this with the more confidence knowing the benign intentions of the Honorable Court of Directors and of Government towards this man who has suffered much injury from the oppression of the Nabob.—

We inclose also for your information Copy of a letter from Mr Andrews with a report upon the necessity of repairing the Banks of the Cavery. We beg leave to observe that a considerable sum has been already allowed for the purpose, and that this is an incidental expence which may be expected from the superficial and insufficient manner in which repairs have been carried on throughout the Carnatic. We therefore take the liberty of recommending that some professional Officer be ordered to Survey the Bank and report the expence at which it might be permanently repaired.—

We have the Honor to be Sir

Fort St George
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By Signs
Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

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From the Rajah of Shevagunga to William Petrie Esqr

President of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 5th Jeffer or 4th October 1791.

During twenty five years of the Nabobs Government of the Carnatic no Peshcush was ever paid from this district or that of Ramnaud; and when it was demanded, but my father in Law refused it, on account of its being unusual. – This caused the Nabob to send an army, who took possession of my districts – which he held for some time: during last war the Pundaramak or Minister of Ramnaud went to the presence of the Nabob and Consented to pay One lack Seventy five thousand Rupees of Peshcush for Ramnaud, and One lack Seventy five thousand Rupees for Shevigungah – when he returned I remonstrated with him for having consented to pay so large a Peishcush, because my ancestors and those of the Ramnaud Rajah, had agreed between them that the latter was to enjoy three fourths of the Country and mine the remaining fourth, and that of course any Peishcush that was paid should be in the same proportion, and I signified my absolute refusal to pay what he had agreed – in the mean time the Company took possession of the Country and Mr. I. Sulivan demanded the Peishcush of me at the –

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rate settled by the Rannaud Perdannah with the Nabob I acquainted him with the whole affair, and he having made particular enquiry of all the Poligars and inhabitants of this Country found the inequality of the Peishcush, but told me in the mean time what it had been paid at by the Nabob Summud and that the Business would be settled hereafter, at the same time he settled that the Rannaud Rajah's Peishcush should be 2,20,000 Rupees- He accordingly procured a Cowle for me to that effect, and I paid him during four years seven Lacks of Rupees for which he granted me receipts.—

When the Country was restored to the Nabob I paid the same Peishcush to the Nabob Amer ul Omrah- after his decease and that the Management of affairs rested with Omdat ul Omrah- He became dissatisfied with me for not conforming to his will, and in the Government of Mr John Holland sent an Army to my Country who took possession of it, and plundered it of all its Cattle and effects- This reduced me to the greatest distress, for the Ryots had all deserted the Country when his Highness was pleased to restore it to me- Now that the Carnatic is once more under the Management of the Company, Mr Macleod has demanded of me the same Peishcush as is paid from Rannaud- I shewed him the Copy of the Company's Cowle and of the receipts

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Receipts for the four years Peishcush that I had before, Mr Macleod answered that he would represent it to the — Committee of the Board of Revenue, and act according to their answer. I delivered him at the same time two Arzees to forward to the Gentlemen of the Board, but am not yet informed whether they have received them, or what answer has been given. Mr Macleod afterwards desired my Vakeel Coko is with him to pay 2,20,000 Rupees of Peishcush as was paid from Ramnaud, he also placed guards upon him, and after having received the whole, excepting 50,000 Rupees he took forcibly from him an agreement for that sum —

as the Company's Justice is famous throughout the whole world, the intention of this is to inform you that I have the receipts for the Peishcush I paid in Lord Macartney's time, and the Company's Cowle for it which I am ready to produce; and the Company's accounts may be referred to for proofs of the same; and as I live under your protection I hope your favor will be shown me on the request I have made. The Cowle and receipts abovementioned have been sent for your inspection by Gurana Mooty Naick. and I hope you will send order to Mr Macleod to

/ Receive

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receive the Birdcouch from me, according to those documents and what has been usual - and that you will also grant me a Cowle to ensure me your favor in future. If more is demanded of me, than what is customary I shall be under the necessity of assessing the Ryots of my district and in that case they will be disheartened, the more so as they are already impoverished by having been twice plundered of their effects and Cattle and besides this is the drought, which has visited this Country, has rendered their Situation distressful; and, if force is used to make them pay, they will abandon the Country.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

To
William Petrie Esqr
President &c. Members of the Board of Trustees
Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In consequence of a Letter from Mr Rose under date the 22d ultimo wherein he reports a great breach having been made in the Southern Bank of the Agunda or great Cavery to the west of Maloor, which must be repaired by the People of Trichinopoly as a commutation

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examination was ordered by me, and I now enclose Copy of the Report which has been made on the subject and have to request your Orders thereon —

I have the honor to be &c.
/ Sgnd / R. Andrews.
Coll.

A true Copy
/ Sgnd / J. Webbe Secy.

Trichinopaly
4th November 1791.

Report of Kistnaiah Peishcar

Agreable to Orders I have surveyed the Cavery Bank situated near Maloor Village, and find the same in a state of great Weakness and want of immediate Repair, for if it is not repaired before the next Monsoon, the Cavery and Coleroon will join together, and in consequence the Districts of Tanjore and Trichinopoly will be entirely deprived of any supply of water; however the said Bank cannot be repaired before the month of December next, I think that in order to repair the said Bank, it will cost about 12,000 Rupees or upwards — and it is necessary to give Orders now to prepare the Materials for the Repair —

A true Copy
/ Sgnd / R. Andrews
Collector

A true Copy
/ Sgnd / J. Webbe
Secy

Minutes on the foregoing
ter from the Board of
ssumed Revenue

Resolved, for the reasons given by the Board of Assumed Revenue, that the Shevigungah Peishcush be reduced to what was received from the Poligar during the
/ last

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Last assignment Vizt One hundred and seventy five thousand (1.75,000/) Rupees.

Agreed that Colonel Bridges be directed to send the Engineer at Trichinopoly to survey the Bank of the Cavery - and to transmit to the Board an Estimate of the Expence that will attend a permanent Repair -

" Chas Oakeley.

" Wm Petrie

" J Huddleston

E Ogilvie Sec.

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Diary

Received the following Letters

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council.

Sir,

From Colonel Floyd - complaining of the Inattention of the Amildar of Conjeveram to the wants of his Detachment.

On the report of a body of the Enemy's Horse pointing towards Conjeveram I sent an intelligent Officer there to advise the Amildar in what manner to act for the preservation of the place, and gave notice that I would march to its relief - Accordingly encamped here on the 10th, and expected that the Amildar, / Mootoo Kistnah, / & Mr. Balfour being absent, would have come to me, as well to offer his assistance in procuring, for payment, what might be wanting to the use of the Camp, as to give me such Intelligence as he'd received concerning the Enemy - Instead of which he did nothing 'till I sent for him on the 11th;

when

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when he told me he had Intelligence that the original Body of Horse had returned up the Pass, but that a fresh Body of 4000 horse, and 2000 Foot has descended the Changama Pass. —

This, however, cannot be true. — The Amildars Behaviour appears to me so deficient that I think it necessary to inform you with how little Zeal the publick Service is conducted by him. —

I have the Honor to be
&c. — &c.

Camp at Cheylemodor
November 12th 1791. —

Signed J. Floyd
Col.

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

Honble Sir,

I have this day received a Letter from Colonel Floyd at Cheylemodor, dated the 15th Instant, in which he requests, as the Detachment is likely to be detained for some days, that the Amildar at Conjeveram may

From Major General Musgrave recommending that orders be sent to the Amildar of Conjeveram to supply Rice and to direct Mynd to advance Cash for Colonel Floyds Detachment enclosing a Letter from Colonel Bruce in which he recommends that Lieutenant Blacker be dismissed the Service with a Donatic Pension for Life

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may receive orders to supply Rice for the troops and Followers under his Command, and that Mr. Wynch Paymaster at Arnee be directed to pay the Native Troops and Followers, as they are in great distress for Money; particularly one Company from Ongole; Which requisitions I beg leave to submit to your consideration. —

I have also the Honor to lay before the Board a Letter from Colonel Brooke on the Subject of an Officer whose Character, from the Colonels Account, appears very undeserving and on whom a Core Subsistance will be as much as any Claim he can have, entitles him to. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. — &c.
(Signed) Tho. Musgrave.

Madras
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General Musgrave.

Sir,

It is a matter at all times of

Infinite

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17th Infinite concern to me to be under the neces-
sity of reporting the misconduct of any
Officer under my Command, but really the
repeated shameful behaviour of Lieutenant
Blacker of the 3d Regiment drives me to
an act so repugnant to my feelings or
whom lenity and advice has been so often
lost, and who is now become so lost to him-
self and to that Character he ought to
support, that he is constantly intoxicated
with Liquor, and can no longer be
trusted in any Military capacity what-
ever and does not Merit the Honor of a
Court Martial, who would no doubt
reduce him with infamy, but, if Govern-
ment would in consideration of the long
and faithful Services of his Elder Brother
who commanded a Native Corps for
many years with Credit to the Service and

honor

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honor to himself indulge this Man with a
Pension for the short time he has to live/
for his excessive drunkeness must soon
put a period to his existence/ it would
be an act of Charity and which Sir I
request you will be so good as to recommend.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect.

&c. &c.

Vellour
14th November 1791. —

(Signed) Th.s Bruce

W.m C. Jackson Esq.re

Military Secretary

Sir,

I have the Honor to Inform

From the Commandant at Pondiguel. - Parties of the Enemy advance towards Palegautchary the firing at Coimbetore ceases. —

an attack on the Pulegaud cherry Country —
he has had advanced Parties, within five
miles of the Fort - no firing at Coimbetore
from the 2d to the 4th at the time the
Kircarrah left Coimbetore, I cannot say as
to the Fate of Lt. Chalmers, or all probability.
by Day or tomorrow may give Information

The

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17th. The firing ceased at 10. am. 2d. Instant.—

Peridiguel
1st. November 1791.—

I am &c.—&c.
(Signed) T. Bowser
Colt. Commt.

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

Honble Sir.

In obedience to your &
Commands respecting the demand of Mr.
Ogilvie Surgeon at Vizagapatam, on which
you desire me to report my opinion, I beg
leave to observe that the allowance of
Sixteen Pagodas P Monsoon appears to me
fully sufficient for the Hospital Servants
at that Station, each, if Mr Ogilvie has
had Sixty Sick Europeans under his care
and the Major part of them debilitated
from Wounds and long Services, who
therefore require the assistance of a Cooly.
Mr. Ogilvie should have sent a Return
of

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts - Opinion on Mr. Surgeon Ogilvie's application for an allowance of 25 Pagodas P. Month on Account of Hospital Servants.—

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of these Patients, specifying their names, Corps, and disorders, in which case some occasional Allowance might be granted to them during an uncommon Sickly Season, but I have always found it necessary to limit the time that this temporary Allowance should be continued or too often it becomes a regular Monthly Charge, long after the cause of its having been granted ceases and is entirely forgotten. —

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I am with great Respect
&c. — — &c.
(Signed) J. Caspher
C. G. &c.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mss No. 70. 71. —

From the Commandant at Tiagar — advising of the Enemy Horse having retreated into the Baramaul — through Attoor. —

From the Commandant at Tiagar.

From the Master Attendant. —

From the Master Attendant

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Attendant - recommending that thirty of the Company's Lascars be sent on board the Fazellum to expedite the embarkation of her Cargo. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 72. 73. 74. 75 76. 77. 78. —

To the Secretary to the Military Board.

To the Secretary to the Military Board - desiring them to send on board the Ship Fazellum as many Lascars as can be spared, in order to expedite the Embarkation of her Cargo. —

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board - enclosing a Muster Leather Cap received from Bengal - desiring them to report whether Caps of the same sort will answer the Purpose instead of Hatts, and in that Event, what Number will be wanted. —

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave - informing him that Captain Mead has the Boards Permission to join his Corps at Ellore and that as Commandant is not considered

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considered a Place of sufficient Impor=
tance for the Command of a Field Officer
the Board cannot acquiesce in his Re=
commendation in favor of Major Roberts.—

To the Garrison Storekeeper.

To the Garrison Storekeeper

— desiring him to lay before the Board an account shewing the Amount of Sundry Articles supplied by him for the Purpose of enabling the Troopers of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry to return to Bengal.—

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General — desiring him to lay before the Board an account of the Sum advanced at this Presidency to Captain Firth for the Purpose of enabling the Troopers of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry to return to Bengal.

To the Assistant to the Collector in the Dindegul District.

To the Assistant to the Collector in the Dindegul District — desiring him to examine the new Palace at Dindegul and report whether there be sufficient Accomodation in it for one Captain and

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one Subaltern after allotting a necessary

proportion to Mr. Vaughan —

To the Board of Affairs

To the Board of Revenue — consenting to the Reduction of the

Sheraguppa Peishcush to 175000 Rupees —

and informing them that an Engineer has

been ordered to survey the Banks of the

Cauvery —

18th Sent the following Letter

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have had the Honor

To Lord Cornwallis stating that the Retreat of the Enemy's Horse has rendered it unnecessary to send a Detachment from Trichinopoly to Tiagur and requesting to know if it be his Wish to enlist the Hanoverian Soldiers in the Company's Service —

to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 7th

Instant —

As the Party of irregular

Horse of the Enemy, which lately entered

the Carnatic by the Changamah Pass, have

retreated into the Baramhaul Through Allur,

We have not judged it necessary to give

the order suggested by your Lordship for the

march of three or four Companies from

Trichinopoly

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Trechinopoly to grant Captain Tolbert at
Tiagar - It was from that Officer we received
Intelligence of the retreat of the Party. —

As the Time approaches for
the embarkation of the remainder of the
Hanoverian Troops, we request to know from
your Lordship, whether you approve of our
endeavouring to engage any of the Men in
the Company's Service. — We have directed
Colonel de Wangenheim to re-enlist for the Term
of one Month such of the Soldiers whose
Time of Service expires on the 7th of December,
as we do not expect that the Transports will
be able to leave this place 'till the beginning of
the year. —

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

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor &c^a &c^a &c^a

Honble Sir,

Our Acting President having informed us that in consequence of an applic=

To Major General Medows - advising him of the Board having appointed Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm to succeed to the Office held by Colonel Capper and enclosing Copy of Captain Lennox Baillie's Reply to the charge preferred against him by the Governor of Columbo and Captain Brohier

cation to you from Lieutenant Colonel Mal= colm to succeed Colonel Capper, upon the re= signation of that Gentleman, you had been pleased to express your approbation thereof and to recommend Lieutenant Colonel Mal= colm as a Person peculiarly well qualified to fill so important an Office, we have agreeably to your Recommendation appointed him there= to, and we request you will permit him to return to the Presidency so soon as his Services can be dispensed with in the Field. —

The Adjutant General of the Army having at your desire laid before us Copies of Letters to Earl Cornwallis from the Governor of Columbo and Captain Brohier

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Brohier regarding a Sum of Money advanced
by them to Captain Senior Baillie of this
Establishment, we called upon that Officer
to explain his reasons for not having repaid
the Money, to which he has replied in a
very unsatisfactory manner. As Captain Baillie
came out on a Foreign Ship and the Letters
which he brought could only have been
private ones We cannot help construing in a
very unfavorable Light his attempts to deceive
those Gentlemen who advanced him money
on the belief that he was employed in the
Conveyance of Public dispatches = We have
the honor to enclose a Copy of his Letter for
your Information. —

We have the Honor to be
with Esteem

Fort St. George
17th November 1791. —

&c. . . . &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

To

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To Edward Hay Esqr.
13th

Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble
the Governor in Council to acknowledge the
receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Tombelles
Letter of the 21st ultimo, and to transmit to
you in consequence the accompanying Extract
of a General Order issued by Lieutenant
General Sir Eyre Coote on the 17th December
1781 fixing in Camp the rate of Exchange
at 375 Arcot Rupees for 100 Pagodas
agreeably to a Resolution of the Governor
at that time.

In the transmission of this
paper the Governor in Council thinks it
may not be improper to observe that the
result of the public advertisement was not
favorable to the currency of Arcot Rupees
nor did the Exchange fixed by Government
on

To the Secretary at Bengal - inclosing Extract of a General Order issued by Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote on the 17th December 1781 - regulating the Rate of Exchange between the Arcot Rupee and Star Pagoda - Remarks thereon. -

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on issuing these Rupees from the Treasury, & become the settled exchange in Receipts and Payments among Individuals for this — obvious reason that the Government which issued them declined to take them back in any payments whatsoever — The circulation being thus stopped they lost immediately the value that had been assigned by the advertisement and were purchased at the — market Price only by those who wanted Silver for the purpose of exportation. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. — &c.

Fort St. George
17th. November 1791. —

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

At a Consultation
Present
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
acting President
William Petrie ... } Esqrs
and
John Huddleston }
The Honble Major General Medows
absent upon Service. —

Friday
18th November
1791.

Minutes

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Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following Letter

from Lord Cornwallis. —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President &c. &c. &c.

in Council

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Having had frequent occasion

to mention, to your Acting President, the

advantage of encouraging Banjarries to attach

themselves to the English Army, as the only

possible mode of securing subsistence for

the numerous followers of the Camp, in a

Country where Cultivation has necessarily

been so much suspended, the next material

consideration with me, has been to provide

a Remedy, for the inconveniences liable to

result from the constant drains, and great

distance of the places, from whence the

Banjarries have been accustomed, of late, to

draw

From Lord Cornwallis - commencing an Arrangement which he intends carrying into Execution for supplying the Banjarries with Grain from the Carnatic —

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draw their supplies. —

The State of our own Maga-
zines in the Carnatick is fortunately such,
and the future Communication between
them, and the Army, is likely, I hope, to
remain so safe, as to admit of their being
resorted to, for the supply of our Bazars, &
during the ensuing Campaign, without any
apprehension that such drains upon them can
be attended with future inconvenience. —

Under these Circumstances,
it has occurred to me, to endeavor to prevail
on the Banjarries to have recourse to our
Magazines, as places where they might
depend upon getting immediate supplies, and
notwithstanding the difficulty of engaging
them in any practise they have not been
accustomed to. I have great reason to think,
that by the management and address of
Lt. Bunbury, who has been employed on this
occasion, the plan may ultimately succeed

to

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to the extent of my wishes — Some few among the Banjarries have already embarked in it, and when experience has taught them and others the benefits of it I have hopes many more will adopt it. —

By the plan proposed, they are to be supplied, at the following Grain Rates, at the undermentioned Magazines, either for Payments previously made into the Treasury in Camp, or to the Storekeeper of the Garrison where the deliveries are made Viz.

at Ambore at the rate of 17 Seers p Rupee

Vellore ---- 18 ---- d.

Arnee ---- 19 ---- d.

Madras ---- 20 ---- d. the advantage

of which plan, over and above a greater degree of certainty and expedition in respect to Supplies for our Bazars, will be, that the Money which now otherwise go into the Pollams, or to other Countries, will be drawn into our own Treasury, either in

Camp

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Camps or at our different Magazines. —

I beg leave, therefore, to recommend, that Instructions may be given, that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, to the different Store-keepers, that particular attention may be paid to early deliveries, and a speedy Compliance with the Orders the Bungarries are furnished with from Camp — that they may be treated with all possible attention to their prejudices and every Regard paid to conciliate and attach them to our Service particularly by protecting them from the imposition of Peobashees and Native Servants, and causing the deliveries to be made, separately to each Man according to the Specifications which the Orders from Camp will contain. —

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

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camps near
Bangalore
10th November 1791. —

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Camp near Bangalore
November 12th 1791

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

Sir,

I last night received the
agreeable intelligence that the lower Fort of Gur-
sumcondah was taken by assault on the night
of the 7th by the detachment of the Company's
troops under Captain Read serving with the
Nizams Army and that the loss on our
part was inconsiderable. —

The unfortunate issue of the
feeble, and in my opinion very unskilful
attempt to relieve Coimbatore, has given me
great concern — I enclose to you a Copy of a
Letter that I have written to Major Cuppage
by which you will be perfectly acquainted
with my sentiments on the Subject. —

I transmit likewise a Copy
of a Letter that Mr Cherry has written by
my directions to Mr Kindersley; the
Orders

From Lord Cornwallis - advising of the Capture of the lower Fort of Gurramcondah - enclosing Copies of his Letter to Major Cuppage respecting his attempt to relieve Coimbatore and to Mr Kindersley ordering him to desist from using any compulsatory Measures to procure Supplies of Grain.

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orders which the latter Gentleman received &
from your Board were undoubtedly given
with the best intentions to promote the &
good of the Service and it was very natural
for you to suppose upon the authority of &
Colonel Floyds representations, that the &
existence of our Cavalry depended upon Mr
Henderleys being able to form a considerable
Depôt of Grain for their especial use. —

But I have been able to
effect a very great and material change in the
mode of procuring Supplies for the Army, &
since Colonel Floyd has left it, and the com-
pulsatory means / which he so strongly urged
you to adopt would recon the plan which
I have been at so much pains to establish,
and on which our future Success so much
depends, without rendering any Sential &
benefit to the Cavalry. —

Grain has been long selling

on

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in our Camp Bazars, and almost to any
amount at the average price of ten Seers per
Rupee; and the Commanding Officers of
Cavalry could not lay in a Stock at Ban-
galore at a lower rate, even if they were
armed with every engine of power, short of
absolute robbery, that Government could confer
upon them. — Lieutenant Barbor the
Superintendant of the Bazars has I know
purchased and deposited in Bangalore two
thousand Bags, for the use of the 19th Dragoons
and Major Stephenson's Regiment and the
Commanding Officers of Cavalry might have
procured as much more as they pleased at
the price I have mentioned. —

Major Close will transmit
by the Tappal of this Night to M.r Jackson
Copies of my last instructions to Colonel
Floyd and I sincerely hope that the Colonel

will

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will soon be able to relieve you from your troublesome and rumous visitors —

I am with much esteem,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Major Cupage

Sir,

Since I wrote to you on the 21st ultimo I have received your Letters dated the 15th, 19th, 21st, and 26th ultimo, and 1st Instant —

Your Account of the behaviour of the 5th and 16th Madras and of the 12th Bombay Battalions entitle them to my warmest acknowledgements, and I desire that you will please to communicate to the Officers and Soldiers of those Corps the high sense which I entertain of their merit and gallantry

Unacquainted as I am with the Country, I cannot take upon myself to give an opinion in respect to the plan of your march

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March, but it appears to me that the circumstances must have been very untoward that obliged you to come into the open Country and to encamp in a position so untenable as to expose you to the distressing necessity of making an immediate Retreat as soon as the Enemy's Army advanced against you which must have had the infallible effect of elating the Enemy, and of discouraging the Garrison of Coimbetore. — I have no doubt that in the execution of this critical and difficult operation, every thing was done on your part that became a good and Capable Officer, but I cannot help expressing the Concern that I have felt on observing throughout the whole tenor of your Letters to me, since the Enemy sat down before the place a coldness and almost an unconcern about the fate of Coimbetore, instead of that spirit which seemed to have animated

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annexed not only yourself but the Southern provinces at the time of the former attack.—

During the period between the 5th of last Month, when you received certain Accounts that the Enemy were before Coimbatore and the 22d when you marched to its Relief, it does not appear that you applied either to Pondagul, Madura, Carroor, or Trichinopoly for any assistance altho a proportion both of Europeans and Natives might have been drawn without hazard from those places, and there was time if necessary to have obtained the sanction of the Government of Fort St. George for your being furnished with them: And it does not seem by your Letters to have been your intention to detain even for a few days, the 12th Bombay Battalion until that measure was in some degree forced upon you by the inability of Bullocks to proceed on their march to Tellicherry.

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I have been taught by general Report to consider you as an intelligent and Zealous Officer — Appearances may have deceived me, in that I have taken for coldness may have proceeded only from a precaution of Mode, and altho you omitted to inform me of it, you may have endeavoured by every means and every application in your power to have encreased the number of your regular force, and to have obtained as on the late occasion from Mr Macleod a body of Polygars to have joined those of the Enemy whose you describe to have been the most troublesome to you of all their Infantry —

It right however as farr as to yourself and as a duty I owe the Public to take an early opportunity of stating my Sentiments to you on the Grounds from the only information your Letter have afforded me —

I am &c &c &c

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp. near Bangalore November 18th. 1791. —

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To N. E. Hinderley Esqre.

Sir,

Having communicated to the Governor General the Contents of your private Letter to me, in which you request that I will lose no time in submitting to his & Lordships your Recommendation that Letters of a compulsatory tendency be written to the Poligars of Bermauze, Venkatighery and & Calistre, relative to a Provision of Grain & from their Districts, I am directed by his Lordship to inform you that he cannot on any account whatever make use of any act of compulsion in the Provision of any species of Grain, and that in consequence of the free & and embraced treatment which he has & uniformly observed towards all Grain dealers, and to which he attributes the plentiful & and to which the Army has enjoyed, he supplies which he has commanded me to request you will &

desist

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desist from any further use of compulsory
Measures in providing Grain, or the Carriage
for it. — His Lordship conceiving
the general supply of Grain of all kinds to
matter of the greatest Importance and affor-
ding equally the means of franchise to the
Cavalry as to others, and conceived that such
general supply must be materially affected by
the Exercise of any measures in any part of
the Country contrary to those which His
Lordship has steadily adhered to on the Expe-
rience of several Months of their propriety
is pleased to direct that the Letter written
by him be forwarded to the Polygars, and
that every other mode that can be adopted to
encourage the Bengarries and Grain Mer-
chants to dispose of their Grain for the use
of the Army be pursued and on no account
whatever

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whatever will be admit the Exercise of any
compulsory measures for the benefit of the
Cavalry so likely to be prejudicial to the
rest of the Army. —

I am &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) G. H. Cherry
Dep. Ft to the Com. in Chief

Camp near
Bangalore
18th November 1791. —

a true Copy
(Signed) Gs. Cherry Dep. Ft.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis

Agreed to assure Lord
Cornwallis of the Boards best endeavours to
forward the Success of the Plan his Lordship
has in contemplation for supplying the
Bengarries with Grain from the Carnatic; and
that the necessary Orders will be immediately
issued to the Commissary General of
Grain and Provisions. —

The Board perfectly agree
in the Sentiments expressed by his Lordship
on the Subject of using compulsatory measures
for obtaining any Article of Supply, and it was
only upon the urgent importunity of Colonel

Floyd

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Floyd, who presented them with the alternative of providing a Depôt of Grain for them at Bangalore or hazarding all Service from the Cavalry: that directions were given to Mr Henderley on the last resort to press Carriage for such Grain as could be procured. — The Board obtained orders from the Nabob to the Jaghiredar of Sattore, and wrote themselves to the Rajahs of Venkatghurry and Calastry and to Bommarauze to assist with their Service on this occasion but neither authorized nor expected that any compulsion should be used by these People — so many real difficulties, however, occurred, both with respect to Grain and Carriage, that the Board are happy to be relieved by his Lordships Information of the State of his Bazar. — Agreed to inform

MP

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Mr Hindersley that it will not be necessary to resort to compulsatory measures for procuring Grain or Carriage in the Carnatic; and that he is accordingly to consider the order for pressing in the last Resort as annulled. —

Read the following

Letter from the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money

To the Honble Major Gen.l Wm. Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

We have now the honor to lay before you a Statement of the Account between the Honble Company and the Prize Agents of the Army, shewing the Amount of Provisions and Stores captured during the first Campaign. —

From the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money — enclosing a Statement of the Account between the Company and the Prize Agents for the first Campaign — Observations upon the different Items thereon stated.

Previous to making any Remarks on the different Articles in the Account

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Account. We think it necessary to premise, that we have inserted every Item we thought could possibly be charged against the Company, although it is to be observed that a quantity of Grain is stated to have been delivered by Captain Parr at Carroor to the Troops, for which he reports the Muppages were to be made by Mr. Colt the Paymaster. and also that a quantity of Grain was delivered to the Troops by Captain Bowser - In support of these Items we have been furnished with no other Voucher than a Memorandum from Captain Parr to the Proper Agents, and the account sent to them by Captain Bowser. There is a further quantity of Paddy amounting to 2000 Cullums stated to have been delivered by Captain Parr at Carroor to the Renter, as a Voucher, for which the Certificate of Mr. George Wyndh the Collector has been produced to us. —

Major

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Major Dixon on the part of the Proze Agent has admitted the valuation of the Grain remaining in Pondegal at a Medium Between the Valeation of the Commandant and Storekeeper / as we have stated it on our account / as the Paddy appears to be bad or damaged and would not produce the same quantity of Rice as new Paddy. —

Having been informed by the Commandant and Storekeeper at Palgatcherry, that it was impossible to take the Measurement of the Grain in Store there on account of the Rainy Season, but that the quantity was about 10 or 12 Garce, and the Proze Agent stating it to be 13 Garce and 1256 Seers, We have with the concurrence of Major Dixon stated it in the account at 12 Garce. —

We find in the Accounts of the Proze Agents an entry of Pag.s 3203. 26.7 — being for Grain captured and delivered to the

Troops

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Troops previous to the Publication of the
order from Government, directing that half
of the Captured Provisions and Stores &c.
considered the property of the Honorable Com-
pany; And as they conceived the orders did
not compel a retrospect, they have not brought
half the Sum received to the Credit of the
Company, Pagodas 4412.18.13- only of the
above Sum have as yet been collected, which
have been deposited in the hands of the
Paymaster of the Army; and the Prize
Agents requests an Order for its being returned
to them, at the same time observing to us the
impossibility of any further Sums being c.
collected from the Army on this account -
- On this Article We do not give an opinion,
not thinking ourselves Competent to judge
whether the Claims of the Army to the
whole of the Captures made previous to
the

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the publication of the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors ought or ought not to be admitted. —

Major Dirom has laid before us the receipts of Mr. Oliver Coll. & Paymaster with the Grand Army for Pagodas 20,443. 30. 63 - and of Mr. Vincenthon Corbett Paymaster of Coimbitore for Pagodas 1200 - being Sums deposited in the hands of these Gentlemen partly as a Security to the Captors, and as a temporary Aid to the Public Service, and which he now requests you will be pleased to direct to be returned. —

The Prize Agents have further produced a paper signed by the Commissary of Stores, the Commandant of Artillery, and the Secretary to the Commander in Chief, vouching for the delivery to the Commissary of Stores at Coimbetore of a Quantity of teak timber valued at 1170 Pag.

and

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and as it appears to have had the Sanction of the Commander in Chief, We have inserted it on the debit side of the enclosed Account; although Government can alone determine whether Timber Captured and used on the of Public Stores is to be considered as Merchandize, and consequently the sole property of the Captors. — On this Head the Prize Agents state that only a small part of the Timber captured in Combetore having been delivered for the public Service, that part is stated at the full Price instead of only half the Value, which would have been the case had the whole of the Timber been entered in the Estimate as an Article of Military Stores.

We have stated the Sum of Pagodas 696. 27. 30 - to be due to the Prize Agents for their Commission of 5 P Cent on the Company's Share of the Captured Provisions

and

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and Stores a Charge to which in our opinion they are justly entitled, and for which they inform us they have the Sanction of Lord Cornwallis's Public Orders.—

We have been informed by Major Dirom, that Slaughter Cattle captured from the Enemy have not been considered by the Prize Agents, as coming under the denomination of Provisions to which the Company were entitled to a Moiety, because the Orders from the Court of Directors refer only to Provisions and Public Stores captured or taken from the Enemy; and because by the Book of Regulations published since the receipt of those Orders, it is directed that Slaughter Cattle delivered to the Commissary for Victualling the Troops shall be paid for to the Captors at a fixed rate.—

In Justice to the Prize Agents, We beg leave to call your attention to their Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Harris &

and

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and now on your Records, wherein they have
themselves pointed out the great mistake
which arose in the Calculation of the Q.
quantity of Grain Captured at Carour and Q.
Pondegoal, and which will account for the
Difference between their Account and that
we have now the Honor to lay before you —
That you may at one view
see the Sum total due to the Captors, we shall
close this Report with recetting the particular
Sums which form the Amount of their Claim —

Cash deposited as Precepts on the hands
of Oliver Colls late Paymaster to
the Army — 20,143.30.65

Cash deposited as P.d.o. in the hands of
Mr. Corbett Paymaster of Palia-
catchery — 1200.. ..

Monely of Grain and Military Store
Captured including Timber — 13,933.6.6½

Commission due to the Agents — 696.27.30

Star Pag.s 36,273.22.7½

Fort St. George
14th November 1791 —

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

(Signed) { J. Du Pré Porcher
Williams Jones

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Dr The Honble Company in Account with the Prize Agents for Stores and Provisions captured in the Seirk Campaign - &c.

To amount of Paddy delivered to Mr Ringrose Commissary General as Precepts from 18th June to 17th November 1790 - 38 Garce 2134 Seers at 52 Pagodas ℔ Garce	1,581.10.-	By a Moiety of the Grain captured from the Enemy as ℔ Contra	6518. 1. 27
To amount of Paddy issued to the troops by Captain Parr at Caroor and for which he reports stoppages were made by Mr Call - 19 Garce 1933 Seers 2. 52 Pagodas ℔ Garce	99 23.636	By Bills of the Military Stores captured from do.	7415. 5. 3¾
To amount of Paddy delivered by Captain Parr to the Renter of Caroor as ℔ Certificate of Mr George Wynch Collector of Caroor - 2000 Cullums at 1 Rupee ℔ Cullum are Rupees 2000 a 365 ℔ ℔	547.39.56		13,933. 6. 64
To amount of Paddy issued to the Troops at Pendegul stated by Capt Bowser 275 Cullums 2. 87. 2. 94 ℔ Cullums ℔ Garce are Garce 2. 36 9/4 m. at 52 Pagodas ℔ Garce	152. 3.-	By Balance due to the Captors including the Commission Charged by the Prize Agents	4,629.34.14
To amount of Rice sent to the Army from Pendegul as Precipt of the Depty Commissary General at Munsurpet - 20 Garce 215/16 Marcalls at 104 Pagodas ℔ Garce	2135.40.-		
To Grain in Store remaining at Pendegul by the valuation of the Storekeeper and Commandant taking the medeum of their different Accounts. - Rds 4602. 13. 5. 2. 115 ℔ ℔	4001.41.42		
To Paddy remaining at Pallagatcherry reported by the Storekeeper and Commandant to be about 12 Garce 2. 52 Pagodas ℔ Garce	624.-		
	13,036. 2. 54		
To amount of Military Stores taken at Coimbatore Pendegul and Pallagatcherry as ℔ Valuation and account of Colonel Moorhouse Commissary General of Stores deducting Pagodas 205- by order of the Military Board Pag	13,660.10.75		
To Cash due for Teak Timber delivered at Coimbatore to the Commissary of Stores for the Public use as ℔ Voucher under the signatures of the Commanding Officer of Artillery and Secretary to the Commander in Chief	1170.-		
	14,830.10.75		
To Commission due to the Prize Agents on the Company's share of the Grain and Stores, stated by them to have been sanctioned in Public Order on Pag 13933. 6. 64 ½ a 5 ℔ ℔	696.27.30		
Pagodas	28,562.40.79	Pagodas	28,562.40.79

Errors Excepted ℔

(Signed) Jos: du Pre Porcher } Com[mi]ssioners
William Jones } containing the Claims of the Army & Prize money

To

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

Honble Sir,

In obedience to your orders of the 12th Instant I have the Balance due to the Captors for the first and Second Campaign; we immediately proceeded to lay before you our report upon the first & under date the 14th Instant, and have now the honor to transmit you an Account of the Balance due to the Captors for the Second Campaign. — The Estimates laid before & the Military Board being in conformity to & your orders admitted without deduction, no remark appears to us necessary on the subject of the Account now submitted to you, except in relation to the Grain, of which Article & there have been captured during the second Campaign, and delivered to the Commissaries

to

From the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money enclosing a State ment of the Account between the Company and the Prize Agents for the Second Campaign observations upon the Same Honble

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to be issued to the Troops, or left on Garrisons as public Stores on account of Government, quantities of different sorts amounting in value to Pagodas 18,412. 7. 26. There are regular Receipts and Vouchers for the whole of the deliveries, three excepted, amounting in value to Pagodas 1450. 13. 46. for which the Vouchers will be transmitted by Lieutenant Mr. Corbett, the Prize Agent who had charge of that Branch of Capture, as appears by a Letter from him to Major Dixon and have been delayed owing to the absence of Captain Wells the Commissary, to whose Department the Grain was delivered. —

It may be necessary to observe, that the Rice is charged at Pagodas 10 per Garce, Paddy at half that Price, two Garce of Paddy being reckoned equal to one of Rice—Raggy at half the Price of Paddy. These are (we understand) the Rates at which the Mysprages are made from the Troops, and agreeably to

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the Regulations of Government, the rates
allowed for Grain captured from the Enemy;
but we have no official document before us
to enable us to ascertain this present —

It appears from the receipts
of the Paymaster which the Army submitted
to us by Major Dirom, that the sum of
Pagodas 30,783. 4, 53 - has been deposited in
his hands, which he requests may be
returned to the Prize Agents, with such
further sums as may have been deposited
with the Paymaster since the date of the
last receipt in his / Major Dirom's /
possession. —

Having from our first ap-
prehension as a Committee been under the
necessity of retaining a Writer at 10 Pagodas
P Month, We request you will be pleased
to order that Charge to be allowed. —

We have the Honor to be
with great respect.
&c. — &c.

Fort St. George
16th November 1791. —

(Signed) { Jos: DuPre Porcher
William Jones

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Dr. { The Honble Company in Account Current with the Prize Agents for Grain and Military Stores captured during the Second Campaign } Cr.

To the amount of Ponder Guns Shot and Military Stores captured at Bangalore Oussoor and Ryacotta as pr Estimate	82,025.26.40	By Moiety of Military Stores captured from the Enemy as pr Contra	41,012.34.20
To Ditto of small Arms Intrenching Tools fixed Ammunition and other small Stores as pr valuation of the Military Storekeeper	2025.16.9	By Ditto of small Arms Intrenching Tools, fixed Ammunition &c.	1,012.29.4
To Amount of Grain captured during this Campaign as pr Estimate	18,412.7.26	By Ditto of Grain captured during this Campaign	9,206.3.53
To Commission due to the Prize Agents on the Company's Moiety being Pagodas 51,231.24.77	2561.24.		51,231.24.77
		By Balance due to the Captors including the Commission charged by the Prize Agents	53,793.6.78
Sr. Pagodas	105,024.31.75	Sr. Pagodas	105,024.31.75

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Errors Excepted

pr
(Signed) { Jos. du Pre Porcher
William Jones } Comm.rs for ascertaining the claims of the Army to Prize Money

Agreed

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The Consideration of the foregoing Letters from the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money postponed

Agreed that the Consideration of the foregoing Letters be deferred till the next meeting.—

Read the following—

Letter from the Acting Accountant General

To William Collins Jackson Esqre.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

I request you will lay before the Honble Board the accompanying Lists of Officers entitled to share the Gratuity Fund, as received from the Adjutant Generals to the Kings, and Company's Troops.— No provision being made for two Majors to any one Regiment.— I request to know whether the Senior Captain of the 19th Light Dragoons is to be permitted to receive the Share that he would have been paid to Major Affleck of that Regiment, had he remained in this Country, one Major being at present doing duty

From the Acting Accountant General enclosing Lists of the Kings and Company's Officers entitled to share in the Gratuity Fund— requests to know whether the Senior Captain of the 19th Dragoons is to share in the Fund during the absence of either of the Majors— and what Rate the Share for the last year Gratuity are to be—

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duty with that Corps. —

The Honble Board having

published an Order that Bonds will be
granted for the Amount of Gratuity that was
due to each Officer on the 1st May last Iresquest
to know what date those Bonds are to bear.

Fort St. George
16th November 1791. —

Jam, &c &c
(Signed) T. Pearce
Actg. G.

Agreed to inform the
Acting Accountant General that the Senior
Captain of the 19th Regiment Light Dragoons
is to be entitled to Gratuity from the Period
of Major Affleck's Departure; and that as
the King has been pleased to appoint two
Majors to that Regiment, the Senior Captain
must continue to share in that Fund during
the absence of either of the Majors from the
Coast. — Agreed that the Bonds
for the last Year's Gratuity bear date from
the 1st May 1791. — Read

Remit the thereon

Dr

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Read the following Letter from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General. —

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

Sir,

Under date the 23d. September I did myself the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the Articles which you had given in charge to Mr. Cockburn, Since which &c. I have been favored with your Letter dated the 23d. September informing me that a &c. Box containing Sundry other Articles had been forwarded by Mr. Joseph Garrow directed for Lord Cornwallis, to the Commanding &c. Officer at Amboor. —

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of the Box containing the Articles as mentioned in the accompanying List with a Pair of Shades and remain. —

&c. — &c.

(Signed) G.L. Cherry
Pers. Int.

List

Camp
9th. November 1791. —

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General acknowledging the Receipt of sundry Articles sent to Camp by Mr Joseph Garrow —

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List of Articles contained in a Box forwarded by
Mr Joseph Garrow and received in Camp
on the 7th November 1791. —

One Gold Watch
Two Spying Glasses
Two Maunds of Bengal Candles
Four lb of Sealing Wax
Four Boxes of Wafers
Four Dozen Sliding Pencils
Two pair lb Canisters of Battle Powder
One pair of Silver Candlesticks —
with two Baskets containing one pair of Cut
Cordered Table Shades. —

(Signed) G. F. Cherry
D.Q.

Read the following

Letter from Major Close. —

To W. C. Jackson Esqre.
Military Secretary.

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General enclosing Copies of Letter from Major Cuppage containing an Account of the Action at Mudgery and from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell relative to his Attack on Kittnaghery. —

Lord Cornwallis has &
directed me to transmit you, for the informa=
tion of the Honble Board, the enclosed Copies
of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

in

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in the Banamahal, and one from Major [illegible]
Coppage at Paliganchery, both received
this Day. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. — &c.

Head Quarters
Camp 3 miles
South of Bangalore
15 November 1791 —

(Signed) By Close
Depy. Adjt General

To Major Close
Deputy Adjutant General

Sir.

You will be pleased to [illegible]
inform the Commander in Chief that I arrived
here yesterday with the Detachment under
my Command, having made two Marches
from Pelicode; Large Flocks of Cattle and
Sheep Coming observed as the Line advanced,
driving off towards the Fort; the advanced
Guard was detached to secure them, but
were only able to overtake about 130 of the
Cattle and 1200 Sheep. —

On the advanced Guard
coming to the Ground, a Body of 5 or 600 Men
with

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with Standards, and which I have since learnt were headed by the Buckshy, were perceived drawn up in good order between us and the Fort, — On the approach of our Line they were withdrawn. — This circumstance leading me to suppose that the Pettah was not yet deserted, I determined to attack it during the night, having observed the Inhabitants busied in moving their effects up the Hill during the whole afternoon.

Having reconnoitred the situation, the disposition for the attack was made as follows. — The Flank and two Battalion Companies of his Majesty's 74th Regiment with the 1st Battalion Coast Native Infantry under the Command of Captain Wallace, without Guns, were directed to take a circuit to the Westward, so as to evade the out Posts of the Enemy, and Escalade the Ryacotah Gate — Two Companies of the 74th; the Grenadiers of the 7th —

and

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and Volunteer Battalions, Bengal N. I. with
two Battalion Companies of the former Corps,
under Captain Rattray, proceeded to the other
side in a direction to the Trepatoor Gate, and
the remainder of the 74th and 7th Battalion of
Sepoys with two Guns under Lieutenant
Duncan Stewart formed a sustained Corps,
advanced half way between the Fort and our
Camp; for the protection of which, the Volun-
teer Battalion and Pickets of the Line were
left. —

The attacks were made
nearly at the same instant (about midnight)
and with equal success; the Enemy having
no notice of the approach of the Troops, till
the Sentries on the Gateways challenged our
advanced Parties; the Walls were escaladed, the
Gates with some difficulty opened, and the
Pettah and Lower Fort, which had been defen-
ded by two hundred regular Sepoys, and a
large body of Peons, were in Sixteen Minutes
completely

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completely in our profession. —

Such of the fugitives as

escaped attempted to gain the Rock, they were closely pursued by the party led by Captain Wallace, and for some time there was much reason to hope that his force might enter the upper Fort with that of the Enemy. — But the difficulty and length of the ascent, added to the necessity of pursuing with regularity prevented it; — the Gate was shut just as the leading Files of the Flank Companies reached it. — The scaling Ladders had fallen much in the rear, but the probability of Success was so great, that it was determined to try to use them. The Body of the party halted about fifty yards below the Gate to assist the Ladders, but before they came up, the Enemy had recovered from their confusion and showers of immense stones & hurled without intermission from the Rock

above

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above, rendered every attempt to get forward ineffectual — The Ladders were broken and those who carried and escorted them swept away before those irresistable Masses — A retreat was therefore ordered which was conducted with the greatest regularity, and altho' our Casualties were unavoidably numerous, the chance of Success was so great, and its effects, had the attack succeeded, would have been of such importance, that I have no hesitation in approving perfectly of the attempt. — The Standard of the principal Rebellion Garrison was taken, as was a Gun which was placed on the Road up the Rock — the latter was spiked as it was impossible without taking it to pieces to bring it down — and the lower Fort and Pettah, after being set on fire, were evacuated before day light by our Troops —

I have the honor to enclose a Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing

work

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– most of the Wounds are contusions from Stones – Lieutenant Forbes is severely wounded by a Ball in the head, and I am sorry to add that Lieutenant Lamont, in consequence of a Wound he received, fell over a precipice in such a situation as rendered it impossible for us to discover or bring off his Body. –

The loss of the Enemy –

cannot be ascertained, but from what was observed in the Pettah only, it is supposed to amount to upwards of 300 Killed, most of them were Armed with good French Musquets, and from their Dress, appeared to be a better sort of Sepoys. –

I request that you will communicate to the Commander in Chief, the very high sense I entertain of the Gallantry and good Conduct of Captains Wallace and Rattray, in conducting the attacks committed to their charge, & and in the subsequent –

proceedings

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proceedings of the night) of Captain Wood who led the flank Companies of His Majesty's 74th Regiment, and of the bravery displayed by every Officer and Soldier on this Detachment —

To Captain Agnew's Conduct I feel myself much indebted, I am sorry to add he was severely wounded in attempting to get a Ladder to the Wall of the upper Fort: which but for that unfortunate accident he would probably have effected, and insured our complete success. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c.ª ... &c.ª

(Signed) Hamilton Maxwell
Lt. Colo

Camp near Kistnagerry
8th November 1791 —

Camp near Kistnagerry
8th November 1791.

	Killed						Wounded									Missing		
	European Officers			Native Officers	European Officers						Native Officers			European Officers				
	Lieutenants	Privates	Total		Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Privates	Total	Subadars	Jemadars	Total	Lieutenants	Privates	Total	Privates	Total
Artillery											1	1	2				1	3
His Majesty's 74th Regiment	1	2	3		1	3	3	3	23	47								
7th Battalion Bengal Native Infantry				1		1					6	6	12					
1st Battalion Bengal Volunteers											1	6	7					
1st Battalion Coast Native Infantry											3	3	6					
Total	1	2	3	1	1	4	3	3	23	47	11	16	27				1	3

Artillery — The Lascar returned wounded, is also Missing

74th Regiment — { Lieut: Lamont returned Wounded and Missing is supposed to be Killed
Captain Wallace Lieut Forbes, M.Kenzie and Taylor, wounded

7th Batt. Bengal N.I. — Lieutenant Bird — wounded

Captain Agnew, Aid de Camp, to Lt Colonel Maxwell, wounded

(Signed) Allan Grant
Major of Brigade

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I had the Honor to inform your Lordship on the 21st that I purposed marching next day with the hopes of raising the Seige of Coimbatore. —

On the 23d I arrived at Madagherry and encamped on the high ground about half a Mile on this side of the Village. — at two o Clock in the afternoon a Line of Infantry appeared in my front, and a large Body of irregulars on my left by the Hills. — As I was always of opinion that if the Enemy disputed the Ground between this Village and Coimbatore, it would be out of my power to give Lieutenant Chalmers any relief. — I ordered the Tents to be struck and the Baggage to return to Vellier Choultry; I particularly as the Enemy were marching round my right flank, with a seeming

intention

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intention to get between me and Paligaut-
chery while their main Body was on
front; I ordered the Line to retreat, by
the time Captain Oakes's Battalion, which
was on the right, gained the left of the
Encampment, they were severely attacked
by the Infantry, at the same time a body
of Horse, of about 300, charged the advanced
Picket under Lieutenant Mason of the
Bombay Establishment, as they were
returning to the Line, and met with a
severe repulse, many of them falling
close to the Ranks. They afterwards charged
the Line, and were again repulsed. This
small body of Horse must have been
Tippoos best Cavalry, as they shewed more
bravery, than I have ever seen on any other
occasion; their loss must have been very
great as they never came near me the

remainder

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remainder of the day. — By this time their regular Infantry came up, and were several times beat back by the 17th Bombay and 16th Coast Battalions. — The Country being very close on my right, gave cover to their irregulars, who kept up a very heavy fire on the Line, and behaved much better than their regular Infantry. We continued our retreat and did not reach the Choultry till three o Clock next morning, owing to the severest rain I ever experienced. I halted the next day to take care of the Wounded, and returned to this Garrison yesterday evening, and have the honor to enclose your Lordship a Return of the Killed and wounded. — The Enemy's loss must be great particularly in their Cavalry. —

As the Enemy seemed determined to dispute every Inch of Ground to Coimbatoor, I could not afford to lose many

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many Men, not having more than 1000 firelocks that I could depend on, in forcing my way, I thought it best to retreat, not only for the safety of this Garrison, but to forward the important charge of the Bullocks, to General Abercrombys Army, and I hope your Lordships will approve of my conduct. —

By the best accounts I can get of the Enemys force it consists of 2-18-6-6- Pounders, four Howitze, 300 Horse, and 10000 — Infantry 6000 of which are irregulars. — Their Horse must have been re-inforced as there was not less than 700 against me. —

I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that the Bullocks are very much recovered, and shall forward at least 2000 of them tomorrow in good order to Tellicherry; in a few days I shall be able to forward as many more; And as I have advice that the remaining 4000 is on their way from Pondegul, I hope in 6 or 8 Days, the whole that will be of any use,

under

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under the charge of Captain Oakes. —

I beg leave to observe to your Lordship that the Travancore Sepoys are not of the least Service to me, nor did they fire a single Shot the 23d - a Battalion that I sent to cover the Baggage, gave the alarm of Horse, many of them threw down their Arms, and ran into the Woods, which was the occasion of the loss of a great deal of Baggage, without any cause whatever. —

The steady and Gallant behaviour of the 19th Bombay, 5th and 16th Coast Battalions of Native Infantry, does them the highest honor, in repulsing a considerable force of the Enemy in a close Country, where our Guns could be of little or no use. —

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Palgaicherry
26th October 1791. —

Return

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Returns of Killed and Wounded of the Troops serving under the Orders of Major Lapprage, on the Octonal Madagascar on the 23 instant. — Paliganteherry 26th October 1791. —

	Killed			Wounded			
	Sergt	Corpl	Drummer	Sergt	Corpl	Drummer	Total
19th Bombay Battalion Native Infantry	1	1	1	3	3	24	31
5. Coast Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	2	2	1	1 - 16
16th Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	1	1	-	3 - 14
Total				4	4	2	7 34 60

NB, Several of the European Officers slightly wounded, but none rendered incapable of Duty. —

(Signed) J. Barrerman
Major of Brigade

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General. —

Ordered that a Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell's Letter be sent to Bengal. —

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Michael Symes

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary &c. &c. &c.

From Lieutenant Symes undertaking an Obligation for the Reward on or before the 31st March next of the sum received on Account of the Public Buyan. —

Sir,

I delayed replying to your Letter of the 12th ultimo - in the hopes that my being able to go to Campe, and in person collecting

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collecting the outstanding Balances of the Money advanced on the publick Service would obviate the necessity of the Orders of the Board — But as I have been disappointed in that expectation I have now the honor to enclose you the accompanying Allegation, which I do the more readily as the Confidence that the Justice of Government will not refuse me hereafter the indulgencies specified in my former Letters — should such appear requisite, as every Servant of the publick has a claim to exemption from responsibility where the failure has not been owing to neglect or want of ability on his part, but arising from the unavoidable exigence of the Service —

I have the Honor to be
with Respect,
(Signed) M. Symes
late Superintendt of Bengal
Agreed

Madras
15th November 1791 —

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from Lieutenant Syrnes.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Syrnes that the Bond to which he has subscribed cannot be received by the Board. — It was not meant that the Obligation to be taken from him should be in any respect conditional, but the Condition to which he has annexed the Payment, renders the Obligation to all intents nugatory, for the Board will not suppose there could be any necessity of requiring a formal deed from him, rendering himself answerable to the Public for the Money, on the Event of its being "collected" by him, and this is the Condition precisely expressed in his Bond, which it is therefore resolved to return, that he may propose another, binding himself unconditionally to pay into the Company's Treasury on or before the 31st Day of March next, the Sum full Sum for which he stands indebted to

the

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The Company —

The Acting President recommends that the following Letter be written to the Nabob, in reply to His Highness's of the 15th Instant — (Vide also C. C. № 260.)

The Acting President lays before the Board a Draft of a Letter to the Nabob in Reply to His Highness's Letter of the 15th Instant.

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness.

I have been honored with your Highness's Letter of the 15th Instant.

In my Letter to your Highness of the 25th of September I took occasion to observe that if the Bill upon Mr. Taylor for forty thousand Pagodas which your Highness had applied for were given, it would not be in my power to make any further Payments to your Highness until the Company's share of the Revenue had been realized in proportion to the Sums drawn for and received on account of

To the Nabob representing the circumstances which induce the Board to comply with His Highness's Application for a further Advance on the Tinnevelly District to the Extent of 10,000 Pagodas —

of your one fifth; and in my Letter of the 10th ultimo, I not only repeated the above, but remarked, how necessary it was for your own Satisfaction and Benefit that you should resist every endeavour to anticipate your fifth Share of the Revenue. — Your Highness, however, was not disposed to pay attention to my recommendation — you repeated your desire to be furnished with the Bill upon Mr. Floyer, and another upon Mr. Torin for four thousand Pagodas; and as it was my duty to comply with your Instructions when it could be done without prejudice to the Company's Interests, I consented to grant the Bills abovementioned. —

Upon a Calculation of expected Collections to the 1st of April next, I find your Highness has already received

on

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in Bills and Money nearly the whole amount of your probable Assets to that Period — a Balance of about 5000 Pagodas will be at that time due to you supposing there is no failure in the Revenue — Your Highness will therefore readily perceive that it is totally out of my power to comply with your present request of being furnished with Bills upon Mr Foreign for 20,000 Pagodas, — but as your Highness had reason to expect a draught would be given you to that amount before you applied for and obtained the late Bill of 10,000 Pagodas in favor of your Servant Mr Deighton I shall, if you require it, make another draught in your favor for 10,000 Pagodas which will complete the Bills for 20,000 Pagodas which you formerly requested on Tennevelly — but I must fairly apprise you that this is the

last

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last Town you can receive before the
Month of April next, when I hope the
Collections will put the Company in
Cash to make further advances on account
of your Settlm.

I have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
19th November 1791.

Va. Va.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

The Board approve the
Letter forwarding Draft
approved.

Draft — Agreed that it be translated and
dispatched.

Read the following
Letter from the Commanding Officer at
Pondigul

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant of Pondigul the Garrison of which Station consists Pioneers in the Polliah Military advance towards Palamcottah — consider the Cattle entirely out of Danger — Reverse recommendation respecting the Route of the Troops for the Malabar Coast —

You will be pleased to
inform the Board that I have had several
Hircarahs, who have returned from Coimbatore

and

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– and all agree, that the Garrison Capi-
tulated the 3d Instant – I have endeavored
to the utmost of my power to collect the
particulars, but only learn that Lieutenant
Chalmers with his Garrison continue a
Prisoners, on the Pettah, until an answer
is received from Tippoo – that the whole
of the Party / except 1200 Infantry (Gun)
have marched towards Puligaudcherry and
that a very Strong reinforcement, is a
expected, to descend the Guzelhetty Pass
with a view, chiefly, to cut off all supplys
that may be expected from Paligaud-
cherry and the Southern Countries – I am
sorry to add, that some of the Polygars,
in the Pamporam, and Coimbetore
Districts, have taken Howle, but all
quiet here – Two Tappys are due from
Puligaudcherry which convince me,

that

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that the Enemy, have advanced Nothw-
ds — The last of the Cattle, were I believe
Forty Miles beyond Puligandcherry, on
their way to General Abercrombie the 3d
Instant so that nothing need be apprehen-
ded in their Account — I still recommend
that Draught Bullocks, ought to be kept
in readiness here compleat, for Two Six
pounder, in case any part of the Enemy,
should come this way - and in any emer-
gency, it would be totally out of my
power, to be supplied from Major
Dallas on account of the great distance
as also the Enemy — I also recommend
for the quick communication to the
Malabar Coast that the Tappy, should
come by the way of Manapar, instead of
Madura. —

I am &c &c

Pondegul
November 18th 1791
3. P.m.

(Signed) T. Bowser
Capt. Commt

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis, and to the Supreme Council. —

The Board having found upon enquiry that the Person offered by Mr. Burke as his Security for the Regular Disbursements of the Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops (vide his Letter dated the 3d and entered in Consult the 11th Instant) is not professed of Funds at all equal to the Amount of the required Security — it is agreed to desire General Meadows to inform Mr Burke that although the Board have no objection to take native Security of sufficient Competency (as in the case of Mr Hoar Paymaster to the Army

Remarks on the Insufficiency of the Person whom Mr. Burke has offered as his substituted Security. —

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Army) they have declined it upon all occasions when they had any doubt of its sufficiency - and that the Board wish him (Mr Burke) in consequence to name some other Person -

" Chas. Oakeley.

" Wm. Tilson

" Wm. Hudleston

Mysthia Esq.