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Diary

Received the following Letter

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

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

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

I am sorry to inform you that Lieutenant Chalmers after a gallant defence of 28 days surrendered to Commandt Dun Cawn on the evening of the 5th Instant The particulars I have not been able to ascertain, nor has a Single Man of the Garrison made their escape but it is reported they are Kill as well as the w^ds. Force of the Enemy at Coimbatore waiting for Supplies for further Orders. They have made no other attempt on this Country except beating back a Travancore Battalion that was advanced a few miles on the orders of the District. The remainder of the Cattle for Genl Abercombys Army left this on the 3. Instant They will Hope reach Calicut in two or three days when they will be out of all danger.

From Major Cuppage advising of the surrender of Coimbatore on the 2^d Instant the last Detachment of the 72^d leaves that Place.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect.

&c. &c. &c.

Signed J. Cuppage

Major Comm^g

Palgaucherry

6th November 1791.

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Fort St. George November 18th 1791.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department

From the Deputy Adjutant General inclosing Copies of further Instructions transmitted to Colonel Floyd.

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has directed me to send you, for the information of the Honorable Board, the inclosed Copies of Instructions transmitted to Colonel Floyd since His Lordships orders to him of the 6th. instant Copy of which was transmitted to you, by the Tappal of that Date.—

Head Quarters Camp three Miles South of Bangalore 12th. November 1791.

I have the Honor to be
S.r &c.
Signed Wm Casse
Depy Adjt. Genl.

To Colonel Floyd.

Sir,

Your favor of the 4th. instant has just been communicated to Lord Cornwallis, who has directed me to express his entire approbation of the steps you have taken to ascertain the Grounds of the intelligence you have received from Mr. and Mr. Kindersley at Vellore.— The Report communicated to you by that Gentleman reached His Lordship yesterday evening, in consequence whereof he dispatched to you last night, through me, such instructions as he conceived might be requisite on the occasion, however from the Conduct you have already observed, and as Colonel Maxwell is still in the Baramahal, he presumes the Enemy will not venture on any serious incursion, or appear in such force, as to make it necessary for your Detachment to remain for any length of time in the Carnatic.—

A copy of the Orders to Colonel Pitts which you allude to, was transmitted to you, for your information, and it is to be hoped has come to hand.— Colonel

Pitts

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18. Peels was written to in the first instance, to save time

Head Quarters Camp
three Miles South of Bangalore
7th November 1791 - at night

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
Signed D. Close.
Deputy adjutant General

To Colonel Floyd.

Sir,

As from your favor of the 4th instant it would appear that my Letter to you of the 29th ultimo, with its inclosure had not come to hand, I take occasion to send you herein Duplicates there of, and also Copy of a Letter just Dispatched, by desire of His Lordship to Lieutenant Colonel Peels, from which you will observe that he is now directed to come forward immediately with the whole of the Convoy collected at Vencatagherry, under his Charge, leaving Captain Oram with the 22d Battalion at the bottom of the Pass, with instructions to consider himself as subject to your Orders.—

This Arrangement for putting matters in forwardness, His Lordship has adopted not only for expeditions sake, but also to obviate the necessity of your ascending the Ghauts at so early a period as was formerly recommended.— His Lordship desires therefore, that you will now consider yourself more at liberty to attend to the objects before you in the Carnatic, making it your duty to communicate with and —

protect

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18th protect the march of Major Scott, with the Kings Artillery from the Presidency, and every other party or convoy, destined from thence to Ambore, using the Troops of your Detachment to the extent that you may judge expedient, against any bodies of the Enemy who may have lately entered the Carnatic, to cause alarms and lay waste the Country.

Should you think proper to draw Captain Oram's Battalion from the bottom of the Pass, Mr. Cockburn and Lieutenant Cuppage ought to receive early notice of your intention, as otherwise some of their Convoys to Venketgherry might be endangered or obstructed.

His Lordship will transmit you, from time to time, such further information and instructions as he may judge necessary for your guidance, and is desirous you should continue to correspond frequently with Head Quarters.

Head Quarters Camp
three miles South of Bangalore
8th November 1791.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) By. Close.
Deptt. Adjt. General

To Colonel Floyd.

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis directs me to acquaint you

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you that he has perused your Letters of the 5th and 6th instant, the latter addressed to Colonel Harris, confirming the intelligence of Parties of the Enemy's Looties being in motion in different quarters of the Carnatic, and advising that your Detachment was prepared to move at a short warning.

From the arrangement therefore, that has been lately adopted for bringing on the convoy forthwith under Lieutenant Colonel Dels, which gives you the employment of the 22d Battalion, and the five Ongole Companies under Lieutenant Long, and admits without inconvenience of your continuing some time below the Ghauts, and also from the sentiments explained to you, from His Lordship, in my Letter of the 8th instant, he thinks it probable that in this, you have taken some measures to annoy the Enemy, and make them desirous of retiring to the Westward, — His Lordship would not have you work your Cavalry however in pursuits or marches, to such a degree as to run the hazard of materially injuring them, but if by a forced march or two, or by suddenly occupying any situation in the Enemys' Rear, you could intimidate them, or draw them

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18th them into danger and difficulty, he conceives there are objects worth your attempting.—

Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell is now in the neighbourhood of Tripatoure, for the purpose of ascertaining, as nearly as possible, what force has entered the Changamah Pass, and whether any parties of the Enemy are still collected there.— The Colonel however will soon return to Ossore, if nothing particular occurs to detain him in the Valley.— He lately assaulted the Pettah of Kistnagherry with success, and Killed about 300 of the Garrison, Captain Wallace who commanded one Division of the attack having pursued the Enemy so close as to have been nearly in time to enter the Gate of the Upper Fort along with them.—

Head Quarters Camp
3 Miles South of Bangalore
11th November 1791

I have the honor to be,

&a &a

(Signed) B.J. Close.

Deputy Adjutant General.

P. S.

I have just had the pleasure of laying before His Lordship your Letter of the 8th instant.— He much approves of your intended movement to Conjeveram, and would hope that an occasion will offer for your striking the blow you meditate.—

(Signed) B.J. Close.

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Tiagar prevails upon Kistnanah Rauze to strengthen the Garrison of Salem with the Party under his Command.—

I have received several Letters from the Poligars of Little Salem and Calliherattum, informing me that they expect hourly to be attacked by a junction of the Garrisons of Sankeldroog and Attoor with the horse, that lately graced this place—The Town of Salem is the largest in this part of the Country, and the Man says, he must abandon it if not supported with Men and ammunition, tho' I have not received Accounts of the enemys intentions from any other quarter, I have to prevent bad Consequences requested Kistnam Rauze to go immediately with his people to Salem to protect it. Should the Enemy come, he has given every Assistance in his power, in preserving the numerous Inhabitants and Cattle, lately assembled round this place—I beg leave to mention that there are several poligars in these Districts who could furnish a few men each, who I think might be ordered to assist each other

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in cases of necessity.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Wm. Flint
Captain Commanding

Tiagar
10. November 1791.

Dispatched Letter to the Commandant at Trichinopoly as entered in W.B. No. 791. desiring him to make Enquiry into a Complaint preferred against his Dubash by the Bazar men of Trichinopoly—and to instruct the Engineer at Trichinopoly to survey the Southern Bank of the great Cauvery and transmit to Government an Estimate of the Expence that will attend a permanent Repair thereof.—

To the Comman=dant at Trichi=nopoly.—

19th

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.B. Nos. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85.—

From the Secretary to the Military Board.

From the Secretary to the Military Board enclosing a Letter addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort William.—

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing a Letter from the Military Board at that Presidency to the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort St. George.—

From Do —

From Do — with a Packet addressed to the

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19th The private Secretary to the Governor Jeneral containing Copies of Dispatches received from the Honorable Court of Directors by the Airley Castle. —

From Dº Sub Secretary at Bengal with a Letter addressed to the Military Secretary to the Governor Jeneral containing Copies of further Dispatches. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

From Dº with a Letter addressed to the Military Secretary to the Governor Jeneral containing Extracts of further Dispatches. —

From Dº —

From Dº enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors respecting Sergeant Daniel Mooney and desiring to be furnished with the necessary information to enable the Supreme Council to comply with the Courts Orders. —

From Dº —

20th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MTB. Nos. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94.

To the Acting Accountant Jeneral — in forming him that the Senior Captain of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons is to share in the Gratuity Fund during the Absence of either of the Majors, and that the Bonds to be given for the last years Gratuity are to be dated the 1st May 1791.

To the Acting Accountant Jeneral. —

To the Secretary at Bengal forwarding Copy —

To the Secretary at Bengal —

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Copy of a Letter and Enclosures received from Lord Cornwallis - together with Copies of Letters from Captain Bowser advising of the surrender of — Coimbatore to the Enemy on the 3d. Instant and from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell relative to his Attack on Kistnagherry. —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - stating the Rates that are to be observed at the Garrisons of Amboor, Vellore, Arnee and Madras, in making Issues of Grain to the — Bullocks attached to the Army - desiring him to instruct the Storekeepers to pay particular — Attention to such orders as the Bullocks may be furnished with from Camp. —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province - desiring him to desist immediately from using any compulsa= tory Measures in procuring Grain for the use of the Army. —

To the Collector in the Northern Di= vision of the Arcot Province. —

To the Paymaster at Arnee - desiring him to advance such Sums of Money to the Native — Troops and Followers of the Detachment under =

To the Paymaster at Arnee. —

the

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20th the Command of Colonel Floyd as he / the Colonel / may judge necessary —

To the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire —

To the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire desiring him to proceed immediately to Conjeveram and remain there during the Continuance of the Detachment commanded by Colonel Floyd, paying particular Attention to the Wants of the Troops in the Article of Provisions.

To Major General Musgrave informing him of the orders given to Mr. Balfour and the Paymaster at Arnee, and of the Boards wish to discontinue the Office of Quarter Master of Invalids at the Presidency. —

To Major General Musgrave —

To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam —

To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam informing him that the Board cannot allow Mr. Ogilvy to draw any more than fifteen Pagodas Pr. Mensem on account of Hospital Servants. —

To Lieutenant Symes — returning the Bond which accompanied his Letter of the 15th Instant, and desiring him to furnish another, binding himself unconditionally to pay into the Company's Treasury on or before the 31st day of March next the full Sum of Pagodas 47443. —

To Lieutenant Symes late Superintendant of the Bazars of the Army

Sent the following Letters. —

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Fort St. George November 20th 1791.

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

Mr. Burke, his majesty's Paymaster General in India having offered to us as his Security for the regular Disbursement of the Company's allowances to the Kings Troops, Pesh Patty Soobiah Bramin, we find upon enquiry, that this man is not understood by the native Inhabitants of Madras to be possessed of Funds, at all equal to the amount of the required Security — We therefore request you will be pleased to inform Mr. Burke, that altho' we have no objection to take native Security of sufficient Competency, as in the case of Mr. Hoar Paymaster to the Army we have declined it — upon all occasions, where we have had any doubt of its Sufficiency, and that we will with him in consequence to name some other Person. —

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Colonel Bruce to Major General Musgrave on the subject of Lieutenant Blacker whose Character, from the Colonel's account appears very undeserving, and on whom a bare subsistence is as much, as any — claim he can now have upon the Service. — We wish to have your opinion however, whether it might

To Major General Medows respecting the Person whom Mr. Burke has offered his collateral security — closing Copy of Colonel Bruce's Letter respecting Lieutenant Blacker. —

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20th might not be proper as an Example to others previous to his being pensioned, to dismiss him the Service in General orders.

We have the Honor to be,
with Esteem.

Fort St. George
19th November 1791.

&c. &c. &c.
Signed Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

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

My Lord

We have had the Honor to receive your Lordships letter of the 10th now our acting President has laid before us your letter to him of the 12th

To Lord Cornwallis
Steps taken for forwarding the Success of His Lordship Plan for supplying the Bengarries with Grain from the Carnatic and for preventing any Compulsatory Measures being used in collecting Supplies. Advising of the Surrender of Coimbatore and requesting he will order Officers on Detachment to Communicate directly to the Board any material Circumstances that may occur.

Endeavours to forward the Success of the Place you have in contemplation for supplying the Bengarries with Grain from the Carnatic, and we shall immediately issue the necessary Orders to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

We perfectly agree in the Sentiments expressed by your 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 who presented us with the alternative of providing a depôt of Grain for him at

Bangalore

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Baugalore or hazarding the Loss of all service from the Cavalry, that We gave directions to Mr. Kindersley, in the last resort, to press carriage for such Grain as would be procured, we obtained orders from the Nabob to the Jaghiredar of Chittore, and wrote ourselves to the Rajah of Vencatagherry and Gallatty to assist with their — Services on this occasion, but neither authorised 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 we are happy to be relieved by your — Lordships information of the State of your Enquiry in respect to this article. —

We are much concerned to learn by a Letter from Captain Bowser that the Garrison at Coimbatour surrendered the 3. Instant — a Copy of this Letter is enclosed for your Lordship's Infor= =mation. ——

We shall be obliged to your — Lordship if you will be so good to order Comman= =ding Officer on detachment from the army, to send us direct accounts of any material occur= =rences, as we have in the late instances of the

Assault —

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20th assaults at Pinagra and Kistnagerry received our first Information by means of private letters, at the same time that we make this request to your Lordship we acknowledge, with great pleasure the attention we experience in all communications from yourself.

Fort St. George
19th November 1791.

We have the honor to be,
with great Respect and Esteem.
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

21st Received the following Letters

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From the Collector at Madura respecting Grain at Madura belonging to Volupsunda Doss seized by Mr. Vaughan on the Company's Account.

Having requested Mr. Torin to transmit me the Deposition of Arnachillum respecting the person alluded to by him when he claimed the Grain which was seized by Mr. Vaughan, I now beg leave to enclose Copy of Mr. Torin's reply on the subject.

Madura
14th November 1791.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Collector

To

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Fort St. George November 1791.

25th

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Collector at Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant relative to the man named Arnachillum and requiring me to state to him a question touching some Grain seized by Mr. Vaughan at Madura and on account of the Company.—

Arnachillum being summoned to the Cutchery was desired to explain the name of the person whom he mentioned to Mr. Vaughan as his Master, for whom he laid claim to the Grain in question—To which Arnachillum replied that he meant a Soucar called — Volupsunda Doss, who had advanced the money for it to the Circar.—

Tinnivelly
12th. November 1791

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Benjamin Torin
Collector

A true Copy
Signed Alexander Macleod
Collector

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Dindigul stating the Heads of the Agreement entered into between Lieutenant Chalmers and Cummum Nal Dien Sauw for the surrender of Coimbatore.

Sir,

You will inform the Board, that I have received account, of a Sepoy having arrived at Palgautchery

the

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25th The 29th. Instant, will Letter from Lieutenant Chalmers — mentioning. that he was under the disagreable necessity of Capitulating: on the 2d. Instant. that the terms agreed upon by, both Parties. were, that the Garrison be allowed, to proceed to Paligautcherry; and from thence to Madras. Private property Secure-and that the Garrison, was not to serve, against Tippoo or his allies during the present war- that the Garrison marched out the 3. Instant about 2 Oclock P.M. but in place of Paligautcherry that they were Conducted, to Trimul Raws House in the Pettah, where Lieutenant Chalmers Nash, and the rest of the Garrison were Prisoners The Travancore Battalion in a large House, in the same Street, with all their Baggage. That Lieutenant Chalmers, sending to the Kawn to know the cause of their being Confined, he sent back for answer he could not release a single man, until he heard from the Sultaun — Two Hircarrah who arrived here this morning, and left Coimbatore, the 10th. Instant day, that a great part of the Fort, is mined and that they are busily employed, mining the other part, and loading them — it was supposed, the Fort would be blown up in the Course of a few Days. The enemy still continue, between Coimbatore and Pauligaut= cherry, near to made Parry — The report in their Camp-

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25. Camps, in, that they intend dividing their force, the Half for Paliganteherry the other for the Dindegull District— I am afraid that the whole of the Polygars in the Coimbatore and Karore District, have taken Howle, except Tumba Goindoo, I hope it may not be the case no disturbance as yet here.—

Dindegull
13th November 1791.

I am, &c. &c.
Signed T. Bowser
Captain Comdg.—

Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis—

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

To Lord Cornwallis with Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage stating the Terms upon which Lieutenant & Chalmers surrendered the Fort of Coimbatore to the Enemy.—

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose for your Lordship's Information, Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage, stating the Terms upon which Lieutenant Chalmers Surrendered the Fort of Coimbatore to the Enemy.—

Fort St. George
25th November 1791.

We have the Honor to be,
with great respect and Esteem.—
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Charles Oakeley
&c. Council—

22. Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.R. Nos. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102.—

From

5909 Fort S.t George November 1791.

From Captain Greene of the 2.d European Regiment —

From Captain Greene of the 2.d ... requesting to be placed on the invalid List —

From the Collector in the Tichinopoly District —

From the Collector in the Tichinopoly District acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 5.th Instant. —

From the Commissary of Prisoners of War —

From the Commissary of Prisoners of War requesting that he may draw his Allowances from the Paymaster at Vellore —

From the Garrison Storekeeper —

From the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing a List of Articles Supplied the Men of the 1.st Regiment of Bengal Cavalry. —

From the Military Paymaster General —

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copy of Captain Frith's Receipt for five thousand Pagodas. —

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

From the Commisary General of Grain and Provisions acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 19.th Instant. —

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Zaghire —

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Zaghire advising of his Intention to proceed immediately to Conjeveram —

From the Commandant at Dindegul —

From the Commandant at Dindegul enclosing Bills for Batta to a Detachment of Native Troops sent from Tichinopoly to Dindegul which Mr. Vaughan he refused to discharge. —

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Fort S.t George 22.nd November 1791.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esq.rs

Tuesday 22.d November 1791.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The acting President delivers in the following Minute.—

The acting President acquaints the Board that the number of Troops now at Madras, is barely sufficient for a single relief of the Guards and that the duty by this means falls extremely heavy both on the Europeans and Sepoys—for this reason and because the Hanoverian Regiment is under Orders to embark for Europe, and will probably go in the Course of next month, he recommends that General Musgrave be desired to order as many of the dismounted Cavalry as can be drawn from Arcot and to do duty in Madras.—

The acting President Minute recommending that all the dismounted Troops that can be spared from Arcot &.c be ordered to do Duty at the Presidency and that a Survey be made of the Sick Horses of the 1.st 2.d & 4.th Regiments of Cavalry.—

The President further informs the Board that there are upwards of 200 Sick Horses still remaining of the 1.st 2.d & 4.th Regiments, and recommends that the General be desired to order a Survey upon them with a view to sort such as are not likely soon to recover.—

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State of Cavalry 1.st November 1791.

	for Duty	Command	Horses for Duty	Sick
1.st Regiment	111	250	6	70
2.d Regiment	148	220	6	69
4.th Regiment	118	207	5	74
Total	377	677	17	253

Stations and Number on Command —

Colar	192
Tippatore	144
Vellore	100
Madras	118
Arnee	61
Bangalore	22
Baggage Master	40
Total	677

Minute of the Board thereon —

The Board approve the recommendations of the Acting President, agreed that the necessary orders be given to Major General Musgrave.

The Letter from the Committee respecting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money entered in the Minutes of the last Consultation now taken into Consideration —

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Letters from the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money, and entered on the Minutes of the last Consultation, together with the following Letter from the Committee since received —

To

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Fort St. George, 22nd November 1791.

To the Honorable Major General Wm. Medows

Governor in Council Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

From the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money, with Sundry Abstract Statements of the Accounts between the Company and the Prize Agents of the Army.—

In addition to our Reports of the 14th and 16th Instant, we have the honor to lay before you an abstract of the Sums that appear to be due to the Army on account of Prize Money for both Campaigns inclusive, conceiving that it will be satisfactory to you to see the amount at one view, and as we are informed by Major Dirom that you have been pleased to recommend to the Honorable the Court of Directors to relinquish the Company's moiety of the Grain and Military Stores captured from the Enemy we also lay before you a Statement of the further Sums to which the Army will be entitled, in case the determination of the Court of Directors should be favorable.—

We also take this opportunity to notify an error which we have committed in Stating the Amount of Cash deposited in the hands of the Paymaster during the last Campaign to be Pagodas 30,223.4.53— when in fact it does not exceed 29,083.4.33 as now Stated

Campaign

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Fort St. George 22. November 1798.

P. P. C.

Campaign 1790

To Half the value of the Grain and Military Stores captured during this Campaign pr Report Pag^{a}	13.933.	6. 64½
To Cash lodged by the Agents with the Paymaster of the Army including Pagodas 1200 lodged with the Paymaster at Paligautcherry during this Campaign	21.643.	30. 63
To Commission due to the Agents on the moiety of the Grain and Military Stores retained by Government	696.	27. 30
Total Pagodas	36.273.	22. 77½

Campaign 1791.

To Half the value of the Grain and Military Stores captured during this Campaign pr Report	51.231.	24. 77½
" Cash lodged by the Agents with the Paymaster of the Army during this Campaign	29083.	11. 53
" Commission due to the Agents on the moiety of the Grain and Military Stores retained by Government	256.	24. "
Total Pagodas	80.876.	11. 30

Total due to the Army and to the Agents for both Campaigns Pagodas	116149.	34. 17½

Statement of the moiety retained by Government on Account of the Honorable Company

Half the Value of the Grain and Military Stores captured in Campaign 1790. Pagodas	13.933.	6. 64½
Deduct the Agents Commission charged to Government on this Half	696.	27. 30
Carried Out	13.236.	21. 34½

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Brought over Pd. 13936. 24. 3½

Half the value of the Grain and Military Stores captured in Campaign 1791. ..... 51231. 24. 7½

Deduct the Agents Commission charged to Government on this Half ..... 2564. 7½ ..

48670. .. 7½

Balance retained by Government Pags. 61906. 22. 3½

The Prize Agents having discharged their Trust in accounting to Government for the Half of the Grain and Military Stores claimed by the Honorable Company, we have accordingly stated their Commission as now due to them out of that moiety. This can be attended with no eventual Loss to the Company, nor to the Captors, for the Agents Commission on that half being now charged to Government, and deducted from the Amount retained on Account of the Company, of Course the balance we have stated Pagodas 61.906. 22. 3½ will be the neat Sum to be paid by Government and destributed to the Captors, in case this moiety be relinquished by the Company, and if it be not relinquished the Claims of the army and of the Agents will stand completely settled for these Campaigns without any farther Application to Government

We

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Fort St. George 22nd November 1791

We have the honor to be with great

Respect, Honble Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servants.

Signed Cs. Dic. Pe. Porcher

D. William Jones.

Fort St. George

25th November 1791.

The Board, after mature Consideration of the Subject, acquiesce in the Commettees observations upon the different Items stated in the Accounts between the Company and the Prize Agents of the Army for the first and Second Campaigns.

Resolutions of the Board upon the several Reports of the Committee for adjusting the Claims of the Army to Prize Money.

Resolved that Copy of the foregoing Letter, with those from the Committee dated the 14th and 16th Instant be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis, and that his Lordships notice be drawn to the Prize Agents claim to a Commission of 5 ℔ Cent upon the Company's Share of the captured Provisions and Stores, a Claim which they conceive themselves entitled to under an order published by his Lordship and which, upon Major Dirom's authority for the order the Board have acquiesced in. Resolved also, that his Lordship be requested to transmit a Copy of the order referred to by Major Dirom, as it will be necessary to make particular mention of it in the Boards report to the Honorable Court of D

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Fort St. George 22d. November 1791.

of Directors.

Agreed to submit to Lord Cornwallis whether it might not be eligible, in all valuations in future of captured Stores, that one or more persons should be named on the part of the Company and to observe to his Lordship that the Board do not propose this from any doubts of the Impartiality of the Gentlemen who have hitherto been employed, in whom they have the highest Confidence, but as a Matter apparently of necessary Form, in a case when the Company have an Interest as well as the Captors.

With regard to the mode and time of Payment of the Sum now due to the Army, as it is resolved to leave this matter entirely to his Lordships Determination In order, however, to obviate the Inconvenience that might result from issuing a large Sum from the money Tumbrill Bills may be given, if his Lordship thinks proper, to the Officers upon the Military Paymaster General for their respective Shares of the Prize Money — The Board Suggest this meanes with a view to afford Every possible relief to his Lordships Funds, for altho' considerable Drafts are now made upon the

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the Treasury from Camp, independent of the Specie, that has been sent to the Army, they wish upon an Occasion so interesting, to make an Extraordinary exertion, in behalf of those who have such strong Claims upon the Publick.—

Agreed to direct the Committee to draw out Separate Lists shewing the Quantity and Value of the captured Grain and the Quantity and Value of the ordnance and Military Stores of every description taken during the war, and charged in the Prize Agents Accounts—The former to be sent to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions with such Explanations as may be necessary for his Guidance and the latter in like manner to the Military Board, in order that the whole may appear on the Company's Books, and be brought to account accordingly.—

The Board admit the Charge for a writer at ten Pagodas p.r month, from the Establishment of the Committee.—

Read the following Letter from the Persian Interpreter to Lord Cornwallis

To William Collins Jackson Esq.re
Secretary Fort St. George.

Sir—

As the arrival of the Son of his Highness the Nizam and his Minister to join Lord Cornwallis may be expected in a short time, his Lordship has directed me to—

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor Ceneral Further Articles intended as presents for the Native Chiefs &c. to be purchased and sent to Camp by the first safe opportunity

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to request you will obtain the Permission of the Board to purchase the Articles mentioned in the accompanying List.—

Those articles which were sent before, being disposed of by his Lordship as Presents to the Mahratta Chiefs, I am under the necessity of troubling you again on a similar Subject for the Prince and Minister, whose Junction was not ascertained at the Time I last wrote to you.—

I am, &c. &c. &c.

Signed J. F. Cherry

Persian Interpretor.

Camp
12th. November 1791.

Minute thereon.—

Agreed that the Articles Stated in the foregoing List be purchased immediately by the Company's Steward.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from the Deputy adjutant General.—

To William Collins Jackson Esqre.

Sir

From the Deputy Adjutant General with Copy of a Letter from Captain Andrew Read giving an Account of the Capture of the lower Forts of Purrumcondah.—

I have the honor to transmit you by direction of the Lordships for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of a Letter received from Captain Andrew Read advising of the Capture of the lower Forts of Purrumcondah by the Detachment serving under his Command.—

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

Signed By. Close.
Depy. Adjt. Genl.

Head Quarters Camp
3 Miles South of Sangabore.
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The Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K. G.

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

My Lord.

I have the honor and satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship that the lower Fort of Gurrumcondah are now in possession of his Highness the Nizams Troops.—

Our breaching Battery opened on the 6th. instant and with such effect, that by next evening a practicable Breach was made in the Curtain of the outer wall, and the inner, as formerly mentioned to your Lordship, was sooled and Shattered, that few Shot were required to make it in appearance passable the Defences of the Bastions near the Breach were also knocked off and the Rampart kept clear of the Enemy by the Guns in the enfilading Battery and Shells from the two 5½ Inch Mortars.— There were shot enough remaining, to have levelled the wall to the very bottom, but I thought it better not to give the Enemy time to throw new impediments in our way by strengthening or cutting off the Breach in the inside, at which they had been indefatigable the Nights before, although a Constant fire of Shells, round, Grape and Musquetry was kept upon them, Accordingly ordered a Storming Party down to the Breaching Battery in the Evening about Dusk, consisting of the Company of Artillery (all but a few left with the Guns) the Grenadiers of

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The Detachment and Six Battalion Companies, with twenty Gun Lascars carrying Scaling Ladders, in case they should be required. The Guns from the enfilading and breaching Batteries kept up a heavy Fire of Round and Grape during the early part of the Evening until 9 O'Clock, which was the hour appointed for the Storm, when they began to fire blunk Cartridges, and the Storming Party Advanced regularly towards the Breach. The Artillery leading the fire from our Batteries had been so well conducted during the Evening, that very few of the Enemy were near the Breach to oppose us, and indeed I do not believe they had the smallest Suspicion we would Storm so soon. The Europeans got close to the Glacis before the Party was discovered, and immediately jumped down the Counterscarp of the ditch, a place at least Six Feet high, the Grenadiers following Close in their Rear, some getting down by the help of Ladders, and others leaping down at once. The Garrison not having had time to collect in any Numbers near the Breach, a very little opposition was made, and we soon got over it, the Enemy flying on all sides to gain the upper Fort. The Europeans with part of the Grenadiers pushed off to the right along the Rampart of the outer Fort clearing every thing before them, whilst the rest of the Grenadiers and the Six Battalion Companies

immediately

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immediately advanced, exposed to heavy fire from the upper Fort, and stormed the breach in the inner wall, which was found more difficult to get over than before imagined and required the assistance of the Ladders. They soon however mounted it, and pushed forwards directly to gain possession of a Pagoda, which commands the Road to the upper Fort, where a Number of Prisoners were taken and several of the Enemy killed that were making their Escape to the first gateway, the ascent to which was found so steep and difficult and so well defended, that it was not thought prudent to pursue the fugitives any farther.

By this time we had got complete possession of the lower Forts, the first Party with the Europeans having cleared the Ramparts of the outer one all round and the Pagoda the second Party had gained Commanding the inner. The Gates were soon after thrown open and the Nizams Troops entered, who were left in possession of the place and our Detachment with drawn to camp the next morning.

Our loss during the Night amounted to twenty two killed and wounded, among the latter Lieutenant Farmworker Hall of the Artillery, shot through the Leg but not dangerously; Five Private Europeans and two Subidars.

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As the Enemy made but a slight resistance, and those who could not escape to the upper fort concealed themselves till the Heat of the busines was over, not so many were put to the Sword as might be expected on such an Occasion, but a great Number of them were made Prisoners. —

I beg leave to assure your Lordship that the gallant and resolute behaviour of the Detachment on the occasion is deserving of the highest Praise. — particular thanks are due to Captain Dalrymple who commanded the six Battalions Companies at the Storm — to Lieutenant Scott who headed the Company of Artillery, and to Mr. Conductor Nixon who led the Forlorn Hope. —

Camp before Purrumcundah
9th. November 1791

I have the honor to be,
with the utmost respect —
Sir &c. &c. &c.
Signed Andrew Read
Captain Commanding
Allore Detachment

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

From the Revd. Mr. Swartz
Recommendation respecting the Trial of the Prisoner who stands charged with Murder —

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

Honorable Sir & Sirs

I had the honor to receive Yesterday your Honors

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Honors letter dated November 9th

As soon as I can get an account of the number of armed men entertained by His Excellency I will send it.

As to the Trial of the murderer I beg leave to propose to the Honorable Board, whether it would not facilitate the whole business, if the Honorable Board in their letter to me would mention, that it was their desire (or request) that His Excellency might allow me to be present, the Trial and to acquaint them with the Sentence.

The murder is of the most atrocious nature. The Brammy acknowledgeth the Crime. The father of the murdered youth stands quite dumb for grief having lost his only son. I told His Excellency that the murderer had deserved death and that it was altogether an insufficient Punishment to the murderer to be expelled the Country and to lose a few Teeth which was, as I heard, the determination of some Brammies, who declared that expulsion with the loss of some Teeth, was the Punishment dictated to a Brammy (who had committed murder) by the Shaster But His Excellency, would not allow that so trifling a Punishment was determined to a murderer by the Hindoo Law. But if the Trial is properly managed, it will then appear whether His Excellency is firm in

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in his assertion.—

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17th. November 1791.

I have the honor to be,
S.a S.a S.a
Signed C. T. Swartz

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be written to Mr. Swartz desiring he will apply to the Rajah for Permission to attend the Trial of the Brahmin accused of murder.—

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President in Council.—

From the Military Board recommending that the Powder Magazine in the South Curtain be new channed.—
Store Lascars.—
Collecting at Chittore for the Service of the Army.—

Sir,

This Commissary General of Stores having represented that the Magazine in the South curtain was much infested with White ants that the walls were very damp, and that channaming it would remedy these Evils.—We caused it to be examined and Major Maule has in consequence laid before us the accompanying Estimate Expense that will attend the same,—amounting to Pagodas 315:16:64.—We beg leave to observe that this magazine is so Spacious as to Contain Frames for 2,400 Barrels of Powder, and therefore recommend that it may receive this Completion which with a few more Vents and Gratings, We trust

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trust will render it in future a very excellent magazine.

We beg leave to inform you that in consequence of your Orders of the 9th. Instant, We lost no time in taking measures for Collecting at Vellore as many Lascars as possible, and we are in hopes that by the Close of the month Three Hundred and upwards may be dispatched from thence to the Army.

We have the Honor to be,

Sr. Sr. Sr.

Fort St. George
15th. November 1791.

Signed
" Thomas. Musgrave.
" James. Cappper.
"
"
" Jorge Hall.

Estimate of expence in Chunaming the Powder Magazine in the South Curtain Vizt.

To Three Coats for the Walls and Floor Sup.
1008 8/785 at 4 Ps. pr. Square ..... 315.. 16.. 64.

Fort St. George
11th. November 1791.

Signd. Jorge. Maule.
Commg Engr.

A true Copy

Signed Danl. Ince Secretary to Bd.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council

Sir,

We have been honored with your Commands of the 3. and 7th. Instant and beg leave to inform you that the

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From the Military Board. Send off the two Howitzers lately arrived from England inclosing Copy of a Letter from Mssrs. Hopping and Parry in which they consent to furnish the Articles mentioned in their original Proposals upon the Terms specified therein.

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Two Howitzers lately received from England were dispatched from hence, with their proportion of Stores on the 12th. Instant but, from the Severity of the Weather, have not been able to proceed far. They will however be forwarded so soon as the Roads become any way passable.

We herewith submit to you Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Topping and Parry, in consequence of our Communication of Your Orders of the 25th. Ultimo, upon which we request to be honored with Your further Commands.

Having examined the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory, We found them to be regularly brought up to the End of the preceding month.

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
15th. November 1791.

Signed
"Thomas Musgrave.
"James Capper.
"George Maule.
"George Hall.

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

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Secretary's Letter of the

30th.

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30.th Ultimo we beg permission to acquaint you that we
are ready to execute the Ordnance Work &.c mentioned in
our original proposals at the prices Specified therein, and in —
consequence have the honor to transmit you a List of the Articles
accepted by Government agreable to M.r Secretary Jacksons' —
Letter to us of the 25.th May, in it are also included those —
mentioned in our Letter of the 5.th July, which have likewise
been accepted. —

With respect to the Articles belonging to
this Department not included in the accompanying List, we
Submit the Arrangement entirely to the Wisdom of your —
Board, and have only to add that we shall be happy to —
furnish them on such terms as you may judge reasonable,
and we shall be very thankful for any assistance you, —
Gentlemen, may be pleased to afford us in bringing this
Business to a Conclusion. —

We have the honor to be with the greatest
respect. —

Fort S.t George
9.th November 1791.

&.c &.c &.c

Signed } M.r Topping
Thos. Parry

A true Copy

Signed Dan.l Sydenham Capt.n B.E.

Field.

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Field Carriages	1	24	Pounder	300 — —
	1	18	D°	290 — —
	1	12	D°	170 — —
	1	6	D°	170 — —
	1	3	D°	160 — —
New Muster	D° 1	6	D°	250 — —
	1	3	D°	140 — —
Howitzer	1	5½	Inch	153 — —
	1	4½	D°	140 — —
Garreson Carriages	1	36	Pounder	150 — —
	1	24	D°	140 — —
	1	18	D°	140 — —
	1	12	D°	104 — —
	1	9	D°	66 — —
	1	6	D°	66 — —
Mortar Beds	1	13	Inch	193 — —
	1	10	D°	123 — —
	1	8	D°	70 — —
	1	5½	D°	13 — —
	1	4½	D°	8 — —
Truck Carriages	1			43 — —
Mortar Cart	1			90 — —
Transporting Carriage	1			138 — —
Provision Cart	1			27 — 21 —
Sick Cart	1			178 — —
Axletrees Cast Spare for heavy Field Artillery				6 — 10 — 10
D° D°			for light Field Artillery	4 — — —
D° Iron			for Tumbril	9 — 30 —

Axletrees

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Sixteen Oak Spare for Light Field Carriages — 10 — 20 — 30

Tumbrils Ammunition

Do — Do — Bengal pattern lined with Copper 153 — " — "

Do — Do — Madras Old Pattern — 115 — " — "

Do — Do — for Cavalry — 120 — " — "

Fort St. George 9th November 1791

W. Topping
Signed Tho.s Parry

A true Copy
Signed Dan.l Ince
Sec.y to Bd.

Minutes upon the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board

The Board acquiesce in Major Maules Estimate of the Expense that will attend the Ammaining the magazine in the south curtain, amounting to the Sum of three hundred and fifteen Pagodas Sixteen Fanams, and Sixty four Cash, which is not to be exceeded.

Messrs. Topping and Parry having consented to furnish the Articles mentioned in their original Proposals upon the Terms Specified therein, this resolved to direct the Military Board to prepare the Draft of a Contract, in which they are only to include the Articles mentioned in the Letter to them of the 16th July last, and to submit it to the Board for approbation.

Read the following Letter from Major Cuppage —

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

Fort St. George

"I informed you on the 6th that Lieutenant

From Major Cuppage. Stating the Terms when which Lieutenant Chalmers surrendered the Fort of Coimbatore to the Enemy. A Reinforcement expected shortly to descend the Ghauts.

"Chalmers surrendered to Commandant Dun Cawn on the 5th

"Instant and last night received a Letter from Lieutenant

"Chalmers The following are the terms on which he surren-

"dered.——1st That himself and Garrison should march

"out with our private property unmolested and be imme-

"diately escorted to Paligautcherry to proceed to the Coast"

"That myself and Garrison would not act

"against Tippoo Sultan during the present War.

"That all the Guns Ammunition and Stores and Public

"property should be delivered to them."

"Commandant Dun Cawn acquiesced to the Terms

"and said they were very fair and just, all hostilities ceased

"and yesterday morning he sent in a man to treat with

"me. I wrote out the foregoing and sent to him, he sent me

"back the enclosed with his signature and added that he

"would act towards us as he did at Erode Darapooram

"and Permacoil I got my Garrison ready and marched

"out at 2 O Clock and instead of the escort marching towards

"Paligautcherry we were marched down Trimal Rowi

"Mutt

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"Street when we are kept prisoners and sent me word this —
"morning that he had wrote to Tippoo and that he must not
"according to his orders, that if he ordered us to be released —
"here he would, or send us to Lord Cornwallis. Neither of —
"which do Expect, we have still our baggage, but Sam
"told we will be eased of that soon."

Lieutenant Chalmers also informs me that it is confidently reported that they mean to attack this place, and that there is a reinforcement of four Cushoons and 12 heavy Guns coming down the Pauts. I dont give much credit to the report, but I shall be prepared to receive them.

Lieutenant Chalmers has forget to send me Commercul Deen Cawns Letter which he mentions having received with his Signature.

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

Signed J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Palegautcherry
10th November 1791

P. S. The most of the Inhabetants have Deserted their Houses and fled to the Hills.

Signed J. Cuppage

Minute thereon —

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to Lord Cornwallis.

Read

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Read the following Letter from W. Tovin

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Secretand

Military Department

From the Collector in the Tinnevelly District reports the Number of Serviceable Cattle sent off from — Paulicautcherry Recommendation as to the mode of accounting with the Proprietors for the Cattle that have died on their Journy and those that were left behinde by Captain Lieutenant Tovin, and have since recovered

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you for the Satisfaction of Government that the remaining Bullocks for General Abercrombies Army arrived Safe at Paliguatchery on the 30th. Ultimo and that the first Division had so much recovered from the Fatigue and hardships of their forced marches for 9 Days together, as to be able to proceed

You will please to remark to the Board that 10,850 were in all collected and Entertained for this Service, and for which I hold the Commanding Officers Certificates 1225 were unable to march from Paulicautcherry and out of these Captain Lieutenant Tovin has ordered back 699 of the best, the rest are reported dead, and totally unserviceable, with these were lost the Saddles & 782 Gunny Bags — Those Bullocks that return, I propose restoring to the Inhabitants and for the Cattle that have fallen, I fear the Company must sustain the Loss, as the constant marching and incessant Rain put it out of the power of the Owner to render his Bullock any Assistance — These Bullocks had only been delivered to them a Month or two before, on Bond,

and

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and the short period of their Service does not admit of sufficient advantage, to stand in competition with the Price of the Bullocks.

I have the pleasure to add that Captain Lieutenant Torin was able to send off on the 27.th ultimo from Paliguntchurry 4,000. and that he followed himself with the remainder on the 2.d of this month accounting in all to the number of 9,625 Serviceable Cattle, and which after all the risks, fatigue and hardships they have endured, may be considered a surprising number — at all Events I am sure the Board will be pleased to see it so near the Supply required by General Abercrombie for the movement of his Army — It may be proper to remark that Captain Lieutenant Torin has kept Colonel Balfour regularly informed of his marches and of the late improving State of the Bullocks under his Charge.

I have the Honor to be,

S.r &c.

Tinnevelly
14.th November 1791.

Signed Benj.n Torin
Collector

Minute thereon

The Board approve Mr. Torins Intention of restoring to the Inhabitants such of the Bullocks as have been returned by Captain Lieutenant Torin, and of paying for such as have been lost.

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis of the

D.o number of Serviceable Bullocks sent off from Paliguntcherry

For

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Fort St. George 22nd November 1791.—

For the use of General Abercromby's Army

Read the following Letter from the — Barrack master in the Center Division —

To William Ellins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

at Fort St. George

From the Barrack Master in the Center Division inclosing Vouchers for the new Colts delivered for the use of the Recruits lately arrived from Europe.

Sir,

I have the Honor to send you Vouchers for — fifteen hundred new Colts delivered to the Troops lately arrived from Europe which I will thank you to lay before the Honorable the Governor in Council —

Fort St. George
22 November 1791

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most
Obedient Servant
Signed Sam.l Capper
Barrack master.

to lie on the Table —

Ordered to lie on the Table —

Read the following Letter from Mr. — Macleod. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council Fort St. George.

From the Collector in the Madura District information respecting — Setteranis Claim to the value of 11000 Cullums of Paddy seized by Mr. Vaughan on account of the Company: —

Hon.ble Sir, Here with I have the Honor to enclose a Persian Certificate, under the Seal of the Cauzee and the Seals & Signatures of the principal Inhabitants of this place, relative to the Grain, seized by the Storekeeper of Madura on account of the Honorable Company. —

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Likewise enclose persian Copy of the Bill of Sale, and Receipt for the amounts of the Paddy sold to Sitteram.—

From these documents it appears that the Grain in question was the property of Sitteram, purchased by him from Souberow the Renter of Madura. I have had an examination of the Cutcherry accounts, which shew the purchase to have been made as stated in the Bill of Sale and Receipt.—

The late Renter Souberow, died at Madura about the month of march last. It was out of my power, therefore, to carry into Execution the orders you had been pleased to give me respecting him.—

On my application to Mr. Vaughan that Gentleman informed me that the man who preferred a claim to Grain, on the part of his master, is called — Arnachellum, an inhabitant of Tinnevelly — Mr. Vaughan does not recollect that this person mentioned the name of his master, I therefore wrote to Mr. Torin and requested that Arnachellum might be sent to Madura for Examination. Mr. Torin informed me that the man was, at that time, very ill and incapable of quitting his house — As soon as he shall be in a condition to proceed hither, I will take the proper Steps to furnish the Board with the Information required from him.—

Sitteram Kistnarow is, I am told, now at Madras, and can therefore, produce the Original Receipt and Bill of Sale which the Cawzy &c. have certified to be in his possession — I have the Honor to be &c. &c. &c.

Madura
5th. November 1798

Signed A. Macleod
Collector
Particular

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Fort S. George 27th November 1798.

Particulars of Certificate given on accounts of Setteram Kistnarow Soucar who purchased Paddy from the late Souberow and placed it in the Pagoda of Madura Fort in the year Phazeley 1199.

Setteram bought it of the late Souberow for the purposes of Trade and kept it in four Granaries in the Pagoda of Menachy in the Fort of Madura / to Mr. Vaughan, Paymaster of Madura, said he had an Order to take all the Paddy on account of the Company and accordingly he seized the Paddy and measured it with the Company's Merkal according to the Custom of the Country.

Two other Certificates also of the same purport as this were made out under the Signatures of the former and present Amildars, the Madura Cauzee, and others one of those Certificates was given to the Paymaster. The other kept by himself / Setteram /. — The particulars of paddy thus sold, appears in the accounts of Soubarow and his Sempelly the Bill of Sale and Receipt of the Amount under Souberow's Seal are in the hands of Setteram Kistnarow. — We made two Certificates before. —

Let all persons who have any knowledge of the matters stated in this Certificate affix their Seals and Signatures thereto. —

12th of Suffer in the year of the Hegirah 1206 — Signed by the Cauzee and all the principal natives residing at Madura. —

A true Translation

/ Signed / H. Macleod

Collector

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Translated of

Bill of Sale under the Seal of Souberow late Renter of Madura.

11,000 Cullum of Paddy of the Circars Bazar — Merkal measurement, the half of which is 5,500 Cullums at the Price of 12½ Colly Fanams ⅌ Cullum has been sold to Setteram Kistnarow Soucar — The said Paddy, in the Course of one — one month, was placed in the Granaries at the Pagoda &c. in the Fort of Madura measured with the Circars Merkal, The Price of this Paddy shall be taken as mentioned in the foregoing Paper — Therefore this number of Cullums according to this Bill of Sale, shall be delivered this to be the fixed Agreement — dated 1st. Day of Margaly in the year Phazley 1199 answering to the 7th. of December 1789 Christian Style. —

A true Translation

Signed Alex.r Macleod

Coll.t

Translation of Receipt under the Seal of Souberow Renter of Madura

I have received the Sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven hundred and fifty Chuckrums of Madura Fanams — the half of which is Six Thousand eight hundred and — seventy five Chuckrums being the price of eleven thousand Cullum of Paddy measured with the Merkalls of the Circars market which is sold at the price of 12½ Fanams ⅌ each Cullum, according to the above Merkal as menti= =oned in the Bill of Sale to have been sold at Sundry — times to Setteram Kistnarow by the said person — Souberow — Therefore this Receipt is given before — Witnesses.

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Witnesses, under Date the first Day may of the year Phaghy 1199 answering to the 1st of January 1791 Christian Style.

A true translation

Signed Alex.r Macleod.
Coll.r

Setteram called before the Board.—

Setteram, the owner of a Part of the Grain seized by Mr. Vaughan being called upon, the Board produces the original Bill of Sale, Certificate and Receipt, Copies of which are entered above.—

produces the original vouchers respecting the Paddy belonging to him which has been seized by Mr. Vaughan

Setteram withdrawn

Setteram withdrawn

Resolutions of the Board thereon—

The Board are of opinion that Setteram has made good his Claim to the Grain in Question—Resolved, in consequence, that he be paid for the whole Quantity at the market Price at the Time it was seized, with Interest at 8 p.r Cent p.r Annum.—

Agreed that Mr. Vaughan be directed to inform the Board of the market Price of Paddy at Madura at the time he took possession of the Grain, as mentioned in his Letter to the Commissary Gen.l of Grain and Provisions under date the 30th April 1790.

Read a Petition from Venkataram a Peon in the Secretary's Office stating that he has served the Company with Diligence and Fidelity since the year 1762 that he is now upwards of 60 years of Age and incapable of further Service, and praying to be allowed a small matter to subsist on during the remainder of his Days.—

Venkataram Peon in the Military Secretary's Office pensioned for life on two Pagodas p.r Month.

Agreed that two Pagodas p.r Month be allowed the Petitioner during his Life.—

Chas. Oakeley

Wm. Petrie

J. Anderson

Majors Esqrs.

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Diary

Recived the following Letter

To W.m Collins Jackson Esq.r

Secretary Military Department Fort S.t George

Sir,

From the Commandant at Chandernaghery apprehends five Bengal Deserters - states the Manner in which he has rewarded the Men who seized them - recommends that no further Purchases of Grain be made in the Pollams -

I have the Honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable Board, that a few days ago five Bengal Deserters, taken up in passing through Bomrauzis District were brought in to me - I have reason to think them Lascars, rather than Sepoys, but from Circumstances, have no doubt of their being deserters from the Service - The Peons who brought in these and the former 12 Deserters, I have rewarded only at the rate of half the allowance by Regulation, judging it's amount, as coming together, a sum to answer the full intent; They seem quite elated at their good fortune in it, and I have no doubt will conse-quently continue very Strict —

I am sorry to report that the Dispatch of what Grain has been got together in this quarter is much impeded by the extraordinarily heavy; and almost incessant Falls of Rain that has continued here for several days past; — The quantity of Grain is but small, and, from it's scarcity this Season throughout the Pollams in General, must prove very Dear - I have, however, the pleasure to learn, from undoubted authority, that our Camp - Bazzars abound with Grain at present, in so much that the Marattas

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have lately supplied themselves from these by the purchase of several thousand Bullock loads of it.— Therefore, submit to the Honorable Board if the collecting of Grain from this quarter may not be relaxed.—

Sam, W. St.

Chundregerry
13th November 1791.

Signd C. Massey Captain.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary.

From Captain Andrews Read - advising of the Capture of Gurramcondah on the 6th Instant—

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that our breaching Battery for four Guns opened on the lower Fort on the Morning of the 6th Instant, and with such effect that next evening Breaches were made in the outer and inner walls, stormed at 9 Clock at night by the English Detachment and carried, both in the course of half an hour, without much opposition from the Garison - Our Loss on this Occasion is computed at about 20 Men killed and wounded among the latter, Lieutenant Finucane Hall shot thro' the leg but not dangerously, and 2 Subidars - about 120 of the Enemy are supposed to have fallen, numbers made Prisoners and many escaped to the upper Fort - The Detachment marched back this Morning to Camp, leaving the Place in possession of Hafiz Jea—

The necessity of my presence in the Fort since last night till late this Morning, and wishing to give the earliest intelligence of our Success, will, I hope, be

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22d an excuse to the Honorable the Governor in Council for my not having written more particularly on the subject.—

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I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Andw Read
Captain Commdg
Ellore Detachment

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 103. 104. 105.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal with Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage stating the Terms on which Lieutenant Chalmers surrendered the Fort of Coimbatore to the Enemy—

To Do

To Do enclosing Accounts of the Sum advanced and Expence incurred for the Purpose of enabling the Troopers of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry to return to Bengal.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts desiring him to report upon Lieutenant Scale's Bills for Batta to a Detachment of the 19th Battalion of Native Infantry ordered from Trichinopoly to Dindigul.

Sent the following Letters.—

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

To Lord Cornwallis with sundry Papers relating to the accounts between the Company and the Prize Agents of the Army for the first and second campaigns—Remarks thereon—

My Lord,

We have now the Honor to transmit to your Lordship, Copies of three Reports from the Committee whom we had appointed to ascertain the Claims of the Army to Prize Money for the first and second campaigns, with two Accounts shewing the Balance due to the Captors, over and above the Sums paid into the hands of the Paymasters in Camp and

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23 at Caliqautchery, by the Prize agents of the Army, as appear in the Committee's Report of the 21 Instant.

Your Lordship will observe that the Committee have included in the Sum to be divided, a Commission of 5 P Cent to the Prize agents of the Army, on the Company's Share of the Captured Provisions and Stores - a Claim to which the agents conceive themselves entitled under an Order published by your Lordship, upon Major Dirom's authority for this order, we have acquiesced in the Claim, but as it will be necessary to report the subject fully to the Honorable Court of Directors, we shall be thankful to your Lordship for a Copy of the Order itself.

We submit to your Lordship whether it might not be eligible, in all valuations of Captured Stores, that one or more persons should be named on the part of the Company we do not propose this from any doubt of the Impartiality of the Gentlemen hitherto employed, in whom we have the highest confidence, but as a matter apparently of necessary form, in a case where the Company have an Interest as well as the Captors.

With regard to the mode and Time of Payment of the Sum now due to the Army, we wish to leave this matter entirely to your Lordship's Determination - In short, however, to obviate the Inconvenience that might result from issuing a large Sum from the Money Chests, we beg leave to offer it to your Lordship's Consideration, whether it might not be proposed to the Officers to take Bills upon the Military Paymaster General for their respective Shares of the Prize Money - we suggest this measure with a view to afford every possible relief to your Funds; for although considerable

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23 drafts are now made upon our Treasury from Camp, inde-
pendent of the Specie that has been sent to the Army, we
wish, upon an occasion so interesting, to make an extraordinary
exertion in behalf of those who have such strong Claims
upon the public. — We have the Honor to be,

with great Respect and Esteem,

Fort St George
23d November 1791

&c. &c.

Signed Chas Oakeley.
&c. Council

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

To Lord Cornwallis — advice of the Number of Serviceable Bullocks sent off from Caliganut: cherry for General Abercromby's Army —

My Lord,

We have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that Captain Lieutenant Torin sent off from Paliganutcherry on the 27th ultimo 4000 Carriage Bullocks, and that he followed himself with the remainder on the 3d Instant amounting in all to the Number of 9,625 Serviceable Cattle. —

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

Fort St George
23d November 1791

&c. &c.

Signed Chas Oakeley &c. Council

Received the following Letters —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart —

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts — opinion upon Lieutenant Seale's Batta Bills —

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

Agreeably to your Commands signified to me by Mr. Secretary Jackson on the 22d Instant, to Report on the Batta Bills

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23 Bills of Lieutenant Cale, I have the Honor to state to you, that the Number of Days from Trichinopoly to Dindigul, is not specified in the printed Geographical Table of Batta, the Book of Regulations having been published prior to the Conquest of that place, But as the badness of the Weather and Roads, joined to the precautions necessary, in marching a Detachment. In time of War, appear to be reasonable causes for the detention of the Detachment, I am humbly of opinion that the Charges may be passed.—

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

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W.m Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

From Captain Andrew Read - giving a particular account of the Storm of the Lower Fort of Gingee: condah.

Sir,

I had the Honor to address you yesterday, when my time was much taken up, giving a brief account of the Capture of the Lower Fort of Gingee: condah on the night of the 7 Instant, and have now the pleasure to inform you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council of the particulars of our Operations previous and at the Storm.—

Our Breaching Battery opened on the 6 Instant, and with such effect, that by next morning a practicable Breach was made in the Curtain of the outer wall, and the inner was so old and shattered that few shot were required to render it in appearance passable. The Defences of the Bastions near the Breach in the outer wall were also knocked off and the Rampart

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23 kept clear of the Enemy by the Guns in the enfiladeing Battery and Shells from the two 5½ Inch Mortars – There were shot enough remaining to have levelled the wall to the very bottom, but I thought it better not to give the Enemy time to throw new impediments in our way by strengthening or cutting off the Breach in the inside, at which they had been indefatigable the night before altho' a constant fire of Shells, Round, Grape and Musquetry, was kept upon them to prevent it – Accordingly ordered a storming Party down to the Breaching Battery in the evening about Dusk, consisting of the Company of Artillery (all but a few left with the Guns) the Grenadiers of the 1st Detachment and 6 Battalion Companies, with 20 Gun Lascars carrying scaling Ladders in case they should be required – The Guns from the enfilading and breaching Batteries kept up a heavy fire of Round and Grape during the early part of the evening until 9 Clock, which was the hour appointed for the Storm, when they began to fire blank Cartridges and the Storming Party advanced regularly towards the Breach, the Artillery leading the Fire from our Batteries had been so well conducted during the evening that very few of the enemy were near the Breach to oppose us, and indeed I do not believe they had the smallest suspicion we would storm so soon – The Europeans got close to the Glacis before the Party was discovered, and immediately jumped down the Counterscarp of the Ditch at a place at least 6 feet high, the Grenadiers following close in their rear, some getting down by the help of Ladders and others leaping down at once – The Garrison not having

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23 had time to collect in any numbers near the Breach, every little opposition was made, and we soon got over it, the Enemy flying on all sides to gain the upper Fort. The Europeans with part of the Grenadiers pushed off to the right along the Rampart of the outer fort, clearing any thing before them, whilst the rest of the Grenadiers and the 1st Battalion Companies advanced immediately, exposed to a heavy fire from the upper Fort, and stormed the Breach in the inner wall, which was found more difficult to get over than was before imagined and required the assistance of the scaling Ladders; they soon however mounted it, and pushed forwards directly to gain possession of a Pagoda which commands the road to the upper Fort, where a number of Prisoners were taken and several of the Enemy killed that were making their escape to the first Gate way, the ascent to which was so steep and difficult and so well defended that it was not thought prudent to pursue the fugitives any further. By this time we had got compleat possession of the lower Forts, the first party with the Europeans having cleared the Ramparts of the outer one all round, and the Pagoda, which the Second party had gained, commanding the inner. The Gates were soon after thrown open and the Mysore Troops entered, who were left in possession of the place and our Detachment withdrawn next morning to Camp. — As the Enemy made but a slight resistance, and those who could not make their escape to the upper Fort concealed themselves 'till the heat of the business was over, not so many were put to the sword as might be expected on such an occasion, but

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23 a great number of them were made Prisoners —

I beg leave to assure the Honorable the Governor in Council that the gallant and resolute behaviour of the Detachment on the occasion is deserving of the highest praise - Particular thanks are due to Captain Dalrymple who commanded the Six Battalion Companies at the Storm - to Lieutenant Scott who headed the Company of Artillery - and to Mr. Conductor Nixon who led the forlorn hope - This last Gentleman I formerly had the honor to recommend to the notice of the Honorable the Governor in Council for his good conduct during the Seige of Copool, and I am happy in having it in my power to say that his behaviour on this and on all occasions has met with my fullest approbation —

I have the Honor to enclose a Return of the killed and wounded, and to be, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

(signed) And.w Read
Capt.n Comm.g Ellore Detach.t

Camp before Cumumcondah
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Return of the killed & wounded of the Detachment of the Honorable Company's Troops Commanded by Captain Andrew Read, since its arrival before Cumumcondah —

Camp before Cumumcondah
9th November 1795.

	Europes		Natives	
	Wounded	Killed	Wounded.	
	Comm.d N.C.O.s & Fifes	Com.d N.C.O.s & Fifes	Com.d N.C.O.s & Fifes	
	Lieut.s Serj.ts Drum.s Rank & File	Lieut.s Serj.ts Drum.s Rank & File	Lieut.s Serj.ts Drum.s Rank & File	Killed Wounded
Detachment of the 2d Battalion Artillery in the Batteries during the Seige	1 1 2			2 6.
In the Storm of the Lower Forts on the Night of the 7th Instant	1 1 1 3			6
28th Battalion Native Infantry in the Batteries and advanced posts During the Seige	1		1 5	7
In the Storm of the Lower Forts on the Night of the 7th Instant			2 1 7	10
29th Battalion of Native Infantry in the Batteries and advanced posts during the Seige			2 7	9
In the Storm of the Lower Forts on the Night of the 7th Instant			2 1 3	6.
Total	1 1 1 2 5		2 2 1 3 1 2 2	44.

N.B. Lieutenant Serge Copeland of the 28th Battalion Native Infantry and Lieutenant Fireworker James Hall of the Detachment of Artillery wounded. —

(signed) David Blair
Quarter Master 4th Brigade
doing Duty as Brigade Major
to the Detachment —

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(signed) And.w Read
Capt.n Comm.g Ellore Detach.t

Return of the killed & wounded of the Detachment of the Honorable Company's Troops Commanded by Captain Andrew Read, since its arrival before Cunnumcondah —

Camp before Cunnumcondah 9th November 1791.

	Europes Wounded		Natives Killed		Natives Wounded								
	Comm.d	N.C.O.s & Fifers		Com.d	N.C.O.s & Fifers		Com.d	non Com.d	N.C.O.s & Fifers			Total Killed	Total Wounded
	Subalt.s	1st Class	Sepoys	Subalt.s	1st Class	Sepoys	Subalt.s	Havildars	Naigues	Buglers	Sepoys		
Detachment of the 2 Battalions Artillery in the Batteries during the Seige			1			2							2 6.
In the Storm of the Lower Forts on the Night of the 7th Instant			1			1	3						6
28th Battalion Native Infantry in the Batteries and advanced posts During the Seige			1							1	5		7
In the Storm of the Lower Forts on the Night of the 7th Instant								2	1		7		10
29th Battalion of Native Infantry in the Batteries and advanced posts during the Seige										2	7		9
In the Storm of the Lower Forts on the Night of the 7th Instant									2		1	3	6.
Total			1	1		2	5		2	2	1	3 1 22	2 44.

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(signed) David Blair
Quarter Master 4th Brigade
doing Duty as Brigade Major
to the Detachment —

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in No 89. Nos 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118—

To the Revd Mr Swartz—

To the Reverend Mr Swartz—desiring him to intimate to the Rajah the Board's wish that he or Mr Swartz should be present at the Trial of the Brahmin accused of Murder—

To the Collector at Tinnevelly

To the Collector at Tinnevelly approving his intention of restoring to the Inhabitants such of the Bullocks as have been returned by Captain Lieutenant Torin and of paying for such as have been lost—

To the Paymaster at Madura—

To the Paymaster at Madura desiring him to inform the Board of the Market Price of Paddy at Madura at the time he took Possession of the Grain mentioned in his Letter to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions under date the 30th April 1790—

To Major General Musgrave—

To Major General Musgrave desiring him to order as many dismounted Troopers as can be drawn from Arcot &c to do Duty at the Presidency and because a Survey to be made of the Sick Horses &c remaining of the 1st 2d and 4th Regiments of Cavalry—

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore directing him to discharge Lieutenant Baillies Bills for Pay and Allowances—

To Captain Greene of the Second Battalion European Infantry

To Captain Greene informing him that his Application to be placed on the Invalid List must come to the Board through the Channel of Major General Musgrave—

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal communicating the Information required by the Supreme Council respecting Serjeant Daniel Mooney—

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To the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money - approving their Remarks upon the Different Items stated in the Accounts between the Company and the Prize Agents of the Army for the first and Second Campaigns - desiring them to furnish the Military Board and the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions with Separate Lists shewing the Quantity and Value of the Ordnance and Military Stores of every Description, and the Quantity and value of the Grain captured during the War and charged in the Prize Agents Accounts. —

To the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - desiring him to enter in the Books of his Office the Quantity and Value of the Grain captured during the War agreeably to the Statement with which he will be furnished by the Committee for ascertaining the Claims of the Army to Prize Money. —

To the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions

To the Military Board —

To the Military Board - with Instructions similar to those abovementioned in regard to the Ordnance and Military Stores captured during the War. —

To Do —

To Do communicating the Board's Approbation of Major Maules Estimate of the Expence of new Chunamming the Powder Magazine in the South Curtain; and desiring them to submit to Government a Draft of the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Topping and Parry. —

To the Deputy Paymaster General of the King's Troops —

To the Deputy Paymaster Genral to the King's Troops - desiring him to advance to the Order of Colonel De Wangenheim the Amount of one Months Bounty for 254 Men of his Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment. —

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To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal— enclosing a Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency to the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort William —

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President

Friday 25th November 1791

John Huddleston Esq.r

The Honble Major General Medows

absent upon Service

William Petrie Esq.r indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Governor of Pondicherry.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor of Madras &c. &c. &c.

Fort S.t George

From the Governor of Pondicherry in Reply to the Board's Letter respecting Mr Casaubon. —

Sir,

I have received the Letter with which you honored me Dated the 6th Instant, & as it is with infinite concern I perceive that Mr Landon should have in addition to his improper Procedings towards us, stated in at least an exaggerated Light to you, the Conduct of Mr Casaubon respecting 5 Trunks of Handkerchiefs belonging to him, which were detained during 5 days at the Custom House, situated on the Madras side of the Pondicherry bound,

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I was only in a summary way made acquainted with the Transaction when it happened but I have endeavoured to ascertain the Particulars, and they are contained in Mr. Courbon's Letter, of which I have the honor to transmit you a Copy.— you will see Sir, that Mr. Courbon so far from refusing to pay the Duties Levied by your Government, is ready to remit the amount to whomever you may desire, he did not do it on Mr. Landon's application because the protest of which I annex the Copy, with that Letter, will convince you, that We considered him as the author of the real Loss he had sustained by the unjust detention of those 5 Trunks of Handkerchiefs, and he looked to him for an Indemnity.— Permit me Sir to request of you after you have perused these Papers to tell me, who is the Person you desire Mr. Courbon shall remit the amount he is indebted to your Government for the Duties he has not discharged on these 5 Trunks of Handkerchiefs, I do not doubt you will conceive Mr. Courbons application for Redress from Mr Landon perfectly proper, and that you will afford him the satisfaction he is entitled to, whenever he may seek for it by equitable means.—

He has the more right to it, since it is well proved by the Letter that he wrote me 23 June last, of which Copy is annexed, that even before he had procured his Handkerchiefs from the Custom House he complained to me of the Loss he had already sustained by their detention.—

Mr. Courbons Letter will convince you that the Men who went with him to carry the Trunks of Handkerchiefs

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Handkerchiefs from the Custom House to his Godowns, were simply Coolies without Arms, if he had made use of an Armed force to carry away his Goods (tho unjustly detained) he would have made himself culpable both to your Government and to Ours but I assure you he was incapable of doing so, he persuaded Sir of the Contrary. It is to prevent the good understanding that subsists between our respective Nations being disturbed but I take the Liberty to observe to you, that Mr Lanoms Conduct is well calculated to produce an effect as contrary to our Common Interests, particularly after mine towards him, and towards the Inhabitants of the District entrusted to his Charge. — I have the Honor to be with the highest Consideration, &c. &c.

Signed Desfresne

Pondicherry
17th November 1791

A true Translation

Signed J Chase

Translator.

Copy of Mr Courbons Letter to Monsieur Desfresne
Dated the 13th November 1791.

Sir,

I have read with attention the Letter addressed to you by Sir Charles Oakely, which you were so good as to Communicate to me respecting the five Trunks of Handkerchiefs that I am accused of having taken by force from the Custom House without having paid the accustomed duties thereon.

This accusation is the consequence of a false

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report made to Sir Charles Oakeley it is my duty to do it away, in which I hope to succeed by rendering to you Sir an exact and true Statement of every thing which occurred relative to the five Trunks of Handkerchiefs.—

The 11th June of this year Innah Swamy Mooteliar of Madras, sent me five Trunks of Handkerchiefs, I knew only the 20th of the same Month by a Servant of Innah Swamy's who came to Pondicherry to inform me, that the Handkerchiefs had been stops at the Custom House which is situated at the Madras Gate, I was much surprized at this detention and the following day the 21st I went myself to the Jonkam to know the Reason, and to offer to pay the Duties; the people of the Custom house replied, that they had Mr Landon's Order to stop every thing coming into the Town, and not to suffer any thing to pass even on payment of the Duties, and that in Consequence they could not permit the entry of my Handkerchiefs. Not being able to Conceive why this Arbitrary order which never exists in time of peace, was given, and as I could not address Mr Landon who I had been informed was absent from Cuddalore going the tour of his Districts, it remained only for me to apply to you Sir, and Therefore, as no time was to be lost, for Mr L'Aunies de Sainte Marie to whom I had sold the Handkerchiefs was to depart in a day or two by the Ship La bienvenue, I could not therefore apply to the Collector whom Sir Charles Oakeley mentions in his Letter as being very near Pondicherry, I requested of you Sir to grant me the Chout by Notaries that

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I might protest on the Spot against all those who forced me to sustain a loss by Stopping my Handkerchiefs, you were so good as to grant me the Notaries and I sent them immediately to make their protest, I had the Honor to transmit it to you the 23d June with the Letter which I wrote you of which you have a Copy accompanying as also of the protest.—

The following day you kindly informed me that the arrest was taken off and that I might send again for my Handkerchiefs, I did so, and offered to pay the Duties, but I met with the same Refusal as before, I came the same day in the evening to inform you Sir of the circumstance, and you told me I might without risk go and take my Trunks. The following morning the 25th of June I went there with Coolies who always carry Bamboos as is customary with them, and it is not possible that they could be taken for armed persons; as soon as the people of the Custom House saw my Carriage which was followed by all the Coolies, they were certainly alarmed and ran away before I was near enough to speak to them, I found my Trunks of Handkerchiefs on the landing place exposed to the rain, and without any person to take care of them. Could I Sir leave them there and run the risk of losing them?—

I beg leave to observe to you that in the course of the five days my Handkerchiefs were improperly detained, Mr L'Ourrier de Sainte Marie went away in the vessel La Bienvenue which sailed the 24th & consequently

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I could not deliver him the Handkerchiefs which remained on hand for my own account, and have occasioned me a loss of Star Pagodas 200; if notwithstanding all this I ought still to pay the Duties, I shall take the liberty of observing, that as the people of the Custom house are only to blame, since by Mr Landon's own Account he had not given any Order to Stop what was coming into the Town, it would be only reasonable that they should reimburse me the loss, which they were the causes of, if on the contrary, as I have every Reason to believe from the conduct of Mr Landon, the Order was given by himself, I should expect from the Justice of Sir Charles Oakeley that he will oblige Mr Landon to pay me the Star Pagodas 200 which I have lost, and as I never have refused payment of the Duties but to Mr Landon, I am ready to pay them to such person as Sir Charles Oakeley may point out; as to the Star Pagodas 200 which I claim from the people of the Custom House from Mr Landon, I have recourse to the Justice of Sir Charles Oakeley, who will perceive by this just Statement that I am in no degree blameable as has been represented to him. I have only to Solicit you Sir to observe to Sir Charles Oakeley that the Conduct of Mr Landon is the more Singular for, though I have the Honor of knowing him personally, and was at his house at Cuddalore long after this affair happened, he never spoke to me on the Subject, it would have been much more generous and becoming

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becoming on his part to have informed me of what he intended doing; but I am not the only one of the Inhabitants of Pondicherry, who have had Cause to Complain of the unhandsome conduct of Mr. Landon.—

I am, with Respect
Sir &c.
/Signed/ F Courbon.

Copy
/Signed/ Defresne

A true Translation
/Signed/ F Chase
French Translator

Copy of Mr. Courbons Letter addressed to Mr Defresne
23.d June 1791

I have the honor to send you herewith enclosed the copy of the Protest with it's Translation in French drawn up by Agagapoullee the Notary of the Choultry Court, and Terouchelvanary Moodelly Interpreter of that Tribunal, you will see by it Sir that the Order to Stop every thing coming into the City under your Government originates with Mr. Landon.—

The Injury I have sustained is very considerable, as I had already sold a great part of the Merchandize contained in the Trunks N.o 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

It remains with me to request of you Sir, to have the goodness to demand from the Governor of Madras, the Loss and Interest from the Tonkanese People who have

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Stopped any Goods it is inconcivable that they Leave it in the power of Malabars to incommode the French Merchants in such a manner. I am, with Respect &c &c

Signed Courbon

A true Translation

Signed F Chase
French Translator

Translation of a Declaration

This Day 22d June 1791 by the Requisition of Mr Courbon we the undersigned Manual Aegagapoully Malabar Notary at the Tribunal of the Choultry Court of Pondichery and Tirouchelvanay Moodally Interpreter of the said Tribunal by the Order of the Lieutenant of the Police We are removed to the boundaries at the Madras Gate where the English Customs are stationed of whom we applied to know by what Order they stopped every thing come into Pondichery and particularly 5 Trunks Containing Mer: Chandize to the value of 1200 Ps: 9: 66 sent from Madras to Mr Courbon marked N°1. 2. 3. 4. 5. to which they replied that it was by the Order of Mr Landon and desired us to state our Case to Ectemanapillah their head man, who was not then on the Spot but who would be there in the afternoon; after we had shewn, and presented to them the Invoice Mr Courbon had given us they refused to take it or to take us their names as likewise to give us the Key of the Trunks to convince them they contained Merchandize;

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In Consequence we declared to them that the five Trunks contained Merchandize to the Value of Pd 200: g: 66: of which they would be answerable for all Loss Damage and Interest that might arise, in presence of Malaapen a Peon of the said Court Mannapermal Chitty and Chitteram Chitty —

Having no other Questions to make we closed our present protest this day and Year above written. —

Signed Agagapen, Teroushel

Veraven, Witnesses Malaapen, Mannepermaul and Chitteram Chitty —

I the undersigned Malabar Notary of the Tribunals of the Choultry Court of Pondicherry do Certify that this is a true Translation, 23d June 1791

Signed Agagapen

Malabar Notary

Collated by us the undersigned Notary of the Choultry Court at Pondicherry, on the Translation annexed to the Original of the Malabar Protest kept in our possession, at Pondicherry 14th November 1791.

We the undersigned Commanding for the King of the French Settlements in India certify that the different signatures annexed to the present protest are true. —

November 14 - 1791 Signed Lefebre

A true Translation

Signed J Chaise French Translator

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry—

Colonel de Fresne having rested the Justification of Mr Courbon upon a previous Transaction of Mr Landon, with which the Board are unacquainted, it is resolved to transmit Copies of the foregoing Papers to the Board of Assumed Revenue, with directions to state the Circumstances which led to the detention of the Handkerchiefs at the Choki, after Mr Courbon had agreed to pay the duties.—

Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be permitted to transmit Copies of the Papers to Mr Landon, and to call upon him for such further explanations as he may have to give on the subject.—

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam

To the Honble Major General William Medows

Governor in Council Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Masulipatam

Instructions required respecting Proffermasse upon their Treasury on account of Remains of Cash to the Families of the Bullock Drivers serving with the Army.

We have the Honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant, and shall attend of course to your orders. We think it necessary upon this occasion to request your directions regarding a demand monthly made upon our Treasury for the Families of Bullock People serving with the Grand Army. The last Monthly Indent from the Paymaster of Ellore for this purpose, amounted to 2500 Pagodas which appears to us very considerable, when we can at the same time only suppose, that a small part of the Bullock People

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serving with the Army, are Natives of this District, whatever Regulation you may deem most proper, shall be strictly adhered to by us, tho' we conceive it may only have been intended, that the Paymasters at distant Stations, should upon information from the Paymaster in Camp, of the amount of Stoppages in his hands, pay that amount to the families of the Bullock People who desire it.

We have the Honor to be, very respectfully

&c &c

(Signed) Jno Shaddair

D Dobbyn

Sam Statham

Masulipatam
13th November 1791

Agreed that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be directed to inform the Board what arrangements has been made, and what checks established regarding the Pay of the Bullock People with the Grand Army, in order that the necessary instructions may be given to the Chief and Council.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General.

To W. C. Jackson Esq:

Secretary

Fort St George.

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General - enclosing Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Correspondence with the Nabob respecting the Surrender of his Country on the Termination of the War.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General to transmit the Copies of a Letter received from His Highness the Nawaub of Arcot and of the answer which his Lordship has written

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to it, that you may lay them before the Board. —

The Letter from the Nawaub was brought by his Highness's Troopers to whose charge the reply is entered. —

I have the Honor to be, &c &c

Camp
16th November 1791

/ Signed J. F. Cherry Esq.

From the Nawaub of Arcot

Recieved 18th November 1791.

By the favor of his Majesty the King of Great — Britain and his Loyal Ancestors, and by virtue of the sincere Friendship which your Lordship entertains for me, I am defended and protected against the accidents of the Times, and my mind is at Ease resting itself on the support which your Lordship has afforded me for the restoration of my hereditable Country at the Conclusion of the War. But considering my age, I am under apprehensions, for altho' the Thread of Life is in the Hands of the Almighty, yet Man is always liable to accidents On this Account I am fearful what may happen to me before the War is over, and the situation of myself and Country is a source of serious Reflection to my Mind, for unexperienced Men are engaged in reducing the Resources of the Country and desolating it. I therefore hope from your Lordship's kindness that you will now write a positive Order to the Government here to resign the Country into my Hands immediately that the War shall be concluded and that your Lordship will also write a Letter to me that immediately that the War is over, I may take possession of my Country, so that at this advanced age by the receipt of such an order and Support, my Existence may be prolonged. —

A True Translation
/ Signed J. F. Cherry
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We have the Honor to be, very respectfully
&c &c

(Signed) Arth Sadleir
D Dobbyn
Sam Statham

Masulipatam
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The Letter from the Nawaub was brought by his Highness Troopers to whose charge the Reply is entered. —

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

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16th November 1791

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A True Translation
Signed G. F. Cherry
Pers: Trans:

To

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Fort St George 25th November 1791.

To the Nawaub of Arcot

written 16th November 1791

I have had the pleasure to receive your Highness's Letter recapitulate that received the 10th November 1791 and have perfectly understood it's Contents.

Your Highness may rest assured that I have, and ever shall consider the Happiness of your Highness and Family in an equal degree with my anxiety and desire for the Prosperity of the Company. The General Quiet and Tranquility which has prevailed throughout the Carnatic for several Months past, must be reckoned among the Successful Events, which have happily attended my Exertions during the present War, and will I am convinced have afforded your Highness great Satisfaction.

I have thoroughly considered the request made by your Highness, that I will write to the Government of Madras to return the Management of the Country to your Highness immediately that the War is over, Your Highness has urged this Request on the Grounds of the uncertainty of Events at the Conclusion of the War, and from apprehension of the bad Management of inexperienced Men entrusted now with the Charge of the Country.

It is not necessary for me to explain to your Highness, that Prudence requires, that such measures as depend on future Times for Execution, should be maturely considered, and the Possibility and Impossibility of their Successful Issue weighed with Judgement before they

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are attempted, a moments Reflection will point out to your Highness, the nature of the Request you have made of me, and the Situation of affairs which must come to pass before its Effect can be shewn, I shall therefore for the present flatter myself that your Highness will place full reliance on the Correspondence I have already had with your Highness on this Subject, and be assured that I shall ever consider the Happiness of your Highness and Family, and the Prosperity of the Company with an equal degree of Earnestness and desire for their Encrease.—

A true Copy
Signed J. F. Cherry
B.S.T.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General &c &c &c

Resolved that the Nabob's application to the Governor General and his Lordship's Reply be particularly mentioned in the next Dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Read the following Letter from Captain Alexander Read.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From Captain Alex.r Read applies for a further Supply of Cash - enclosing his Bills for September and October.—

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that I stand much in need of another Supply of Money for the payment of my Detachment and for many other Disbursements - which make me very desirous that it may be sent with as little delay as possible.—

I have the Honor to enclose my account with

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with intelligence for the last two Months amounting
to Pagodas 408. 12. 40. for your signature and
am with great Respect,
W. &c.
Signed Alex.r Read

Colan
November 21. 1791

Agreed that the Paymaster at Vellore be
directed to send off for the use of Captain Read's Detachment
a further supply of ten thousand Pagodas. —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Military Paymaster General be
directed to discharge Captain Read's Bills for Septr and
and October amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 408. 12. 40

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Read the following Letter from the Military
Storekeeper.

To The Honble Major General Medows
President and Governor &c. in Council
Fort St George.

From the Military Storekeeper - with a List of Stores made up in the Month of October and an Indent of Cash for the Amount of Tents made up by Messrs Toriano and Mealy. —

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you my account
of Military Stores Provided in the Month of October last
and also an Indent for 4320 Pagodas being the Amount
of the Tents you have been pleased to permit Messrs
Toriano and Mealy to make up. —

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect,
W. &c.
Signed Jos. du Pre Porcher
M.y Stock.r

Fort St George
23 November 1791

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Sum of four thousand, three hundred and Twenty (4320) Pagodas, being the amount of Cash provided by Majr Torriano and Mealy, be advanced to the Military Storekeeper.

Cash to be advanced on account of the Military Storekeeper's Employ.

Ordered also that an advance of Pagodas four thousand Eight hundred and forty nine twelve Fanams and fifteen Cash (4849. 12. 15.) be made to the Military Storekeeper on account of his Employ.—

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kapper,

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Hon'ble Sir,

On the 5th of December 1786 Government was pleased to resolve "that Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse be permitted to draw thirty Pagodas Monthly, for the Extra "Duties performed by him in the Department of the "Commissary of Stores,"

The Commissary of Accounts to the Comptroller General of Army accounts - transmitting a Claim made by Major Hall for the consideration of an extra allowance heretofore drawn by the Commissary General of Stores.

The business of this Office having been considerably encreased since the appointment of Major Hall, little doubt can be entertained of his being entitled to this allowance, drawn by his predecessor for the performance of Extra Duties, but the tenor of the above Order making the grant personal to the late Lieut.t

Colonel

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with Intelligence for the Court has Month's remaining
to Pagodas 1482 12 40 for my own Expenses and
plan
Non with great Respect
ember 24 1791
I have &c
Hon Read

Agreed that the Paymaster at Vellore be
directed to Draw off for the use of Captain Lord Valentia
for the Supply of Ten Thousand Pagodas.

Agreed that the Military Paymaster at Vellore be
directed to discharge Captain Lord Valentia's Bills for Cash
and Bullocks amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 1482. 12. 40

Read the following Letter from the Right
Honourable
The Honble Major General Medows
President and Governor &c in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir

I have the Honor to inform you that I have
of Military Stores Provided in the Month of October
and also an Indent for 320 Pagodas being the Amount
of the Bills you have been pleased to permit me
Terreano and Nearly to make up.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Fort St George
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We have the Honor to be, very respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jno Sadleir
D Dobbyn
Sam Statham

Masulipatam
13th November 1791

Agreed that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be directed to inform the Board what arrangement has been made, and what check established regarding the Pay of the Bullock People with the Grand Army, in order that the necessary instructions may be given to the Chief and Council.

Minute thereon

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To W. C. Jackson Esq:
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From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General enclosing Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Correspondence with the Nabob respecting the Surrender of his Country on the Termination of the War.

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The Letter from the Nawaub was brought by his Highness

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I have the Honor to be, &c &c

Camp
16th November 1791

Signed G. F. Cherry Esqr

From the Nawaub of Arcot

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has afforded me for the restoration of my hereditable Country at
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that you will now write a positive Order to the Government here
to resign the Country into my Hands immediately that the War
shall be concluded and that your Lordship will also write a
Letter to me that immediately that the War is over, I may take
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of such an order and support, my Existence may be prolonged, ——

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To

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Fort St George 25th November 1791.

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written 16th November 1791

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A true Copy
Signed G. T. Cherry Sec.r

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I have the Honor to enclose my account with

Referred to the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General

From Captain Alex.r Read applies for a further Supply of Cash - enclosing his Bills for Septembers and October.—

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to Pagodas 408. 12. 40. for your signature and
am with great Respect
Sir &c.
Signed Alex.r Read

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November 21. 1791

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Paymaster at Vellore be
directed to send off for the use of Captain Read's Detachment
a further supply of ten thousand Pagodas. —

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Agreed that the Military Paymaster General
be directed to discharge Captain Read's Bills for Sept.r
and October amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 408. 12.

Read the following Letter from the Militar
Storekeeper

To
The Honble Major General Medows
President and Governor &c in Council
Fort St George.

From the Military Storekeeper - with a List of Stores made up in the Month of October and an Indent of Cash for the amount of Tents made up by Messrs Toriano and Mealy. —

Fort St George
23d November 1791

Honble Sir

I have the honor to lay before you my account
of Military Stores Provided in the Month of October last
and also an Indent for 4320 Pagodas being the amount
of the Tents you have been pleased to permit Messrs
Toriano and Mealy to make up. —

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect
Sir &c
Signed Jos. du Pre Porcher
M.y Storek.r

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Sum of four thousand, three hundred and Twenty /4320/ Pagodas, being the amount of Tents provided by Messrs. Toriano and Mealy, be advanced to the Military Storekeeper.

Cash to be advanced on account of the Military storekeeper's Employ.

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

From the Commissary General and Comptroller General of Army accounts- requesting a Claim made by Major Hall for the Extra allowance heretofore drawn by the Commissary General of Stores.

Honble Sr,

On the 5th of December 1786 Government was pleased to resolve "that Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse be permitted to draw thirty Pagodas Monthly, for the Extra "Duties performed by him in the Department of the "Commissary of Stores."

The business of this Office having been considerably encreased since the appointment of Major Hall, little doubt can be entertained of his being entitled to this allowance, drawn by his predecessor for the performance of Extra Duties; but the tenor of the above Order making the grant personal to the late Lieut.t Colonel

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Colonel Moorhouse, I request to be favored with the farther Commands of your Honorable Board on the subject.

I am, with great respect,

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant,

(Signed) Hepper Cpt.

Fort St George

25th November 1791

Agreed that the allowance of 30 Pagodas ₰ Mensem granted to the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse on account of the extra Duties performed by him in the Department of Commissary of Stores be drawn by Major Hall, and considered as an allowance annexed to his office.

Memo thereon.

Read the following Letter from the Company's Steward.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Sir,

From the Company's Steward - enclosing a List of Articles purchased for Lord Cornwallis

I have done all in my power to procure the different Articles, ordered by the Board to be purchased for Earl Cornwallis, but have only been able to get a part of them as ₰ the accompanying List - the Pistols are the only pair mounted with Silver, brought out this Season, all those in general brought for sale,

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are mounted entirely plain - I cannot at present get the Hooka bottoms such as required, nor the Saddles, Small Swords, Telescopes, or Repeater - there is one Small Sword for Sale, the property of a Gentleman who on his arrival found he should not have occasion for it, but the Scabbard is somewhat soiled, which makes it necessary to have a new one, as I understand there is a necessity for sending these Articles away immediately, to be in time for the last Convoy to Camp, I therefore request you will inform me if I should keep the Articles I have already got, until the Sword can be sent with them - or send them away, and take the chance of some future opportunity to send the Small Sword, which I am in hopes may be accompanied by a Gold Repeater, that the Watchmaker informs me he expects in about ten days from a Gentleman at Cuddalore to whom he had sent it.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
your most Obedient Servant,
(Signed) Joseph Garrow.
Steward.

25th November 1791

List of Articles purchased for Earl Cornwallis,

1 Shaving Glass,
1 pair Pistols Silver mounted,
1 Gold Watch,
1 Do —
2 Gold watch Chains

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Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Articles purchased by Mr Garrow be immediately sent off to Mr Cherry, and that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted at the same Time.

Chas Oakeley

J Huddleston

Registered &c

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25th

Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.o 159. 120 121.

From Colonel De Wangenheim

From Colonel De Wangenheim requesting that Lieutenant and Adjutant Braymon may be allowed to draw the House Rent of a Captain from the time he has officiated as Judge Advocate of the 14th Hanoverian Regiment.—

From the Commandant at Tiagar

From the Commandant at Tiagar representing the embarassing Situation of Kistnamah Rauze and enclosing his Bills for Secret Service drawn out in the form prescribed by Government.—

From the Commandant at Nellore

[illegible] the Commandant [illegible] Nellore.— representing the Damages done to the different publick Buildings at Nellore by the late heavy Rains.—

26th Received the following Letters.

From the Resident at Hyderabad with Copies of Correspondence with the Paymaster Brown respecting Purchases of Grain and Gunnies for the use of Captain Read's Detachment

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Board Copies of two Letters I have written to Captain Andrew Read under date the 15th Ultimo and 6th Instant with

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With Extracts of two Letters from Captain Read in reply dated the 3d and 9th Instant.

Camp near Vencatelly
16th November 1791.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) John Kennaway

Captain Andrew Read
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

As the price of Rice will be considerably enhanced on our joining you and as I think it will not be prudent to trust entirely to the Bazar, which will accompany us particularly after we leave Bangalore, I have to recommend to you to direct the Paymaster of the Detachment to lay in one months supply of Rice for your fighting men including what you have already in Store, at the rate established by his Lordship in the Grand Army of half a seer pr. man considering the natural uncertainty of the movements of the Mizans Army by which those of the Detachment will be regulated. I should not think it would be necessary to provide the Cattle for the carriage of the above stock immediately, but as there may be a difficulty in getting them after we join you and as they would be acceptable to Lord Cornwallis if any delay should arise to prevent your wanting them so soon as I at present expect, I think they had better be provided as soon as possible. Perhaps the Commissariat

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which is generally practised in this Country, of hiring Cattle may be easier as it certainly would be cheaper in respect to the number necessary for the Detachment than to purchase them; but this is a point that must be determined by your own judgement and experience of which is preferable where you are. I shall give you as early information as possible of the time when I think you may reckon on our arrival at Gurramconda as well as of the probable time of our stay there. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) John Kennaway

South Bank of the Kistna
15th October 1791.

P. S. I have restricted my desire to your laying in a supply for your fighting men because I understand it extends no further in the grand Army with which the Detachment may shortly expect to serve, but should you be satisfied that grain is served out to any description of public followers there you will encrease the Quantity to be laid in for the Detachment and carriage for it for the period above mentioned accordingly —

A true Copy

Jerome Mercer.
Actg. Assistant.

Captain Andrew Read,
Commanding the Ellore Detachment.

Sir,

I had last night the pleasure to receive
your

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your favor of the 3d Instant and am extremely sorry to hear that you have been indisposed — I should have been very glad if you had laid in the grain mentioned in my Letter of the 15th ultimo immediately on the receipt of my Letter, as I am afraid the price of it will rather increase than fall in proportion as we draw nearer to you so as at last to be brought to a level with what it sells for in this Camp, where, since our crossing the River it has seldom been cheaper than from four to five seers of middling and from five to six coarse such as is given to Elephants for Rupee, I have now to request that no time may be lost in laying it in, and as I understand grain is issued in the Grand Army in a certain proportion to some of the public followers, I have further to desire that six weeks stock instead of a months with carriage for it may be provided without delay for the fighting men which will be sufficient I apprehend to answer any demands there may be on account of the public followers alluded to for the space of one Month, Independent of which I would recommend your directing your men to keep ten days stock constantly by them on account of the enhanced price grain will bear on and after our junction —

With regard to your desire of knowing my sentiments in what manner I would advise the

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Cattle being hired, I can only say that it should be done in the cheapest manner and on the best conditions that you can I should not imagine considering the increasing demand there is for them that you will be able to get them for less than five Rupees p.r Month with drivers - but it will be necessary to stipulate the quantity they shall carry which ought not to be less than seventy lbs - those in my employ are at 4 - 8 p.r Month and carry eighty - the person you engage with should also be bound to supply casualties or defray the loss of his not doing it - Bags he should supply as those in my Service do for the above — Amount —

I shall impatiently expect to hear the result when your breaching Battery is ready and have the honor to be.

Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

/Sgnd/ John Kennaway.

Camp 2 miles South of Kimpa 6th November 1791.

A true Copy

/Sgnd/ Rome Mercer

Actg. Assistant.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Andrew Read to Sir John Kennaway under date the 3d November 1791.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 15th and 26th Ultimo to the former of which I should have replied sooner had not my ill state of health for some time past prevented me —

/J.

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I have directed Mr. Paymaster Brown to provide Gunnies for the Carriage of one months Grain for the Detachment but not to purchase it as at present Rice in this Bazar and the Country round is very scarce and dear - should it be found necessary to carry a Month's Grain for the Detachment, I would not by any means think of purchasing Bullocks for the carriage of it, as they are here very scarce and high priced, and before I took any further steps in the business I would wish to be favored with your Opinion in what manner you would advise their being hired - another circumstance I must beg leave to mention to you that I have had information from the Grand Army of the half Sear of Rice issued to the Sepoys not being deducted from their Pay but always given Gratis. -

Extract of a Letter from Captain Andrew Read to Sir John Kennaway, under date the 9th November 1791 -

I had the pleasure to receive your 6th Yesterday and shall pay particular attention to what you desire concerning the laying in a stock of Rice for the Detachment and providing Carriage for it. -

True Extracts

(Signed) Grome Mercer

Actg Assistant

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Siagar - Part of Cummr Maj. Dirom's Detachment march from Damiacottah towards Seringapatam -

This morning two of my people sent to watch the motions of Camerul deen returned, they — inform me that they found him encamped at Damiacottah with four Cufsums, two large Guns and a great body of Horse - that on the 10th he was ordered to Seringapatam he carried with him two Cufsums and most of the Horse, — leaving the rest at Damiacottah under Budder ul Zummun Caun - my people saw five or six hundred Horse at — Saakleapoog four days ago which is supposed to be the party late in the Carnatic —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) W. Flint
Captain Comg.

Siagar
21st November 1791.

W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Dindigul communicating Reports received of the Garrison of Coimbatore having been sent to Seringapatam enclosing Bills for Intelligence —

Sir,

The enemy still continue near Madagary and making collections of Grain and Money, as far as Cumbalaur and Dannaporam, the Country having taken Flowle as far as these Places - a report strongly

prevails

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prevails in the Enemy's Camp, that Lieutenant Chalmer with his Garrison, have been ordered to Seringapatam, by Tippoo, This account wants confirmation, I shall know for a certainty in the course of a few Days

I inclose you a charge for Hire of Cart and should be obliged, by your obtaining me an Order for payment as soon as possible.

Dindigull
November 18th 1791

I have the Honor to be
Sir Your
Sgnd T. Bouiser
Captain Commanding

W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Ongole - Operations against the Plunderers in the Palnaud District advising of the Promise made by the Nizam not to afford them any Protection in his Country

Sir,

Be pleased to communicate the enclosed Copy of Letter from Lieutenant Beale, on the subject of the disturbances in the Palnaud, to the Honorable the President in Council. Be further pleased to inform him that Mr Erskine acquaints me, Captain Kennaway has procured, from the Soubah's Minister, Letters containing such strong injunctions to the Zemindars not to afford protection to the plunderers, but to use every means in their power to seize them, that the best consequences are hoped for

Ongole
November 18th 1791.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
Sgnd Thos Dunwoody
Capt & Commandg

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Captain Dunwoody

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, under date 24th Ultimo and in Consequence of the information contained in it, that Lieutenant Sober was proceeding to Billumcondah with an escorte of Stores agreeable to the List enclosed, I proceeded with my Detachment from Goorjalah on the 31st and arrived at that place the 1st instant and returned hither the 4th with the Stores safe as you will perceive by the Receipts I now have the Honor to enclose you.

I thought it proper to fall back as far as this place in Order to deposit the Stores as safely as the very bad accomodation here would admit of, to superintend the putting the place in the best state of defence I could, and several other necessary Repairs - as also to subsist my Detachment from the Garrison Stores, as Grain is not to be provided in any other part of the Country - and am hopeful that part of it to the Eastward will remain unmolested as Captain Mc Kinnon understands is ordered to proceed against Chintgiah Sopiah Naig - Ramnajeerow with his adherents Conah Moostiah

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and ally Saib have crossed the River and deposited their Prisoners and Booty at a Fort called Goonahboom fully about Eighty Miles from this— I have just been examining two of my Harcarahs who were sent thither, and they give me to understand the place is small, but a strong Post, constructed of Stone with four Towers— As they are in want of Provisions it is probable they will leave the Country as soon as the River subsides somewhat— It shall be my study to prevent their Depredation as much as lays in my power— however the most effectual means to put an end to these distresses must be expected from the interference of his Highness the Nizam— If he be prevailed upon to order the principle People to the whole of our wishes would be accomplished—

On a review of the state of the neighbouring County a measure of this nature appears to be the wisest policy the Soubah could pursue, for parcelled out as it is for many miles round into petty Jemmedaries, a great detriment to the Collection of his Revenues exists from the Jemidars, who upon being assessed the Sums due to the Sircar, fly from one County to another, where they find a Asylum, and the Revenue is alone to be collected with the Sword—

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I hope I do not exceed the Line of my Duty in stating that at a convenient Season it would be worthy the attention of Government to enter into a Treaty with his Highness for the subduing these rebellious Powers - for as long as these Countries remain in their present State, neither our Provinces, or that part of the Deccan in their - neighbourhood as well as the Dupaud will ever be perfectly settled - The Revenues will be ever difficult to collect and fluctuating, and a large draw back upon them must be the Consequence by reason of the Force which will be required for that End - The annihilating the power of the Jemidars is said to be a part of the Policy of the present Ministry -

Perhaps the means of establishing a peaceful Government might be stretched further, by Causing all the County to be disarmed, their arms to be destroyed, and a severe Prohibition of new ones being manufactured by which many of the People, who now only exist as - Hirelings in the Pay of every freebooter who erects the Standard of Rebellion would be restored to more - peaceful and useful Cares - another cause is to be found in the Ease with which Saltpetre is to be procured almost every little village has wells for the manufacturing this article, a Prohibition of this Trade or its being carried

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on under certain Restrictions would be productive of the best of consequences —

I have thought it my Duty to state the above, which if you think proper may be submitted to the consideration of Government —

Camp near Timmy cottah
9. November 1791.

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

Copy.
/Sgnd/ Ant. Beale
/Sgnd/ Thos Dunwoody
Captain & Batt. N.I.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President in Council

From the Assistant at Travancore with Copies of his Correspondence with the Dutch Government of Cochin relative to their late Disagreement with the Rajah —

Fort St George.

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Secretary's Letter of the 29th Ultimo, inclosing one for the Governor and Council at Cochin, which I immediately transmitted, and addressed a Letter myself to the Members of the Council with it; a Copy of which I do myself the Honor to enclose, likewise a Translation of their reply. —

Every thing has remained in a State of

/Tranquility

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Tranquility here, since I last did myself the Honor of writing to you - there have been some references made to me by the Parties, which I have settled to their mutual satisfaction - altho' a suspension of Hostility has taken place, yet the cause which gave rise to the dispute is not yet removed; and you will observe by the Letter - which I have received from the members of the Council at Cochin, that they wait the arrival of Mr. Van Angelbeck to enter further into the Business; indeed, I am informed privately by Mr. Vanspall that they have no authority whatever to enter into a discussion of it -

I have fully acquainted the Rajah of Cochin of the Harmony which subsists between the English and the Dutch Nations and he has promised to be entirely guided in his Conduct by the advice I may give him - I have called upon him for a Circumstantial detail of the Occurrences which gave rise to the dispute; as soon as I receive it I shall transmit it to you, with my Report upon the same -

Cochin
13th November 1791.

I have the Honor to be
most respectfully
&c &c.
(Signed) George Powney Resident.
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L. L Vansittart Esqr

Senior Member Hon. Council

Cochin.

Gentlemen

I deem myself the Honor to transmit you the accompanying Letter from the Government at Madras, to Mr Van Angelbeck and the Gentlemen of your Council.

Although a Suspension of Hostility has taken place between you and the Rajah of Cochin, in consequence of my Interposition, there yet remains to be effected the desireable Object of an adjustment of the which gave rise to it, but which cannot take place an Investigation is made into the cause of the disagreement. It remains with you either to enter into Explanation of this immediately, or to suspend it until the Arrival of Mr Van Angelbeck - but allow me to assure you, that I am at all times disposed to use my Endeavours to promote an Amicable accommodation between you and the Rajah of Cochin, and to place all matters as they were previous to the time the Dispute took place.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
/Signed/ G. Powney
Resident

Cochin
11th November 1791.

A true Copy
/Signed/ George Powney
Resident

/Translation

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Translation

To George Powney Esqr.

Resident on the part of the Honorable
English Company with the Rajahs of
Travancore and Cochin.

Sir,

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter accompanied by one from the Government at Madras, which we have come to the resolution of sending to our Governor Mr. Van Angelbeck, who is expected here very soon; on his Arrival we shall do ourselves the Honor to reply to it.

We have the honor to be
Your &c.

/ Sgnd / J. L. Vanspall
J. Van Rofsum
P. G. Gibhardt
E. Ellavins
W. Van Hanflen
Arnold Lunel
L. A. Ewendyck

Cochin
2d November 1791.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129.

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General - enclosing a List of Articles purchased and sent to Camp by the Company's Steward.

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General.

/ To

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To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts informing him that the allowance of 30 Pagodas p. Mensem granted to the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse on account of the Extra Duties performed by him in the Department of Commissary of Stores is to be drawn by Major Hall, and considered as an Allowance annexed to his Office.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts.

To the Commandant at Dindigul returning Lieutenant Scales Batta Bills signed for Payment.

To the Commandant at Dindigul.

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery desiring him not to take any further Steps for procuring Grain for the Polliams for the use of the Army approving the Manner in which he has rewarded the Men who apprehended the Bengal Deserters.

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery.

To the Paymaster at Vellore desiring him to take the first safe opportunity of forwarding Ten Thousand (10,000) Pagodas to Captain Alexander Read for the use of his Detachment.

To the Paymaster at Vellore.

To Captain Alexander Read advising him of the Orders given to the Paymaster at Vellore.

To Captain Alexander Read.

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To the Board of Accounts Revenue enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry respecting the Conduct of Mr. Cambon and desiring them to obtain further Information on the Subject from Mr. Landon.

To the Board of Accounts Revenue.

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions desiring him to inform the Board what Arrangement has been made

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

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27th made and what Checks established in regard to Advances of Pay being made to the Families of the Bullock People serving with the grand Army —

28th Received the following Letters.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council. —

Sir,

From the Military Board — opinion on the Muster — Leather Caps received from Bengal — Number required for the European Troops serving under this Presidency Stores received from the Storekeeper in the Month of October —

We have been honored with your letter of the 17th Instant and beg leave to offer it as our Opinion that the Master Leather Cap therewith transmitted, is a very good substitute for Hats — But with respect to the Number as we were not acquainted with the representation that had been made of the want of them, We called upon the Contractor for Military Cloathing, who has informed us that, according to the European Establishement, about five hundred non-commissioned Officers, and three thousand five hundred Privates, Hats or Caps will be required for the Cloathing of the ensuing year.

We have examined the musters of the different Articles specified in the enclosed List of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in last month, as also the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory — The former having been approved, We directed to

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be received upon the Company's Books, and the latter we found to be regularly brought up to the end of the same Month —

Fort St. George
27th November 1791.

We have the honor to be
&c &c.
(Signed) Thos. Musgrave
J. Capper
Geo. Maule
W. Tutt
George Hall

List of Military Stores received from the Military Store-keeper in the Month of October 1791.

Teak Simmon Planks		14
Single yokes		122
Double yokes		56
Quadraple yoke Traces		150
Carts Platform		96
Do. arrack		46
Wood Screws		534
Firewood	Bottles	15,600
Soops		24
Coconut Brushes		60
Linseed Oil	Gallo.	58
Spirits of Wine	Bottles	631
Matts		100
Brandy	Bottles	24
Wood Oil	Measr.	1
Artillery Pouches		116

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Shoulder Belts		1170
Bayonet Scabbards		3146
Sword Scabbards		18
Pouch Belts		35
Carbine Belly Boxes		231.
Powder Barrels Tinfoiled		400
Ammunition Barrels		600
Potts and Pans		53
Matts		10
Charcoal	Loops.	760
Paddy Husk	Ds.	65
Bullock Collars Leather		920.
Ds. Ds. Cotton		270
Leather Buckets		56
Drum Slings		20
Canvas	Bolts	200
Bengal Twine	lb.	978
Loose Coir	Cwt	1
Gunny Bags for Ammunition		519
Gunny Bags		1500
Cartridge Paper	Quires	1900
Grease	Dappers	30½
Tar Coal	Barrels	22
Ds. Common	Ds. 15)	
Coconut Shells		600
Wax Cloth	Double Pieces	554
Wax Candles	Maund	17. 10½
Broom	Bundles.	34.
	Targets.	

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27th November 1791.

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Bullock Collars Leather		920.
D°. D°. Cotton		270
Leather Buckets		56
Drum Slings		20
Canvas	Bolts	200
Bengal Twine	lb.	978
Loose Coir	Cwt	1.
Gunny Carriage Bags for Shot		1856
Gunny Bags for Ammunition		519
Gunny Bags		1500
Cartridge Paper	Quires	1900
Grease	Dozens	30½
Sea Coal	Barrels	22
D°. Common	D°. 15	
Coconut Shells		600
Wax Cloth	Double Pieces	554
Wax Candles	Pound	17. 10½
Broom	Bundles	34.
	Targets	

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Targets with Frames for Sepoys		12
Country Bellows		20
Duppers	Pairs	33
Salt Petre		2
Gingelly Oil	Candys	25
Tents Field Officers	Numr.	22
Officers		134
Private		200
Sepoy		47
Necessary		10
Camphire		40
Scissars	Nr.	210
Coir Rope Coils 17 lb	Pairs	17.17.
White Lead	Maund	210.
Europe Twine	lb	305.
Palms	lb	100
Chests		102

From the Import Warehousekeeper

Iron Square and Flat		
Iron Rod	C.W.	161.10
Lead	lb	4.3.12

From the Civil Stores

Sea Coal	Candy	102.11.22
Dark Lanthorns	Buckets.	12.
Iron Pott.		2
Handline		1
Europe Rope (Lb 148.1.27)	Lbs	6
Nails of Sorts	Boxes.	62
Chalk		35
Sledge Hammers	Nr.	90
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(Sgnd) Ronge Hall
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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

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From Captain Andrew Read - complaining of the Insertion in the Madras Courier of certain Paragraphs highly injurious to his Character -

I request you will acquaint the Honorable the Governor in Council that in consequence of two Publications having appeared in the Madras Courier of the 13th Ultimo highly injurious to my Character and Conduct as Commanding Officer of the English Detachment, every step in my power has been taken, but hitherto without success, to discover the — authors of such false and scandalous aspersions —

Confiding in the Justice of Government and their readiness to obtain redress for an Officer, whose Character has been so falsely traduced, I hope that this application will not be deemed improper, and that Government will excuse my having presumed to submit my Case to their consideration, the Particulars of which will best be — understood by the enclosed Copies and Extract of my Correspondence with Mr. James Daly, my Attorney and that Gentleman's with the Editor of the Courier —

In the Madras Courier of the 20th Ultimo also a Paragraph appears of a very malicious nature, relative to the bursting of the Guns. — I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Andrew Read
Capt. Commanding
Ellore Detachment.

Camp before
Pursuncundah
17th November 1791

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Copy of a Letter from Captain Andrew Read to James Daly Esq.r

Dear Sir,

In the Madras Courier of the 13th. Instant appear two scandalous Productions, one entitled "Extract of a Letter from Gurrumcondah" & the other "Extract of the 30th. ultimo from Gurrumcondah"

As both of those Productions reflect in the strongest manner upon my Conduct and Character as Commanding Officer of the English Detachment, and from the many falsehoods and insinuations contained in them appear to have been written purposely for the Press with the most malicious intention, I have in justice to myself & every step in my power to discover the Author, but without I must therefore request that you will as soon as possible application to the Editors to give up the author or authors of such scandalous Libels, and, as it is a Matter that deeply concerns me, I hope you will excuse the trouble I have given you—

Camp before
Gurrumcindah
24th. October 1791.

I am &c.
(Signed) Andw. Read.

Copy of a Note from Captain Andrew Read to James Daly Esq.r enclosed in the foregoing Letter.

Dear Sir,

You may shew my Letter to any person

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you may think proper, or to any one desirous of seeing it;
but I by no means wish that my name should appear in
the Courier in answer to such false and infamous —
insinuations —

Camp before
Punnumeundah
24th October 1791.

I am &c
I Sym. Andw Read

Extract of a Letter from James Daly Esqr to Captain Andrew Read.

Dated Madras 3d November 1791.

I did not lose a Moment in addressing
the Editor of the Courier on the subject of the Publications you
have noticed — Enclosed I send you Copy of my Letter, and
of his answer to which you will be pleased to refer — Mr
Hall has in a private Letter assured me that he will be —
ready to insert such a Paragraph as you may think necessary
to do away any impression which the Publications in question
might have made on the Minds of the Public — In reply to
this I have cautioned him against inserting your name —
without your express permission in any Publication in
answer to the Paragraphs alluded to — I have shewn
your Letter to several of my Friends, who are perfectly —
satisfied of the impropriety and falsehood of the Publications
in question."

Copy of a Letter from James Daly Esqr to the Editor of the Madras Courier

Sir,

Enclosed I send you Copy of a Letter
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I received this morning from Captain Andrew Read Commanding the English Detachment before Gurrumcundah — I request you will favor me with the name or names of the Author or Authors of the Publications in the Madras Courier therein alluded to, that I may transmit the same to Captain Read —

I am &c &c

(Signed) J. Daly.

Fort St George
31. October 1791.

Copy of a Letter from J. Stewart Hall Esqr. Editor of the Madras Courier to James Daly Esqr.

Sir,

I have the honor of your Letter of this days date, enclosing the Copy of a Letter from Captain Andrew Read relative to two Paragraphs that appeared in the Courier of the 13th Instant, and which that Gentleman has regarded as tending to throw out reflections on his Character and Conduct as Commanding Officer of the English Detachment: under this consideration, and embracing Captain Reads Idea, I am deeply concerned that those Paragraphs ever found admission into the Madras Courier. — They were received by the Peppy, without those essentials by which we could know the Author — One of a similar nature came last week, but was not inserted — and having said thus much, give me leave to add that

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it struck me as levelled at the Nizam's People, and to shew how critically our Troops were situated when under the command of his Generals; However had I not received your Letter and it's enclosure, we should have inserted in our next paper a Paragraph that would have done ample justice to Captain Read's Character and Conduct, in consequence of a Letter received from another quarter - The next Paper will, I trust, do away every impression both with Captain Read and the Public -

Fort St George
31st October 1791.

Sam Va Kn

/Signd/ J. Stewart Hall.

The above are true Copies and Extract

/Signd/ Alexr Orr

Dy master, and acting A.D.C.
to Captain Read.

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 Stewart acknowledging receipt of the Board's Letter of the 12th Instant -

Honorable Sir and Gentlemen,

I had the honour of yours of the twelfth yesterday, and shall desire Colonel Harris to forward to your Secretary Mr Burke's executed Bond. -

Mr Rysell Manners being appointed by Lord Cornwallis to his majesty's service is naturally -

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struck out of the Honorable Company's.—

Camp near Bangalore
the 22d of November 1791—

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

Your &c.

/Signed/ Thos. Medows Govr.

W. E. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary

at

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay advising of the advance of Pay and allowances made to Mr. Boardman, Cadet on the Madras Establishment—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you in consequence of an application from Mr Boardman a Cadet on your Establishment he has been pleased to advance him six months Pay and ordered him a Passage on board a Country Ship to Tellicherry— Enclosed I have the pleasure to send you Copies of his Letter and receipt—

I am &c &c

/Signed/ Geo: Parry Sub Secy.

William Page Esqr.

Secretary to the Honorable the Governor in Council

Bombay.

Sir,

Bombay Castle
5th November 1791.

As a Cadet on the Madras Establishment, I should long ago have used my utmost endeavours to have

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28th proceeded to my proper Station: which might have precluded the necessity I am at present under of taking the liberty of troubling this Government with the Petition hereby conveyed; but soon after my arrival in India I fell into a very bad state of health and after my recovery, the difficulty of procuring a passage before the close of the season for Ships going to that Coast, and the consideration of having it soon in my power to join one of the Madras Battalions serving on this, induced me to wait till an opportunity might offer for proceeding to join one of these Corps, I have therefore to request, that you will have the goodness to lay this state of Facts with the two accompanying Certificates on which they are founded before the Honorable Board in Council, from whom I would humbly solicit the indulgence of being authorized to take up from the Pay Office, six months Pay as Cadet to be deducted from my Pay and allowances after entering on the Service under that Presidency to which I belong.

It being probable that I shall be asked for more passage Money down the Coast than I have the means of paying, compels me to entreat also, that an order may be given to any of the Commanders of Ships or Craft, going down on public Service; for me to be received on board and accommodated at the Honorable Company's expence, in like manner as Gentlemen in the same Station

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Struck out of the Honorable Company's. —

Campn near Bangalore
the 22d. of November 1791 —

I have the honor to be, with the highest
respect, Sirs, and truth &.

&c &c

/Signed/ Wm. Medows Gov.

W. E Jackson Esqr.

Secretary

at

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station on this Presidency would be entitled to expect—

I trust to the Candour and Generosity of the Honorable Board for such consideration of my case, as if it should not bring me the assistance I crave, may at least assure me from any imputation of presumption for making the application.—

I have the honor to remain with great Respect

Sir

Your &c.

/Signed/ Edward Boardman,

Cadet.

A true Copy

/Signd/ Pro Sconce

Sub Secy

Bombay 5th November 1791

Received of Robert Henshaw Esqr Secretary & Paymaster General the Sum of three hundred and Sixty Rupees being six months pay as Cadet of the Bombay Establishment according to the order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.— as p/c

/Signed/ Edward Boardman

Rs 360

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From the acting Deputy adjutant General

Received Letter from the Acting Deputy Adjutant General /as entered in M. B. No 130/ enclosing the Proceedings of a Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Horses of the 1st 2d and 4th Regiments of Native Cavalry.—

/Received

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Received a Letter from the Nabob ...

Substance of a Letter from the Amdit ul Omrah —

Amdit ul Omrah / as entered in C.C. No. 261 / representing that Colonel Bruce, without his Fathers Permission, has pulled down a House belonging to his Highness in the Fort of Vellore and carried away all the Materials —

Received the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam —

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

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

From the Ch[illegible] and Council at [illegible]ulipatam with Est[illegible] of Repairs wanting to [illegible]mmanding Offi[illegible], Quarters —

At the time of Receipt of your Letter of the 17th May our Engineer was absent on Service, and before his return, he was permitted by the Commanding Officer of the Troops in the District, to proceed to Ganjam, which circumstances delayed the Survey of the Quarter usually occupied by the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison, which you had ordered. We now have the honor of — transmitting Copy of a Letter which we have received — from our Committee of Works, as well as of the Estimate and Letter from the Engineer which it enclosed. It will thereby appear, that the amount of the Repairs deemed necessary by the Engineer, are estimated by him at — Madras Pagodas 215 27. and that the additions pointed out by Colonel Patterson, might, if allowed, encrease.

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encrease the Expence to Madras Pagodas 1,500 —

The House in question is not the property of the Company, but belonged to the late Hussein ally Cawn, whose Eldest son received Monthly Rent for it, until the payment thereof was stopped some years ago, on account, as we understand of the Expence which the Company had been put to by keeping it in Repair. From this circumstance, and as the House is an old worden building, we think it might be better to permit the Commanding Officer, who is at present lodged to his satisfaction, to draw such a Monthly allowance as you may deem reasonable for House rent than to put the Company to further Expence on account of Repairs, and [illegible] much less to make those additions which Colonel Patterson has pointed out to the Engineer as necessary, for the accommodation of his family —

Herewith we have the honor to forward our Consultations for the Month of October last —

Masulipatam
18. November 1791 —

We have the honor to be very Respectfully
&c &c

(Signed) Anth Sadleir
W. A. Dobbyn
Saml Statham

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To Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Chief & Council of

Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed we have the honor to transmit you Copy of a letter with an Estimate for the Repair of the Commanding Officers House in the Fort, which we have received from the Engineer; as the Repairs and additions thereon pointed out by the Commanding Officer appear to us totally foreign to the directions in Mr. Secretary Scotts Extract, we cannot think of recommending it, especially as the Quarter is not the property of the Company but an Individual, and give it as our Opinion that the Estimate delivered in is moderate and will render the Quarter perfectly habitable, therefore recommend that the Engineer — proceed in the execution of it without delay. —

We have the honor to be respectfully

Gen. Gen. Gen.

Signed W. A. Dobbyn

Gen. Members of the Committee

of Works —

Masulipatam

11th November 1791.

William Augustus Dobbyn Esqre

Vice President & Members of the Committee of Works.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to lay before you an Extract of a letter from Mr. Secretary Scott relative to repairs and alterations to the Commanding Officers Quarter of this Garrison. —

Extract

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29th Extract of a Letter Extract of a letter from W. Scott dated Masulipatam 10th June 1791.

"If the Commandants Quarter can be rendered more "Commodious by any trifling alteration or repairs Government will have" "no objection to the expenditure of a small sum of money on this account" "in consequence of which Colonel Patterson will be desired to point out to "You such alterations, or repairs as he may wish, of the expence of which "the Chief and Council desire an Estimate to be sent into them thro' "the Medium of the Committee of Works, as soon as your return to the "place will admit of it."

In obedience to the above order, I requested Colonel Patterson to point out to me the alteration he wished should take place, to render his House more commodious for his family, he has done so, but they appear to me of such magnitude, that I beg to lay them to the Committee, he desires the Main care to be widened, the Varanda to be enlarged, the Hall to be enlarged, to give two bed Rooms the House is one of those old Teak wood buildings of which there are many in the Fort, and is I am told nearly a hundred years old, the principal Timbers are good, and with occasional repairs, the house will stand many years as the alterations and additions, wanted by the Colonel, must be made of the same materials, the expence will be great, on a rough Calculation I think it cannot be done for less than Madras Pagodas 1500.

The Estimate which I now beg to lay before you is for the necessary repairs wanting to the House in its present state without any alterations or additions.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed Wm. Scott
Engineer

Masulipatam
5th November 1791.

A true Copy
Signed R. Malcolm
Col.

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29.th Estimate of Reparrs wanting to the Commanding Officers Quarters at Masulipatam.—

		Rup.s	M.P.	C.s	M.P.	C.s
2	Venetian Doors 7. 3. by 4. 10 with Hinges and fastenings &c.a at pr. Sup.t foot	13.	19.	36.		
3	D.o Windows 5. by 2. 6 Hinges &c.a included at pr. Super.t foot	13.	10.	27.		
2	Plain Doors 6. 3 by 4 Hinges &c.a included at pr. Super.t foot	11.	12.			
					42.	17.
2	Pigue Joists		3.	44.		
200	Palmera Wall Plank		3.	26.		
30	Sheathing Boards		9.			
100	Rafters		25.			
300	Bamboos		3.			
	Nails of Sorts		5.			
26.	lb.s Iron in small Work.s at 13. R.s per M.P.		2.			
					51.	24.
	Carpenters Works				7.	24.
57.	Squares rough Chunamming with 2 Coats at pr. Square	40.	49.	33.		
	White washing 40 Squares at pr. Square	4.	3.	22.		
					53.	9.
	Painting the Ceiling and Doors of the Hall	15.				
	Wood oil and Dammer for the Ceiling and Doors and Windows of the Rooms	6.			21.	
	Breaking up the old Work and carrying away the Rubbish	3.				
					M.P. Rup.s	178. 28.

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Repairs of the Cook room, Godowns Stabling and Wall round the Enclosure. —

5	Candies Shell Chunam	8-7-—
5	D°. Sand	1-29-—
5	Maunds Laggree	3-—-—
2000	Wall Bricks	2-24-—
1½	Maund Coir	—-24-—
500	Tyles	2-—-—
200	large Bamboos	3-—-—
		20-105-—
	Bricklayers Work Coolys &c. and including Carriage	16-—-—
	Madras Pag.s	36-105-—

Estimate for the repairs of the House 1792-93

Cook room Godowns &c. &c. 36-105-—

Madras Pag.s 213-27-—

Exchange at 16. Fanams per Madras Rup.a 45-27-—

Masulipatam
5th November 1791

Signed W. Gunn
Engineer

A true Copy

Signed R. Malcolm
Clerk to the Commissary

True Copies

Signed A.n Scott
A.D.C.

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqrs.

Tuesday 29th 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.

Acting President and Council, Fort St. George.

From Lord Cornwallis opinion on the Application of the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore

Gentlemen,

I am just honored with your Letter dated the 12th. Instant.

Your Letter of the 2d. of March last reached me on the 16th. of that month, when I was most anxiously occupied in the Seige of Bangalore, and the multiplicity and importance of the Business in which I was afterwards engaged entirely drove the Subject of your Letter from my recollection.

I can have no hesitation in declaring that if the Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore stand in the same predicament as those of the Nabob of Arcot, they have an equal claim upon your justice, and altho' the flourishing state of the Company's

Credit

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Credit at your Presidency has at the present period brought a premium upon the 12 p.r Cent Bonds, I do not see how you can decline to liquidate the demands of the Rajahs Creditors with Bonds of a like similar to those that were granted to the Creditors of the Nabob of Arcot.

I have the honor to be,

S.r &c.a &c.a

Cornwallis.

Camp near Bangalore 21. November 1791

Minute thereon.

Resolved That the Accountant General be desired to draw out an account shewing the Interest arising on the principal Sum to be divided among the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore from the undermentioned date.—

Do. Upon thirty one thousand seven hundred and seven Pagodas, thirty four fanams and twenty Cash from the day the Payment of that Sum was completed at the Company's Treasury on account of the Private Creditors.—

Do. Ordered that the Distribution of the above Sum be made upon the same Principle which has on former occasions.

Do. Agreed that the Resident at the Rajah's Court be informed that Bonds bearing an Interest of 12 p.r Cent p.r annum and payable in two years from this date or in six months after the Conclusion of the War are to be issued for the Amount of the Sums that were received into the Company's Treasury on account of and now due to the Private Creditors of his Excellency, previous to the 8.th day of January 1790, the date of the Commencement of the War with Tippoo Sultaun, and that he be directed to ascertain the Sum that will fall due to each of the Creditors respectively.—

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Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.—

To the Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

From the Board of Revenue - communicating the Instructions given to Mr. Purge Wynch regarding the Namcul District

We have been honored by the receipt of your Letter of the 10th. Instant enclosing one addressed to you by Mr. Wynch Collector in the Carnatic Districts and desiring us to lay before You such Instructions as we may have given to him, regarding the Namcul District.—

In order to give a clear explanation upon the Subject, it will be necessary briefly to recite what occurred, in relation to it, from the 28th. July last, at which time we trans=mitted to your Honorable Board Copy of a letter we had received from Mr. Wynch respecting Permitty, a dependency of Namcul, and informing You of our orders to him to take charge of the Collections; of which You were pleased to express Your approbation.—

Mr. Wynch wrote to us on the 8th. September from Permitty giving a discription of the Fort — on the 25th. he acquainted us of his having collected 2,000 Rupees of the Revenue of Permitty, that he had taken possession of the whole Namcul Districts in the Company's Name, and that if we permitted of his applying for 5 Companies of Sepoys and 2 Guns he was Confident that the Fort of Chundermungalum on

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which depended a Revenue of 3.40.000 Rupees, would surrender without a Shot being fired.—

In like manner as we approved of his collecting the revenue of Romilly, we also commended his endeavours to realize that of Nameul, and in reply to his letter of the 25th September We desired him, under date the 30th of the same month to proceed in his Collections to the best of his ability, under present Circumstances, without incurring too great a risk.— by this cautionary suggestion, We thought proper to restrain any measure likely to incur hostile opposition, fully sensible that it was neither our Province to authorize, or that of a Collector to commit any military operation whatsoever.— It was under this conviction we immediately referred to your Honorable Board, that part of Mr. Lynch's letter which stated his being confident that the Fort of Chandermungalum would surrender on the appearance before it of 5 Companies of Sepoys and 2 Guns, as abovementioned.—

A few days afterwards we received a letter from Mr. Lynch dated 27th September mentioning that he had found it necessary to take possession of a small Pagoda about 250 Yards from the Fort of Chundermungalam, as the Post he had stationed there, were unequal to its defence, he had thought it absolutely necessary to apply to the Commanding Officer at Caroor for a reinforcement of one Company of Sepoys and the next day we received

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a Letter from Mr. Wynch of the 28th. stating that he was obstructed in the collections of the Revenue by the Polligar Ramchunder — v naig and others, and that he waited our orders before he proceeded further into the Country: — this last letter reached us on the 3rd. — v October, and an answer to it was dispatched on the 6th. replying also to his letter of the day before we pointed out to him that it was the particular province of the Commanding Officer to carry into effect all Meletary operations which might be rendered — v necessary by the opposition of an Enemy, that his engaging in the manner he had represented was not only irregular in itself, — v but must necessarily draw his attention from his duty as Collector in the Districts to which he had been Specially appointed — On the day following we advised your Honorable Board of our having written to Mr. Wynch to the foregoing effect —

From this recital which we beg leave to — v corroborate by transmitting to you the several Documents referred to, your Honorable Board will observe the tendency of our orders, and by comparing their dates with the events to which Mr. Wynch Alludes, will judge with what propriety he would impress that his conduct, which fell under Your displeasure, had been regulated by our orders of the 30th. September, when it fully appears he had already been at Romitty and collected revenue from it, and that the whole of the named District had been taken possession of in the name of the Company at least fifteen days previous

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to the receipt of those orders

Fort St. George
22d. November 1791.

We have the honor to be.
Gr. Gr. Gr.
"Wm. Petrie
Signed "T. Oakes
"Wm. Oram

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

Agreed to inform Mr. George Wynch that he has misquoted in his Letter of the 1st. and entered in Consult the 2d. Instant the Instructions furnished him by the Board of Revenue on the 20th. September — That it appears on reference to his Letters of the 8. and 21st. September that he had not only been at Formelly, but that the whole of the named District had been taken possession of in the name of the Company — That this must have happened at least fifteen day previous to the receipt of the Instructions to which he must have consequently it could not at that late Period be necessary to direct him "to take possession" of that which according to his own report he was actually possessed of. That, it is evident therefore he has misinterpreted the meaning of the Board of Revenue, whose orders were clear and unambiguous, and gave him no authority to attack Pagodas or reduce Forts, but only expressed a satisfaction at his having quietly possessed himself of the whole of the Mamcut District, and a desire that he should proceed in his Collections without incurring too great a risk. That, this cautionary suggestion was intended to restrain him from any measure likely to incur hostile opposition, and that in a Letter written only six days after he was

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was informed by that Board, that his engaging in the manner he had represented was not only irregular in itself, but must — necessarily draw his attention from his duty as Collector in the Districts to which he had been Specially appointed — that — from hence, it is apparent, his proceedings could not have been regulated by any instructions from the Board of Revenue, — and therefore, the Censure already passed upon his Conduct has not been done away by the Explanation he has given. —

Agreed also to inform Mr. Wench, that in the Expectation he will profit by what has been written to him, the Board mean not to proceed to any act of Severity upon the present Occasion, and that they hope he will not by a — repetition of Similar Conduct, oblige them to have recourse to it hereafter. —

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam. —

To the Honorable Major General William Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor of herewith enclosing for your information, Copy of a Letter which we have received from Colonel Brathwaite on the Subject of the distrys of the Troops, owing to the Scarcity and high price of Grain, as also a Copy of an Order which he has issued on the Subject, We need not trouble Your Honor &c. a with a repetition of what we have already written, on the Subject of the Scarcity

From Masulipatam representing the Distrys of the Troops in that District owing to the Scarcity and high price of Grain — & Measures recommended for alleviating the Hardships they sustain and for promoting regular and more ample supply of the Bazaars in general.

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Scarcity that very where prevails in this District, and of the little prospect of relief which the growing Crop affords, on referring to the orders received from Government respecting the Supply of the Troops in times of Scarcity, we have found None later than the two Letters received from Mr. Secretary Sullivan dated 7th June and 23d. October 1776: and observe that when a Scarcity happened at Condapellee in the year 1779. the Chief and Council gave directions to the Storekeeper for Supplying the Troops with Grain at the rate mentioned in the above Letter. Our Answer to Colonel Brathwaite is founded on the Letters we have alluded to, and we enclose a Copy of that also for your information.

We understand that in some parts of the District, Bodies of People, impelled by the extremity of hunger, have plundered others whom they supposed to be possessed of any Grain, and it appears to us highly necessary, that in times of so general a calamity, such a Provision should be made for the Military as may keep them quiet and enable them to subsist on their Pay. Instructions have been sent to Mr. Taylor, the Storekeeper for the out Garrisons, conformable to what we have written Colonel Brathwaite; and for the present, we have thought it proper to limit the intended Provision, to such a quantity, as may be necessary for the Subsistance of the Troops, until the usual season of the Year for measuring the Crops, and settling with the Inhabitants, at which time, your Honor &c. may probably think proper to give directions to the Collectors for reserving so much of the Government share, as may be sufficient for the Subsistance of the Troops, until

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a more favorable Season; We understand by Representations we have received, that the Rajahmundry Circar, which used to be the most productive, is at present the most distressed part of this District; in consequence of which, we have desired the Storekeeper, to endeavour, if possible, to purchase Bengal Rice, for the Supply of the Troops Stationed at Rajahmundry and Samulcotah, in order that the distress of the Inhabitants may not be increased, by a demand upon the Country for Grain at this time. —

The Supply of this Market not being under our Controll, and much too precarious to be depended upon, we some time ago authorized the Garrison Storekeeper to issue out Grain to the Troops Stationed here, the amount of which will be stopped by the Paymaster Monthly. The quantity of Grain — received from the Havelly, having been considerably short of what is ordered to be kept in Store here, we were authorized by your letter of the 22d. June to make up the deficiency with Bengal Rice, which we shall endeavour to do, and are of opinion, that as the Supply from Bengal is expected to be but very small, and the demand for Grain very great, it might be of more benefit to the Community, if we were allowed a discretion to purchase Grain on the Company's account, and to dispose of it in small Quantities, in such manner that there may be no more loss upon the Sales, than if the Inhabitants in general were to be left to — purchase at second hand from Merchants who may be induced to take advantage of the Scarcity, and raise the Price above what it would be sold for at the

Company's

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Company's Stores.—

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

Masulipatam
20.th November 1791.

(Signed) "Anth.y Sadleir
"W.m A. Dobbyn.
Samuel Statham.

To Anthony Sadleir Esq.re
Chief &c.a Council
Masulipatam.

Sir & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9.th Instant informing me that you had conformed Your Conduct to the Zemindars for suppressing the Duties on Provisions, and had referred the cause of Addanky to the Collector.—

I am sorry to trouble you on the score of much discontent among the Troops here on account of the price of rice in the Bazar.—They represent that by standing orders when the rice excends a certain price in the Bazar, (which it now does) that they are intitled to be served with rice on account of the Company at twelve Seers to the Rupee, but here Mr. Tucker informs me the Company has no rice conrequently the Troops here cannot be served as in other places which is a great hardship on them,

and

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and of this they seem very sensible. I have published an order of which I have the honor to send you a Copy, and have assured the Officers Commanding Corps that I will endeavour to get some compensation made to their men for their loss in the mean time, I therefore trouble you with the peculiar hardship under which they labour, and request You will be pleased to authorize the Storekeeper to purchase rice and serve it out to the Troops at — twelve Madras measures to the Rupee. —

The Sergeants Major who have made the representation to their respective Officers on behalf of the Corps State that at the Presidency they are also allowed one measure in every Rupees worth for wastage or what they term rice ill cleared of the Husk. I am of Opinion it would frustrate every shadow of complaint on that head, were the Troops served with Paddy which I think could be attended with no inconvenience to them in this fixed situation, and would prevent all — possibility of fraud in them who beat out the rice. —

I have the honor to inform you that I — propose going this evening for a few days to Samul Divee. Captain Ogg my Brigade Major will have the immediate Command here during my absence, my Secretary will — remain here also, and Men are posted on the road for a speedy communication with me. —

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

Ellore
13th. November 1791.

A true Copy.
(Signed) A. Scott Secy.

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Cantont. Orders

Colonel Brathwaite thinks it necessary to inform the Troops here, that he has represented the price of Rice in the Bazar here, with the hope of obtaining an order that the Troops may be supplied at what is called the Company's price, there being no rice here belonging to the Company, it is not possible that any can be issued to the Troops on account of the Company, till an order is received enabling the Storekeeper to purchase rice for the Supply of the Troops.

Ellore
13th. November 1791.

A true Copy

Signed Wm. Ogg.
Major B.C. A.D.C.

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 13th. Instant and are very sensible that the Troops may suffer under the present scarcity, and enhanced price of Provisions and are willing to contribute so far as may be in our power, or so far as we are authorized

By reference we find that two Letter were received from Government dated in June

and October 1776, relative to the Supply of the Troops with Grain in time of scarcity. By the first of these letters, it is directed, that, whenever the price of rice shall exceed 9/10 Current Pagodas, the Madras Garce of 9256¼ ℔. it shall be served out to the Troops at that rate and the Company be at the expence of the difference; and by the last letter it is directed, that whenever Gunnaloo shall exceed Madras Pagodas 5.36.12 the Candy of 1685 ℔, it shall likewise be supplied to the Troops in those Garrisons where it is the usual food, at that rate. We do not know of any later order altering or annulling those we have alluded to, but if you should be in knowledge of any such having been issued, you will of course acquaint us.

Conformably to the above, we shall send — our directions to the Storekeeper Mr. Taylor, to consult with Mr. Tider as to the best means of laying in a Stock of Rice or Paddy at Ellore and Condapilly, sufficient for the subsistance of the Troops until the new Crop may be expected to come into use, and also to procure, if possible, a supply of Bengal Rice for the Troops stationed at Samulcotah and Rajahmundry. —

We think there may be reason to apprehend, that, if the Storekeeper were to attempt to purchase Rice, — Paddy, or Gunnaloo for the purpose of supplying the Troops it might add considerably to the Calamity which the native Inhabitants already experience, by increasing the prices which are already much too high for the poor: and we would rather prefer if possible the purchasing Bengal Rice or receiving Paddy from the Collectors at the time of Gunnabundy. at any rate it will be necessary for you to furnish Estimates

of

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of the Quantity that will be wanted for the supply of the Troops at the different Military Stations, on as moderate a calculation as possible.—

We shall in the mean time inform Govern=ment of what is proposed, that we may receive their orders before the Company be put to any considerable expence, as the prices of Grain mentioned in the orders we have referred to, particularly the price of Cummalee, will be found lower than the retail, or even Cummabundy Price in most parts of this District for several years past.—

Before we conclude this Letter, we must observe, that in our opinion the order you have published ought to have been deferred until the Sentiments of Government were known, for altho' we are satisfied that a proper attention always will be paid to the Troops so that a Soldier of every discription, may be enabled to subsist on his pay, yet we do not think that any thing ought to be held out to them unless probable, or that any reference should be made to them, until it be known whether Government may think proper to grant it, lest discontents should arise in case of a refusal, which might be carried to greater lengths if the Troops entertain an opinion, that they are likely to have the Com=manding Officer on their side.— We are &c. &c.

Masulipatam
8th November 1791

A true Copy
Signed A. Scott

Signed A. Sadleir

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be desired to give Directions to the different Collectors to reserve so much of the Government's Share of the ensuing Crop as may be sufficient for the Subsistence of the Troops until a more favorable Season, taking the Opinion of the Chief and Council in regard to the Quantity.

Agreed to inform the Chief and Council that the Board approve the directions which they have given to the Storekeeper for laying up a Stock of Rice or Paddy at Ellore and Condapillee, and for procuring, if possible, a Supply of Bengal Rice for the Troops Stationed at Samulcotah and Rajahmundry; which they will cause to be issued to the Soldier, at the rate of Seventy current Pagodas the Madras Parah.

As the Chief and Council are of opinion it would be beneficial to the Community, if they were allowed a discretion to purchase Grain on the Company's Account, and to dispose of it in small Quantities in such manner that there may be no Loss on the Sales, it is resolved to acquiesce in this measure; but as a Monopoly in any Shape may tend at this Juncture to discourage the Importation of Grain Every fair Incentive must be held out to the dealers to bring their Grain to market.

The Instructions with which the Chief and Council were lately furnished by the Board of Revenue for a Suspension of Duties upon all other necessaries of Life, as well as Grain, will be attended with the best Effects at this distressing period, and the Board will therefore be glad to hear that those Instructions have been carried into full Execution in all the Zemindaries dependent on Masulipatam.

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

To

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Fort S. George 25th November 1791.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts. Submitting a Claim preferred by Captain Evans of His majesty's 72d Regiment for the Rate of a Major during the absence on service of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Permit me to submit to your consideration the enclosed Letter from Captain Evans of His Majesty's 72d Regiment who claims the Full Rate of a Major as the Senior Commanding Officer of that Regiment; whilst Lieutenant Colonel Stewart the Senior Officer of the Corps in India Commanded the Southern Division the Garrison of Tanjore, or the Travancore Expedition. This is one of the many cases, which still remain a matter of opinion and not of established Regulation, whereas Captain Evans is the Senior Officer of the Regiment serving in India, he invariably receives the allowance of a Major, but when a Field Officer is present and occasionally removed to a Superior Command the Senior Captains as in the present case cannot claim it as a matter of right, but it has sometimes been granted as an Indulgence.

For these reasons I have uniformly objected to Captain Evans receiving it as Commandant of Vellore, Lieutenant Colonel Stewart being on the Coast and the Senior Officer of the Corps in India, and when Your Honorable Board are pleased to decide on this reference, give me leave to request, that You will at the same time determine, whether in all cases the Senior Captains shall be entitled to this Allowance or not. The Claim is no doubt

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founded on reasonable grounds, for an Officer, in that Situation, is subject to a considerable additional expence: being obliged to keep a sort of a public Table for the Officers of his own Corps, especially when the Officer actually Commanding the Corps in India, is not present in the Garrison.—

Fort St. George.
26th. November 1791.

I am with great respect.—
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) S. Capper.—
C. G.—

To Colonel Capper
Comptroller General &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In Consequence of the late Letter I had the Honor to receive from You, respecting the Refund outstanding against Captain Fraser of the 77th. Regiment, I again addressed him and have just now received his Answer, which I inclose.—

I beg you early Opinion thereon, and shall have much Pleasure in Communicating it, if it relieves Captain Fraser from the pressure of the very heavy demand that now stands against him, and I have great hopes, that, from his particular Situation in the Regiment, (as very fully explained in his Letter,) You will now think it proper to relinquish all Claims on him.—

Tanjore.
18th. November 1791

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) James Strange
Capt.
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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Stores &c. submitting a Claim preferred by Captain Fraser of His Majesty's 72d Regiment for the Batta of a Major during the absence on service of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Permit me to submit to your consideration the enclosed Letter from Captain Fraser of His Majesty's 72d Regiment, who claims the Full Batta of a Major as the Officer Commanding that Regiment: whilst Lieutenant Colonel Stuart the Senior Officer of the Corps in India Commanded the Southern Division, the Garrison of Tanjore, or the Shevaganga Expedition. This is one of the many cases, which still remain a matter of opinion and not established Regulation, when a Captain is the Senior Officer of the Regiment serving in India, he invariably receives the allowance of a major, but when a Field Officer is present and occasionally removed to a Superior Command the Senior Captain as in the present case cannot claim it as a matter of right, but it has sometimes been granted as an Indulgence.

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26.th November 1791.

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C.r G.e

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Comptroller General &c.a &c.a &c.a
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Tanjore.
18.th November 1791

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&c.a &c.a
I Signed James Strange
Cap.t

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James Strange Esqre.

Sir, Paymaster at Tanjore.—

I am favored with yours of the 7th. enclosing copy of a letter from the Comptroller General dated 5th. Instant as follows "In your Statement of refunds. I do not perceive that you have given the "Company Credit for the Sums over drawn by Captain Fraser for Batta, "I therefore request you will again apply to him for payment or I shall "be under the disagreeable necessity of reporting it to Government "and to the Commander in Chief."

You will be pleased to recollect that in April 1789 the Comptroller General first objected to my receiving Majors Batta by the following remark, "to explain the reason why "Captain Fraser drawn the full Batta of a Major for Command "Tellum, if he has the authority of Government for so doing, "the same to be produced, if not, the difference between Captains "Batta, and that of Major to be accounted for in December "1789."—

I immediately wrote the Comptroller General that I conceived it customary for Captains in Command of Corps and Garrisons to draw Major Batta, mentioned two instances of its having been allowed, and added that I had done the Regimental duty of Major in the absence of Major Mackenzie at home.— I waited three months without taking any Batta from you, and then putting the most favorable construction on the Comptroller General's silence I drew

Major

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Majors Batta as formerly. The next time I heard of any objection was by yours of the 25th. December 1789. with the following Extract of a Letter from Colonel Capper. -

"I expected to have heard from you long since "in explanation of the charge made by Captain Fraser of the 72d. "Regiment for the Batta of a Major being 124 Pagodas, which "he drew while Commanding at Vellum in July 88. Had "Captain Fraser been put in order to command the 72d. Regt. "and at the same time Commanded at the Head Quarters "of the Regiment he would have been entitled to Majors "Batta, but as Commanding a Detachment at Vellum he "cannot receive any more than Captains Batta". -

On the 4th. January 1790 I addressed you officially, explaining the reason of my drawing Majors Batta, and at the same time I wrote the Comptroller General with a Copy of the following order by Colonel Stuart on the 15th. of April preceding "all Reports, Returns &c. of the 72d. Regiment "to Government, the Commanding Officer on the Coast, the Officer "Commanding the Kings Troops, or the Officer Commanding the "Southern Division of the Army to be made by Captain Fraser "who is to Command the Regiment until further Orders. - Capt. "Rendoning to report and Return the four Companies at — "Tanjore and Captain Mackenzie the two Companies with "the Detachment Weekly to Captain Fraser" —

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As you informed me that you had on receipt enclosed my letter of the 4th January to Colonel Capper with a request that he would write you in course to prevent further mistakes in the payment of my Batta I delayed making any demand till the latter end of March, that I applied to you for full Batta for December 1789 January and February 1790 which you immediately paid observing at the same time that if the Comptroller General had not been satisfied with my explanations or had any objection to my receiving Majors Batta he would have informed yours of the 4th January agreeably to your request and would have written to desire you would pay me the Batta of Captain only - I - afterwards so late as the end of may received from you Majors Batta for the month of March and if I could have known that I was better entitled to it, as Commanding the Regiment on the Field, than as Commanding at Vellore I should certainly not have taken my Batta from you while in command not only of the 72d Regiment but of all the European Infantry with Colonel Stuarts Detachment in the Shevagunga Country, nor for the months of September and October 1789 and January. February and March 1790 that I commanded the Regiment encamped on Trichinopoly Plain. It is to be observed that by the Comptroller Generals letter to you in December 1789 I had an undoubted right to Majors Batta from the time of Colonel Stuarts commanding the

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the Southern Division of the Army as I commanded the Regiment as well as the Garrison of Vellum — besides the instances mentioned in my former letter I could name several more. Captain Dalzym-ple 71st. Regiment had Majors Batta, while he Commanded at Tripassore, as had Captain Shaw of 6th. Regiment while he — Commanded at Ponnamallee last year, and Myself had — formerly been allowed it. I have received Majors Batta from our first taking the Field as has the senior Captain of every Kings Regiment in Camp — if some time hence we should be called upon to produce the Authority of Government we can — produce none, nor can we give any other explanation than that we supposed it customary and proper from its having been regularly paid for 20 Months, and that we had known — instances of its having been allowed to Captains in Command —

I trust however that we will not be called upon to refund any Pay or allowance authorized by Lord Cornwallis, General Medows or Sir Archibald Campbell and I hope that the Comptroller General will be satisfied with my explanation —

Camp near Bangalore. 29th. October 1791.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) H. Fraser
Capt. 72d. Regiment —

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Agreed to inform Colonel Capper that as he had apprized the Paymaster at Tanjore on the 25th. December 1789, that Captain Fraser could only receive the Batta of a — Captain, and that as notwithstanding that explicit declaration the Paymaster in the month of march following paid Captain Fraser three months Majors full Batta, the Board must hold him

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Sum / the Paymaster / responsible for the whole Amount of the Sum overdrawn. —

Captain Frazer having, stated in his letter to Mr. Strange that Captains Dalrymple and Shaw, draw a Majors Batta, the former as Commanding Tripasore, and the latter Pondamallee, Colonel Capper must state upon what principle and by whose authority such allowance was granted. —

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob / entered above C.C. P. 2624 /

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Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Walla jah Bahauder

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

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25th. November 1791

Received 26th. Do.

From the Nabob representing that his pecuniary Embarrassments have — a manifestated him to repeat his Application for Bills on the Collector at Tinnevelly for 20000 Pagodas payable in the Month of February. —

I have received your Letter of the 19th of this month in which you repeat the substance of your Letters whereby I applied for Bills on one of your collectors of my Revenues for 40000 Pagodas and you inform me that after the Bills for 40000 Pagodas on Mr. Floyer and for 10000 Pagodas on Mr. Innes are paid I shall have received nearly the whole amount of my fifth till the first of April, upon a Calculation of the expected collections till that time, and that a Balance of 5000 Pd. will be then due to me supposing there is no failure in the Revenue.

You tell me that it is totally out of your power to comply with my present request for Bills on the Tinnevelly Collector for 20,000 Pagodas to be paid in February but that as I had reason to expect a draft would have been given

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given to that amount, before the Bill for 10.000 Pagodas in favour of Mr. Dighton was granted, you will if Convenient, make another draft for 10,000 Pagodas in favor of the same person as before and — you apprise me that it is the last sum I can receive, before the — Month of April next when you hope the Collectors will put the Company in Cash to make further advances on account of my 5th all this I understand, and am much astonished at the Contents of your Letter. —

The bills you granted me for 20,000 Pagodas are not payable till the end of march, and Consequently their amount will be in the Collectors hands till that time which from my friends own Statement, must be an advantage, but can be no loss to the Company, for if my 5th was to be paid to me regularly as it is collected, the Company would be deprived of the use of Considerable Sums of my proportion of the Revenue, which are frequently detained for several months in the hands of your Collectors or remitted by them for other purposes to the — Presidency or for the payment of the Troops &c. my friend writes as if it was a great favour to grant me those bills — many favors have passed between me and the Company and I am always — ready to acknowledge the Kindness of my friends — if the amount of my 5th falling due between this and the beginning April was to be advanced to me at this time from the Company's Treasury in that case there would be a favor conferred upon me, but as my friend only gives me bills for a sum that will be — nearly due to me at the time, I do not see that there is — any great favor in this — whether there will be a Balance due.

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due to me of 5000 Pagodas or by me to my Friends the Company the 1.st of april, I really have not time or is it of much Consequence I did not expect that my Friends would have had so little pity as to refuse to advance me a few thousand Pagodas after having expended so many Crors in the Service of the Company, and when they are now in the actual possession of my whole Country, the Revenues of which are appropriated to the payment of their Armies — It gives me pleasure to shew my regard to the King of England to my old Friends the Company and to my very honorable Friend Lord Cornwallis & Bahaudur on whose Support and protection I rely. —

And I cannot believe that it is the wish of any of them that I should now be reduced to difficulties to dy. the daily necessary expences of my numerous family — my friend cannot have forgot that when I applied for the bills on M.r Royer for 10.000 and on M.r Torin for 10.000 Pagodas in favor of M.r Dighton I expressly said that it was not my intention that those Drafts should deprive me of the right to my former application for a monthly Credit on Tinnevelly which I reserved for my own and my family expences and my friend must also remember that I was told I could only have credit on Tinnevelly for 2000 Pagodas in February which surely was giving me reason to expect to receive the Sum for which I now apply — I therefore hope my Friend will again consider this Subject and not return me an answer to my request, which is ill suited to the long connection between me and the English nation I have at this time very great occasion for credit to the Amount

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amount of 20.000 Pagodas on the Southern Districts of my Country, and therefore I desire that Bills may be given on your Collectors to that amount and payable in all the Month of February to the same person Vencatah Soubah as before and whatever this — may exceed the fifth share of my Revenues, shall be carried to the Credit of my Friend in the ensuing Months of April — and May, when I hope a more considerable Sum will fall due to me, Even if I had no claim upon my Revenues, I expect that the Company would not refuse me such a small request — P.s As Tore can only pay 10,000 Pagodas I desire that Bills for the other 10,000 may be given on the Collectors of Madura or Trichinopoly. —

What can I say more.

A true translation

/ Signd/ David Haliburton

P.s Sec.y

Resolved that the following answer be returned to his Highness's Letter. —/entered also in C C. N.o 263./

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

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To the Nabob in reply to his Highness last — a application for Bills on the Collector at Tinnevelly for 20,000 Pagodas payable in February next. —

May it please your Highness.

I have been honored with your Highness's — a Letter of the 25.th Instant. —

Your Highness will I trust do me the Justice to believe that I feel the utmost concern whenever I am reduced to the necessity of withholding my Assent to any measure — a which your Highness may wish to be gratified in — The

Pains —

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Pains Shall be taken to convince your Highness of the disagreeable alternative to which you would be exposed by an anticipation of your fifth of the Company's Collections of the Revenues of the Carnatic must evince the Sincerity of my desire to prevent your Highness from experiencing that pecuniary Embarrassment which appeared to me to be the inevitable Consequence of such an anticipation. It was under this consideration, that I informed Your Highness in my last letter, that it was totally out of my Power to comply with your Requests for Dillon Kunnilly for 20,000 Pagodas to be paid in February, and I am now impelled by the same Consideration, to recur to that Declaration. If however your Highness will be pleased to give me an Assurance that You will not come forward with any further demand until the Month of April next, I will go so far towards meeting your wishes, as to recommend to the Board a Compliance with your Highness's present Requests.

I have the Honor to be,

May it please your Highness

&c. &c.

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

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General — Relative one of those Northern Subsidies to the Amount of 10000 Rupees to be drawn in favor of Syed Mahomed's and deducted from the annual Peishcush paid to the Nizam for the Circars —

Mir Aulum, Vakeel on the part of his Highness the Nizam and residing in that Capacity in Camp, has made application to Lord Cornwallis for a Bill for ten thousand

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thousand Rupees to be drawn on the Company's Treasury at Nurnal — or Sicacole or Rajahmundry, which ever place may be most convenient the amount to be carried to the Credit of the Company in the Account of the Peishcush paid annually to the Nizam for the Circars.

His Lordship is sensible of the Inconveniance that attends a Compliance with this request as the Presidency of Fort William have made Engagements for the payment of the Peshcush at Hydrabad, but from a wish to oblige Meer Aulum, as far as possible, he has directed me to communicate it to you, for the Information of the Board, and to desire that they will be pleased to grant the Bill on the Treasury at Sicacole, or on that at — or Rajamundry as may be most convenient, and to notify the Circumstance to the Governor General in Council at Fort William, and to the Resident at Hydrabad, that he may deduct the — Amount from the Engagements which the Shroffs have entered into for the payment of the Peshcush by Instalments thereon —

As the Person in whose favor the Bills are requested to be drawn is now in Camp, and will go from thence to the Northern Sirkars Meer Aulum hopes that the Bills may be sent to Camp to be delivered here The Persons Name is Syed Mahomed commonly called Meer Gholaumy, and Meer Aulum wishes that the Bills should be made payable to him in the following Order viz.t —

At Sight	2500 — —
Fifteen days after Ditto	2,500 — —
Thirty days — — D.o	2,500 — —
Forty five days — D.o	2,500 — —
Rupees	10,000 — —

Camp
22.d November 1791

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
Signed J. F. Cherry
Persian Interpreter to the Gov.t &c. Com.n in Chief

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Billion the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam be granted in favor of Syd Mahomed in the order mentioned in W. Cherry's Letter, and that the necessary information be given to the Supreme Council and to the Resident at Hydrabad. —

Read the following Letters from the Reverend W. Swartz. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c.

Honble Sir, & Sirs

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz further Disputes between the Rajah and the Widows of the late Tatja Mahaney — represents the oppressive Conduct of Shevaroo towards a pensioned Bramin who have been called upon to give his opinion upon some points relating the Shaster

I beg leave to lay before the Honorable Board a short account of a new dispute between His Excellency and the Widows of the late Rajah. —

The eldest Widow of the late Rajah has adopted her deceased Sister's daughter and at last married her to a decent man. —

This young Woman became a Widow 20 days ago. The lady who had brought up this young Widow sent a message to His Excellency intreating him to permit the young Widow to visit her, that she might see and comfort her. —

His Excellency refused the request, saying that within 3 months she should not enter the Gates of the Palace —

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All the Ladies sent me a message begging to wait on His Excellency, and to persuade him to permit the

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the young Woman to see her Mother. Accordingly I intreated his Excellency to indulge the mother in her request. His Excellency replied that it could not be done because it was against the Hindoo Shaster — But, He added, that if any man well versed in the Shaster could prove it lawful, he would pay attention to it. Shiverow wrote me a letter desiring me to Consult Bramins — Not — to doubting their Sincerity, I consulted Several Bramins — all declared that His Excellency was mistaken. —

Being permitted by His Excellency to let some Bramins come and prove their opinion I requested of Mr. Ram to permit the Bramins, who are employed to decide Law Suits, to attend me to the palace. —

One, who is deemed the most Skilful in the Shaster proved before his Excellency that it was allowable for the young Widow to see her mother. —

But I was miserably mistaken His Excellency and Shiverow did not wish to be convinced. —

Finding no arguments to refute the Bramany who firmly stood his Ground, Shivarow began to revile and threaten him, saying that he was an Old Pensioner, his Pension of 40 Fenams pr month should be Struck off. —

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These Orderings When I laid before His Excellency, the Contents of the Honorable Boards letter the very next day, he turned out the Canacopolies out of the place where they usually had written their Accounts.—

Tanjore.
22d. November 1791.

I have the honor to be respectfully,
Honble Sir, & Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed C. F. Swartz

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

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

The inclosed account has been given to me by some Inhabitants of Mayaveram and Combiconam for the Sums which they have advanced to His Excellency they have His Excellency's bonds.

His Excellency declares His Willingness to pay the Capital, but the Interest he thinks should be paid from the whole Income.

Mr. Ram thinks that the Company has nothing to do with the Payment of the Interest, as the Sum was not advanced for the Cultivation of the Country but for private household expences.

The Inhabitants declare that they borrowed that money which they advanced to His Excellency from Merchants, and were obliged to pay Interest on it.

From the Revenue W. Board enclosing an Account of Money advanced the Raja by the Inhabitants of Mayaveram previous to the Assumption.

J.

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I have been doubtful whether it was proper to lay that business before the Honorable Board the Inhabitants sent a Petition to the Collector, but he declared that it did not concern him.—

At last I thought it best to address the Honorable Board on that Subject, that I might know what answer I should give to the Inhabitants.—

I must beg leave to add one observation viz that the Money was borrowed by His Excellency, before the Honorable Company took possession of the Country. This Arguments the Inhabitants very frequently, saying that when they advanced the Money, they could not know that in 3 Months time the Management of the Country should be taken from His Excellency and therefore they humbly hoped that the Honorable Board would interest themselves in their favour.—

I have the honor to be respectfully

Tanjore.
23d November 1791.

Honble Sir, & Sirs,

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed C. F. Swartz.

Money

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Money advanced to his Excellency by the Inhabitants of Mayavaram, which they have as they say borrowed from Sundry Merchants.

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Padakkam Peratam		4574	5	
Interest at 12 ℘ C		454	3½	5028 7½
Padakkam Villagam		4000	"	
Interest		99	3	
				1099 3
Padakkam Vallady		1500	"	
Interest		149	"	
				1649 "
Padakkam Tirivindur		1743	"	
Interest		173	6⅜	
				1916 6⅜
Padakkam Mayaburom		500	"	
Interest		49	6½	
				549 6½
4 Padakkam in Combiconam		7550	"	
Interest		700	"	
				8250 "
				Chuckrums 18498 4½

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Revenue Dr. Swartz.

Agreed to desire Dr. Swartz to convey to Shevarow the Board's great Displeasure at his Behaviour in threatening to send the Bramin, who had been called upon by the Rajah, to prison, for giving such opinion, and particularly in stopping the Payment of a Pension which had been settled upon him by the Bounty of the Rajah and to inform him also that such Conduct cannot fail to impress the Board with a Belief that he Shevarow has had a considerable Share in fomenting those disquietudes which have so long prevailed in the Palace, and which have occasioned so much animosity between his Excellency and the Family of the late Rajah.

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Fort St. George 29th. November 1791

With respect to the Money advanced to the Rajah by the Inhabitants of Mayaveram, for his Household Expences previous to the Assumption of the Tanjore Country, the Board cannot think of saddling it upon the Company — They will not however object, if it be agreable to his Excellency, to deduct it from his Settlement and to direct the Collectors to take up the Bonds accordingly —

Read the following Letter from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir.

We have the Honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Commandant at Tiagar, respecting the Damages which the Works of the Lower Fort has sustained by the late heavy Rains upon which we request to be favored with your Commands, remarking at the same time, that the very general terms in which Captain Flint has expressed himself, enable us only to recommend that an Engineer be ordered to Tiagar for the purpose of making a particular Report of the State of the Works and of what may be indispensibly necessary to be repaired. —

From the Military Board reporting the Damages which the Lower Fort of Tiagar has sustained by the late heavy Rains recommending that the Bills of the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam be Discharged. —

The Contractor for Bricks and Chunam has presented to us his Bills for materials delivered by him in the Months of July, August, and September last amounting to Pagodas 346 36 57 which we recommend may be discharged as the Bills have undergone the usual Forms of Examination. —

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

Fort St. George
25th. November 1791.

Signed
Thomas Musgrave,
James Capper
George Maude
R. Tuttle
George Hall

The

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Fort St. George 29th November 1793.

The President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to represent to you, that by the late Rain the Lower Fort and Pettah Walls have breaches in all parts tho' the former has been lately rebuilt and every Attention paid to prevent Water lodging so as to injure their Works. The Officers Quarters are in a shocking State, in no part water proof, and in great danger of falling. Their being no Tenting Ston. I should be glad to know, if none Tents will be allowed to enable them to cover themselves. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Signed Wm. Flint

Capt. Comm.r

Trichy
6th November 1793.

A true Copy

Signed Dan.l Ince

Secy. to Bd.

Agreed that Captain Flint be desired to transmit an Estimate of the Expence that in his opinion will attend the Repair of the Fortifications and officers Quarters at Trichy, stating at the same Time whether he can undertake the Superintendence of such repairs as may be deemed indispensibly necessary. —

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board. —

Agreed that the Bills presented to the Military

Do Board by the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam, amounting to Pagodas 346-36-57 be discharged. —

Read the following Letter from the Storekeeper. —

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Hon.ble Sir

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

I take the liberty to lay before you my account Current with the Honorable Company for last month, and request you will be pleased to direct the Balance of Pagodas 4255-23-34 to be paid me. —

From the Military Storekeeper inclosing his account Current with the Company for the Month of October. —

Fort St. George.
28th. November 1793.

I have the honor to be with great Respect.

&c. &c. &c.

Signed Sol.n Pe. Porcher

6037. Fort St. George 29th November 1791.

Ordered that the Sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty five Pagodas, twenty three Fanams, and thirty four Cash — /4255-23-34 — be advanced to the Military Storekeeper on account of his Employ —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore —

To W. H. C. Jackson.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Paymaster at Vellore requesting that Government will call upon Major Tonyn for the amount due from him to the Company —

Inclose Copy of a Correspondence which has passed between me and Major Tonyn, which I beg you will lay before the President in Council, and Communicate my request that — Major Tonyn may be called on by Government to pay the Sum which is due from him, being 400 Pagodas

Mr. Colt's Letter to me of the 19th March 1791 is a Sufficient Certificate that no more than three hundred Pagodas has been received, of the Seven hundred advanced on the Major's Account, at Vellore. —

I am very much concerned to be obliged to trouble Government on the Subject, but as I have now waited upwards of 5 Months since the Majors only Letter of the 2d. June came to hand, and as he has had I conceive time and opportunity of conversing with the Officers on the Subject who have commanded the Regiment since he left it. I feel it my Duty to do so. —

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servt
Signed W. H. Torriano
Pay.r

Vellore.
24th. November 1791.

To Oliver Colt Esqre
Paymaster to the Army. —

Sir,

Cornet Kippen who has charge of part of the 1st. Regiment of Native Cavalry, has been advanced at Vellore the Sum of — Seven hundred Pagodas. for which the Major of that Regiment is

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Fort St. George 29th November 1791.

The President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to represent to you, that by the late Rains the Town Fort and Pettah Walls have breaches in all parts the the former has been lately rebuilt and every Attention paid to prevent water lodging so as to injure their Works The Officers Quarters are much shaking State, in most part water proof, and in great danger of falling Thro' being no Tenting Ston. I should be glad to know if have Tents will be allowed to enable them to cover themselves. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed Wm. Flint

Capt. Comm.t

Tagar

6th November 1791.

A true Copy

Signed Dan.l Pace

Sec.y to Bd

Agreed that Captain Flint be desired to transmit an Estimate of the Expence that in his opinion will attend the Repair of the Fortifications and Officers Quarters at Tagar, stating at the same Time whether he can undertake the Superintendence of such Repairs as may be deemed indispensibly necessary. —

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board. —

Agreed that the Bills presented to the Military Board by the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam, amounting to Pagodas 346-36-57 be discharged. —

Do

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper. —

To The Honorable Major General Medows

Hon.ble Sir

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Storekeeper returning his account Current with the Company for the Month of October —

Fort St. George.

28th. November 1791.

I take the liberty to lay before you my account Current with the Honorable Company for Entermonth, and my will you will be pleased to direct the Balance of Pagodas 4255-23-36 to be paid me. —

I have the honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c. &c.

Signed

6037.

Fort St. George 29th November 1791.

Ordered that the Sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty five Pagodas, twenty three Fanams, and thirty four Cash — viz.t /4,255-23-34 — be advanced to the Military Storekeeper on account of his Employ —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore —

To. W.m H. C. Jackson.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I enclose Copy of a Correspondence which has passed between me and Major Tonyn, which I beg you will lay before the President in Council, and Communicate my request that — Major Tonyn may be called on by Government to pay the Sum which is due from him, being 400 Pagodas

From the Paymaster at Vellore requesting that Government will call upon Major Tonyn for the Amount due from him to the Company —

W.m Colt's Letter to me of the 19th March 1791 is a Sufficient Certificate that no more than three hundred Pagodas has been received, of the Seven hundred advanced on the Majors Account, at Vellore —

I am very much concerned to be obliged to trouble Government on the Subject, but as I have now waited upwards of 5 Months since the Majors only Letter of the 6. June came to hand, and as he has had I conceive time and opportunity of conversing with the Officers on the Subject who have commanded the Regiment since he left it, I feel it my Duty to do so. —

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servt
Signed W.m H. Torriano
Payr

Vellore.
24th. November 1791.

To Oliver Colt Esqre

Paymaster to the Army. —

Sir,

Cornet Kipper who has charge of part of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry, has been advanced at Vellore the Sum of — Seven hundred Pagodas. for which the Major of that Regiment is

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Fort S.t George 29.th November 1791.

these brickerings — When I laid before His Excellency, the — Contents of the Honorable Boards letter the very next day he turned out the Canacopolies out of the place where they usually had written their accounts. —

Tanjore.

22.d November 1791.

I have the honor to be respectfully,

Honble Sir, & Sirs,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed C. F. Swartz

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c.a

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

The inclosed account has been given to me by some Inhabitants of Mayaveram and Combaconam

From the Reverend C. Swartz enclosing an Account of money advanced the — Rajah by the Inhabitants of Mayaveram previous to the Usurpation. —

For the Sums which they have advanced to His Excellency they have His Excellency bonds. —

His Excellency declares His Willingness to pay the Capital, but the Interest he thinks should be paid from the whole Income. —

Mr. Ram thinks that the Company has nothing to do with the Payment of the Interest, as the Sum was not advanced for the Cultivation of the Country but for private household expences. —

The Inhabitants declare that they borrowed that money, which they advanced to His Excellency from Merchants, and were obliged to pay Interest on it,

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Fort St. George 29th. November 1791

I have been doubtful whether it was proper to lay that business before the Honorable Board. The Inhabitants sent a Petition to the Collector, but he declared that it did not concern him.—

At last I thought it best to address the Honorable Board on that Subject, that I might know what answer I should give to the Inhabitants.—

I must beg leave to add one observation viz that the Money was borrowed by His Excellency, before the Honorable Company took possession of the Country. This Argument the Inhabitants use very frequently, saying that when they advanced the Money, they could not know that in 3 Months time the Management of the Country should be taken from His Excellency, and therefore they humbly hoped that the Honorable Board would interest themselves in their favour.—

I have the honor to be respectfully

Honble Sir. & Sirs,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed C. F. Swartz.

Tanjore.
29th. November 1791.

Money

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Fort St. George 29th November 1793

Money advanced to his Excellency by the Inhabitants of Nayavaram, which they have as they say borrowed from Several Merchants

		Ch.	Pr		
Padakkam Peratam		4574	5		
Interest at 12 ½ C		454	3¾	5028	8¾
Padakkam Villagam		1000	"		
Interest		99	3		
				1099	3
Padakkam Vallady		1500	"		
Interest		149	"	1649	"
Padakkam Trivendur		1743	"		
Interest		173	6⅜	1916	6⅜
Padakkam Mayaveram		500	"		
Interest		49	6½	549	6½
4 Padakkam in Combiconam		7500	"		
Interest		750	"		
				8250	"
				Chuckrums 18498	4½

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

Agreed to desire Mr. Swartz to convey to Shevarow the Board's great Displeasure at his Behaviour in threatening to send the Bramin, who had been called upon by the Rajah, to prison, for giving such opinion, and particularly in stopping the Payment of a Pension which had been settled upon him by the Bounty of the Rajah and to inform him also that such Conduct cannot fail to impress the Board with a Belief that he Shevarow has had a considerable Share in fomenting those disquietudes which have so long prevailed in the Palace, and which have occasioned so much animosity between his Excellency and the Rajah.

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Fort S.t George 29.th November 1791

With respect to the Money advanced to the Rajah by the Inhabitants of Mayaveram, for his Household Expences previous to the Assumption of the Tanjore Country, the Board Cannot think of saddling it upon the Company — They will not however object, if it be agreeable to his Excellency, to deduct it from his Settlement and to direct the Collectors to take up the Bonds Accordingly. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President in Council

Sir.

We have the honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Commandant at Tiagar, respecting the Damages which the Works of the Lower Fort has sustained by the late heavy Rains upon which we request to be favored with your Commands, remarking at the same time, that the very general terms in which Captain Flint has expressed himself, enable us only to recommend that an Engineer be ordered to Tiagar for the purpose of making a particular Report of the State of the Works and of what may be indispensibly necessary to be repaired. —

From the Military Board — reporting the Damages which the Lower Fort of Tiagar has sustained by the late heavy Rains — recommending that the Bills of the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam be Discharged. —

The Contractor for Bricks and Chunam has presented to us his Bills for materials delivered by him in the Months of July, August, and September last Amounting to Pagodas 346.36.57 which we recommend may be discharged as the Bills have undergone the usual forms of Examination. —

We have the Honor to be,
&c.a &c.a &c.a
Thomas Musgrave,
James Capper.
George Maude.
R. Tutt.
George Hall.

Signed

Fort S.t George.
25.th November 1791.

The

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Fort St. George 29th. November 1791.

The President &c.a &c.a Members of the
Military Board.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to represent to you, that by the late Rain the Lower Fort and Pettah Walls have breaches in all parts tho' the former has been lately rebuilt and every attention paid to prevent water lodging so as to injure these Works. The Officers Quarters are in a Shocking State, in no part water proof, and in great danger of falling. There being no Teak in Store I should be glad to know if house Rent will be allowed to enable them to cover themselves.—

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
Signed Wm. Flint
Capt. Comdg.

Tiagar
16. November 1791.

A true Copy
Signed Danl. Puce
Sent. 4 Ng. Bs.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.—

Agreed that Captain Flint be desired to transmit an Estimate of the Expence that in his opinion will attend the Repair of the Fortifications and Officers Quarters at Tiagar, stating at the same Time whether he can undertake the Superintendence of such repairs as may be deemed indispensibly necessary.—

Agreed that the Bills presented to the Military Board by the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam, amounting to Pagodas 346-36-57 be discharged.—

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Storekeeper.—

Read the following Letter from the Military

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

Hble Sir,

From the Military Storekeeper inclosing his Account Current with the Company for the Month of October.—

Fort St. George.
28th. November 1791.

I take the liberty to lay before you my account Current with the Honorable Company for last month, and request you will be pleased to direct the Balance of Pagodas 4255-23-34 to be paid me.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect
&c.a &c.a &c.a
Signed Jas. Dw. Pe. Porcher
M.y Storekeeper

6037. Fort St. George 29th November 1791.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty five Pagodas, twenty three Fanams, and thirty four Cash — /4,255-23-34/ be advanced to the Military Storekeeper on account of his Employ. —

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore. —

To W. H. C. Jackson.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Paymaster at Vellore requesting that Government will call upon Major Tonyn for the Amount due from him to the Company. —

I Inclose Copy of a Correspondence which has passed between me and Major Tonyn, which I beg you will lay before the President in Council, and Communicate my request that Major Tonyn may be called on by Government to pay the Sum which is due from him, being 400 Pagodas

W. Colts Letter to me of the 19th March 1791 is a Sufficient Certificate that no more than three hundred Pagodas has been received, of the Seven hundred advanced on the Majors Account, at Vellore. —

I am very much concerned to be obliged to trouble Government on the Subject, but as I have now waited upwards of 5 Months since the Majors only Letter of the 5th June came to hand, and as he has had I conceive time and opportunity of conversing with the Officers on the Subject who have commanded the Regiment since he left it, I feel it my Duty to do so. —

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed W. H. Torriano
Pay.r

Vellore.
24th November 1791.

To Oliver Coll Esq.re
Paymaster to the Army. —

Sir,

I Cornet Kippen who has charge of part of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry, has been advanced at Vellore the Sum of — Seven hundred Pagodas. for which the Major of that Regiment is

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Fort St. George 29th November 1791

Sir

I am to account with you.—

October 1790	200—
November	200
December	200
January 1791	100

Vellore
25th February 1791.

Sir

Your most obedient Servant
Signed Wm H. Torriano
Paymaster

William Harcourt Torriano
Paymaster to Vellore.

Sir.

Herewith I send you a List of Casualties in the Family Rolls of the different Battalions since the date of my last I have received your Letter of the 25th Ultimo Containing a List of Sums advanced Cornet Kippen for the use of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry and desiring me to make the Commandant of that Corps responsible for them — This cannot do for the Accounts of the Regiment in which the advances were made have long been settled and the Commandants are changed. In this situation you have only to apply to Major Toogn who cannot well refuse to pay money that has been advanced on his Account —

The first Sum of 200 Pagodas advanced in October I have stopped, which the early intimation you gave me of having paid the Money, enabled me to do. the last Sum of 100 Pagodas advanced in January I shall receive from Captain Orr who Commanded and received the Allowance for the Regiment for that month. But the other two Sums must be accounted for by Major Toogn and I think the Sooner you apply to him the better — Yours &c &c

Signed A. Colt
Pay.

Camp at Bangalore
4th March 1791.

6039. Fort St. George 29th November 1791.

To Major Tonyn

Sir,

By desire of W.m Wynch when Paymaster to the Centre army and W.m Kippen in charge of some Horses of your Regiment I advanced on your account at different times to the Amount of — Pagodas 700. for which I have W.m Kippens Receipts — They specify that you will be answerable for the same to the Paymaster at Camp — I have therefore sent the Statement of what had been advanced to W.m Colt and have received a Letter from him on the — Subject of which the enclosed is a Copy, you will thereby perceive he can only settle for 200 Pagodas owing to your Absence from the Command of the Regiment and therefore Pagodas 500 remains for You to repay me, and I have accordingly drawn on You, for — that Sum. in favor of Chinnoo Chitty Merchant —

Vellore
5th April 1791

Sam.l Z.a J.a

Signed W.m Hy Torriano

Statement of Advances made to W.m Kippen on Account of

Major Tonyn —

October 1790	200 — "
November	200 " — "
December	200 " — "
January 1791	100 " — "
Pagodas	700 — " "

To Cornet Kippen.

Camp.

Sir,

By the 700 Pagodas advanced you here and for which Major Tonyn was made answerable by your Receipts only 300 Pagodas has been stopt by the Paymaster to the Army, and as the Com = = manders of that Regiment of Cavalry are now changed, I — have

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Fort St. George 29th November 1791.

Have been obliged to write to Major Tonyn to refund 200 Pagodas and have drawn on him for it. The Major has not thought proper to answer my Letter nor to honor my Draft. I must therefore request of you to write to him requesting he will settle the Account, otherwise you may be called on to pay it a Circumstance which I hope he will not reduce you to. the whole State of the case I have represented to him.

Vellore.
20th April 1791.

Sam
Y. Y.
Signed Wm H. Torriano

Mr. Colt informs me that the one Hundred advanced in January Captain Orr will pay, and that Major Tonyn has only Accounted for the 200 advanced in October and has to be answerable for 400 remaining.

To Major Tonyn.

Sir,

I had the Honor to address you on the 5th ultimo acquainting you that I had drawn on you for the Sum of 400 Pagodas in favor of Chinnoo Chitty, and my reasons for it as you did not pay him he returned my Draft. Cornet Kippen tells me he has informed you of the particulars of the Claim and Hope You have no Objection to honor a Draft I have this day noticed to my agents for the like Sum.

Vellore.
5th May 1791.

Sam Ye Ye
Signed Wm H. Torrians.

To Major Tonyn

Sir, I am extremely sorry to find that you have not thought proper to answer any of the Letters I have wrote you respecting the advances made to Cornet Kippen on your account. Nor that my Draft on you in favor of Messrs Chase and Lamy & Co. has been paid. I shall wait till the end

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Fort St. George 29th. November 1791.

end of this Week in hope you will be good enough to pay the Draft — But after that time it will become incumbent on me to address Government on the Subject — if it is not Paid —

Vellore
2d June 1791

Sam. &c. &c.
I Signed W. H. Torriano

To William H. Torriano Esqre
Paymaster —

Sir,

I duly received your Letter of the 2d. Instant, and likewise the former you mention to have written, which I should have answerd before if I could have done it in a more satisfactory way than I can even at present, as I have not yet received any of the Regimental Accounts from the time I left the Corps until my Contract expired, which was on the 1st. February last: but by what I can understand from one of my Servants it should seem that some money had been Stopped by the Paymaster of the Army for your Account so late as the month of December last, from which it appears to me possible that there may be some Error in the Entries that will not be easy to ascertain, till I can get the Accounts from the Officer who Commanded the Regiment, and therefore under the present circumstance of Affairs sufficient time must be allowed for adjusting the matter, in the mean while I should be obliged to you for Copies of Mr. Kippens receipts, and you may be assured that every engagement I enter into shall always be most scrupulously performed. —

Madras
5th June 1791

Sam. &c. &c.
I Signed T. Col. Tonyn

To Major Tonyn.

Sir,

I am honored with your Letter of the 5th Instant and have now the pleasure to enclose you Copies of the Receipts given by Mr. Kippen — I am sorry there has been any difficulty in

settling

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Fort St. George 29th November 1790.

Vellore
11th June 1791

Settling the Accounts.

Sam Jno & Js.

Signed W. H. Torriano.

Received from W. H. Torriano Esqre on account of the Honorable Companys 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry and for which the Commandant Major J. C. Tonyn has agreed to be accountable to Alexr Colt Esqre Paymaster the Sum of Two hundred Star Pagodas.

Signed George Kepphen
Comdt Comp. 1st Batt. 1st N.C.

Vellore
30th November 1790

Received from W. H. Torriano Esqre on account of the Honorable Companys 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry and for which the Commandant Major J. C. Tonyn has agreed to be accountable to Alexr Colt Esqre Paymaster the Sum of Two hundred Star Pagodas.

Signed George Kepphen
Comdt Comp. 1st Batt. 1st N.C.

Vellore
1st December 1790

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore

Agreed that Major Tonyn be called upon for the amount advanced in his account by the Paymaster at Vellore, and informed, that in default thereof anon before the 10th of next month the Board will commence a Suit against him in the Mayors Court at Madras.

Application to be made to Major Tonyn for the immediate delivery of the Horses now in his possession belonging to the Company.

Agreed also to take the same occasion to express to Major Tonyn the Surprize of the Board at his not having replied to the Letter written to him by their order so long ago as the 6th of may last, on the subject of those Horses belonging to the Company detained by him, and to apprize him of their Intention, if the Horses be not immediately delivered up to the Town Major, to sue him for the value of them.

Chas Oakeley
Wm Petrie
Huddlestons

J Gibbs Esq.

Fort St. George 30th November 1791.

Diary

30. Received the following Letters.—

Hospital Board

30th November 1791

From the Hospital Board recommending that Mr. Munro Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the 15th Battalion Native Infantry, (vice Pollard)

The Hospital Board having received an application from Mr. James Munro Assistant Surgeon to be appointed to the 15th Battalion Native Infantry, they have the Honor of recommending to Government his being appointed, as that Battalion is on Service and has no Assistant Surgeon attached to it, Mr. Pollard the former Assistant being ordered to Europe in April last

Approved.—

(Signed) { Jas. Anderson Physician General
W. Raine Acting Chief Surgeon
Willm. Duffin Head Surgeon

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Fort St George 6 November 1791

To the Honble

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

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

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir.

From the Commandant at Palgautchery - receives certain Intelligence of the Garrison of Coimbetore having been sent as Prisoners to Seringapatam.

I have certain Intelligence that the Enemy have destroyed the Fort of Coimbetore; and that Lieut. Chalmers with the whole of his Garrison was marched Prisoners yesterday morning under a Guard of two Cushoons towards Seringapatam. Cummer ul Dien Cawn with three Cushoons remains at Coimbetore; he has sent one Cushoon to Darapuram, with what view I can't learn, but I do suppose to raise Money on the Country. They have not attempted to molest me, and the Inhabitants are beginning to get the better of their Fears.

Palgautchery
17th November 1791

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

No 045 Fort St George 8th November 1791.

W.C. Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Dindigul - confirming the foregoing Intelligence from Major Cuppage

I am sorry to have it not in my power to confirm the Information I gave you concerning Lieut. Chalmers and Garrison, under date the 18th Instant. It is beyond a doubt that Lieut. Chalmers, and his Garrison are sent to Seringapatam, by the way of Gazelhatty - The greatest part of the Enemy must ere this have ascended the Ghauts. The Party remaining near Coimbetore is commanded by Kawdeen Ally Khawn, consisting of 200 Horse, 1 Khupoon of Infantry, 1000 Guiety Peons, and four small Guns - a few hundred of their Irregular Infantry still remain at Darraporam, but all their Parties, who had been Stationed at Coimbetore, and Oodemadey Cotah, are withdrawn -

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

T. Bonser.

Captain Commanding

Dindegull

23th November 1791

1946 Fort St George 29th November 1791

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

Honble Sir.

From the Board of Revenue advising an application made by the Collector to the Commanding Officer at Dindigul for the assistance of a Military Force

The Collector at Dindigul having
form an apprehension of the approach of the
Enemy's Horse, thought it necessary to apply
to the Commanding Officer for Military Aid,
He has informed us thereof, in conformity to the
Regulations, and we have the Honor to lay
before you Copy of his Report for your Information

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

Fort St George
29th November 1791.

(Signed) Wm. Petrie
" I. Oakes
" Wm. Oram.

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

Gentlemen,

There being a Probability that a Body
of the Enemy's Horse, which I hear is now at

6247. Fort St. George 8 November 1791.

Paraporam, may enter this District, I have applied to Captain Bowser for Military Aids to prevent their Depredations according to the Instructions contained in your Regulations. I transmit you enclosed the particulars of my Application —

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant.

Dindigul
8th November 1791. —

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
Collector.

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A true Copy
(Signed) John Read
Actg. Dep. Sy. Genl. —

To
Captain Bowser
Commanding
Dindigul.

Sir,

Understanding that some of the Enemy's horse are at Paraporam and there being a probability that they will enter the Dindigul District, I have to request assistance from you in detaching an Officer and such regular Sepoys as you may be able to spare from your Garrison, to take under his

(Command

6088 Fort St. George 6 November 1791.

1/30. Command the Dindigul Corps and Poligar Peons to occupy such Station as may be the best for preventing the Enemy's horse from committing Depredations in the Country.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

Collector

Dindigul

15th November 1791.

A true Copy

(Signed) John Read

Act.g Dep.y Sec.y

W. C. Jackson Capt.

From the Commandant of Vellore with Returns and Estimates of the Expence of subsisting the Prisoners taken at Kistnaghery Nundedroog and Savandroog

Thirteen Prisoners of War having Captain Lewis here from Col.o Maxwell's Detachment, and five from Nundedroog by the Orders of Lord Cornwallis, I have now the pleasure to enclose you the Commissary of Prisoners acct. of them — I have the Honor to be Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) Tho.s Bruce

Vellore

23d November 1791.

To Colonel Bruce, Commanding Vellore

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose you a List of

6049. Fort St. George November 1791.

4/30 Prisoners of War Cafferies captured at Pinagra and Kistnagerry by the Detachment under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Maxwell and delivered over by them to me. —

I have drawn for their Subsistence according to the following Rates from the 19th to the 30th Instant inclusive. —

To the Amildaur of Pinagra Pr Day	6	Fanams
Kelledaur of Do	4	
Amildaur of Adamanootah	4	
Do of Tancy drong	4	
Do of Ussore	4	
5 Persons at 1 Fo each Pr Day	5	
3 Bramins at 2 Fns each	6	
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I also draw in addition, one Seer of Rice Pr Man in my daily Indent and shall continue to draw their Subsistence in this manner and at this Rate till you hear from Government on the Subject

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedt & Hble Servant,

Signd John Baillie
Commg Do of Prisoners of War.

Vellore
Novr 21st 1791.

List

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3d List of Prisoners of War received from Lt Col. Maxwell's Detachmt Novr 19. 1791

Mohomed Fakeer ul dien	Amildaur of Pinagra
Faz Khan	Kelledar of Do
Mahomed ali	Brother to the Amildaur
Grazaffer ali	Nephew to Do
Rehim Khan	Amildaur of Adamanacotah
Nizam ul dien	Do of Sankry durg
Hyder ali	Do of Oufoor
Sahib Khan, Gelam Resul	of no particular Employ
Sheik Mahomed	Peshcar to the Bungaloy of Kisnagerry

Bramines

Vencat Row	Shenistadaur of Pinagra
Ramaya	Deputy Do
Vencat Rao	A Kisnagerry Bramin

(Signd) John Baillie
Commissy of Prisoners of War

To Colonel Bruce Commanding &c

Sir,

I have the honor to represent to you that of the Prisoners of War who arrived here on the 21st Inst

Fort St. George November 1791.

1/30. Inst. viz. the 1st & 2nd Killedaurs of Nundidroog. Buckshy of Do. his Son and the Tafseldaur having since their capture been allowed 5 Seers of Rice and 3 Rupees P. day and which from their Rank and Consequence in the Enemy's Service is in proportion to the allowances of the other Prisoners — I have therefore drawn that allowance for them since their arrivals here and shall continue it to them 'till Government think proper to signify their Pleasure on the Subject —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Servant,

(Signed) John Baillie.

Commiss.r of Prisoners —

Vellore
Nov.r 30.th 1791

Names of the Prisoners Captured at Nundidroog

Rustuff ali Khan	Buckshy
Sultaun Khan Shereef	1st Killedaur
Alya Khan	2nd Killedaur
Ismael Beg	Tafsildaur
Khuma Alay	Son to Rustuff ali Khan and Buckshy to the Chelay. —

Dispatched

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Fort St. George 4th November 1791.

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in No 13. Nos 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138.

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To the Chief and Council of Masulipatam informing them that Colonel Patterson may either have the Commanding Officers Quarters repaired agreeably to the Engineers Estimate which accompanied their Letter of the 18th Instant or receive the usual Allowance of five Pagodas Pr Measem on account of House Rent. –

To Ditto

To Ditto informing them that Orders have been given to the Board of Revenue to carry into Execution the Measures recommended in their Letter of the 20th Instant and that the Governor General in Council has been requested to send a larger Proportion of Grain to the Masulipatam Districts, than he had intended, in consequence of the Supply sent from this Presidency to Ganjam – Rice to be issued to the Troops at Samulcotah and Rajahmundry at the Rate of 70 Current Pagodas Pr Garce. –

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue – desiring that a certain Proportion of the Government Share of the ensuing Crop of Grain may be reserved for the Subsistence of the Troops in the Masulipatam District

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Fort St. George November 1791.

30 until a more favorable Season. —

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To the Secretary at Bengal — requesting that 500 Non-commissioned Officers and 3500 Privates' Caps of the Muster which accompanied Mr. Pombelle's Letter of the 21st Ultimo, may be sent to this Presidency for the Clothing of the ensuing Year. —

To the acting Accountant General —

To the acting Accountant General — desiring him to draw out an Account shewing the Interest arising on Pagodas 31,707-32-21. (the Sum ordered to be divided among the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore) from the Day the Payment of that Sum was completed at the Company's Treasury. —

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — informing him that Mr. Strange, Paymaster at Tanjore, must be called upon to refund the amount over-drawn by Captain Fraser on account of a Major's Batta — and desiring him to state upon what Grounds, and under whose Sanction Captains Shaw and Dalrymple drew that Allowance. —

To the Commandant at Tiagar —

To the Commandant at Tiagar — desiring him to transmit an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Repair of the —

Fortifications

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30 Fortifications and Officers Quarters at Tiagar. stating at the same Time whether he can superintend the Execution of such Repairs as may be deemed absolutely necessary— returning his Bills for Intelligence signed for Payment—

To the Paymaster at Arnee

To the Paymaster at Arnee directing him to dispose of to the best Advantage for the Company by public Auction, such Horses of the Native Cavalry as may be delivered over to him by Major Young—

December 1. Received the undermentioned Letters which entered in A.B. for the Month of December

Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

From Mrs Johnston

From Mrs Johnston enclosing Mr Samuel Johnston's Bill for House Rent from the 18 June to the 21st October 1790—

From the Head Surgeon at Vellore

From the Head Surgeon at Vellore enclosing his Bills for the Bengal Sepoys placed under his Charge drawn out in the Form prescribed by Government— and requesting that his Accounts for the Sick Natives of the Coast Establishment up to the End of August last may be settled immediately—

From the Paymaster at Vellore

From the Paymaster at Vellore advising of his having advanced Mr Gahagan the

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1st Sum of 1000 Pagodas.

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal.

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal enclosing a Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort William addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly advising of his having sent an Engineer to survey the Bank of the Cauvery - and stating that he has not after the strictest Enquiry been able to convict his Dubash of the Charge preferred against him by the Buzar People.

From Mr. C. C. Klaumann

From Mr. C. C. Klaumann - enclosing a Bill for sundry Expences incurred on account of Vessels freighted in Bengal with Bullocks &c.a for Madras and which put into Coringa Roads in Distress.

Sent the following Letters.

To Mr. George Wynch
Collector
at Caroor

To the Collector at Caroor - representing the several Instances in which he deviated from the Instructions and furnished him by the Board of Revenue, in regard to the Nameell District.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 4th Ultimo, and to informs you that

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that you have misjudged the Instructions furnished you by the Board of Revenue on the 30th. of September - It appears on reference to your Letters of the 8th. and 21st. September, that you had not only been at Perambaty and collected Revenue from it, but that the whole of the Namaul District had been taken possession of in the Name of the Company; and this must have happened at least fifteen Days previous to your receipt of the Instructions to which you refer, consequently it could not at that late Period be necessary to direct you "to take Possession" of that, which - according to your own Report, you were already possessed of. It is evident therefore that you have misinterpreted the Meaning of the Board of Revenue. - Their Orders were clear and unambiguous, and gave you no Authority to reduce Forts or attack Pagodas. but only expressed a Satisfaction at your having quietly possessed yourself of the whole of the Namaul District, and a Desire that you should proceed in your Collections without incurring too great a Risk - This cautionary Suggestion was intended to restrain you from any Measure likely to incur hostile opposition; and in a Letter from that Board, written only six Days after, you were informed that your engaging in the -

Manner

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1st Manner you had represented in a subsequent Report, was not only irregular in itself, but must necessarily draw your attention from your duty as Collector in the Districts to which you had been specially appointed - Hence it is apparent that your Proceedings could not have been regulated by any Instructions from the Board of Revenue, and therefore the Censure already passed upon your Conduct has not been done away by the Explanation you have given.

In the Expectation, however, that you will profit by what has been written to you, the Board mean not to proceed to any act of Severity upon the present occasion and they hope that you will not by a repitition of similar Conduct oblige them to have recourse to it hereafter.

Fort St George
1st December 1791

I am &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secy

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

To Bengal - advising of the Bills drawn upon the Chief and Council of Moorshedabad in favour of Sujaat Mahomed on account of the Resident paid annually to the Nizam for the Ceeing

Gentlemen

At the desire of Lord Cornwallis we have granted four Sets of Bills on the

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1st 1. Chief and Council at Viragapatnam payable to Syed Mahamed; commonly called Meer Gholaumy for the Sum of ten thousand (10,000.-) Arcot Rupees, and have directed that the amount be carried to the Credit of the Company in the Account of the Peishcush paid annually to the Nizam for the Circars.

His Lordship has also desired that this Circumstance may be notified to your Board and to the Resident at Hydrabad, in order that the Amount may be deducted from the Engagements which the Shroffs have entered into for the Payment of the Peishcush by Instalments at Hydrabad. —

We have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedt

humble Servants

(Signed) Thos Oakeley

for Council

Fort St George
1st December 1791 —

Dispatched the undermentioned —

Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25.

To the acting Accountant General

To the acting Accountant General directing him to draw four Sets of Bills on the Chief

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1/1 Chief and Council at Viragapatam to the Amount of 10,000 Rupees in favor of Syed Mahomed and carry the same to the Credit of the Company in the Account of the Peishcush paid annually by the Governor General in Council to the Nizam for the Northern Circars.—

To the Chief and Council at Virajapatam advising of the Bills drawn upon them in favor of Syed Mahomed.—

To the Chief and Council at Virajapatam

To the Resident at Hydrabad—advising of the Bills drawn upon the Chief and Council at Virajapatam in favor of Syed Mahomed on account of the Peishcush paid annually by the Supreme Government to the Nizam for the Northern Circars.—

To the Resident at Hydrabad

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General—enclosing the firsts of each of the four sets of Bills drawn on the Chief and Council at Virajapatam in favor of Syed Mahomed; and informing him that Advice thereof has been duly communicated to the Governor General in Council and the Resident at Hydrabad

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General

To the Register of the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore—desiring him to prepare a Statement of the Amount due to each of the Creditors

To the Register of the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore

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No 1 Creditors on account of the Sums received into the Company's Treasury previous to the 8th Day of January 1790. — informing him that Bonds will be issued of the same Description with those that were granted to the private Creditors of His Highness the Nabob. —

To the Commandant at Dindigul. — To the Commandant at Dindigul informing him that so soon as the Enemy shall have retired from the Coimbatore Country there will not be any Necessity for his incurring further Expence on account of Intelligence — and enclosing a Form in which his Bills for August, September and October must be drawn out. —

To the Military Paymaster General. — To the Military Paymaster General — informing him of the Advance of Pay made to Mr. Boardman Cadet on this Establishment by the Government of Bombay. —

To the Commandant at Vellore. — To the Commandant at Vellore desiring him to state the Reasons which induced him without the Consent of the Nabob to pull down a House in the Fort of Vellore belonging to His Highness and why the previous Sanction of Government was not obtained. —

To the Resident at Negapatam. — To the Resident at Negapatam enclosing two Letters addressed to the Governor of Columbo

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To the Secretary at Bengal.

To the Secretary at Bengal — enclosing Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage dated the 17th Ultimo.—

To the Commandant at Vellore —

To the Commandant at Vellore — desiring him to submit to the Board an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Execution of the Repairs deemed indispensibly necessary to the Fortifications and Barracks at Vellore.—

To Major Tonyn —

To Major Tonyn — informing him that unless he discharge the Amount due from him to the Company, on or before the 10th Instant, and deliver up immediately to the Town Major The three Horses now in his Possession and belonging to the Cavalry, the Board will commence a Prosecution against him for the Recovery thereof.—

To the Revd Mr. Swartz —

To the Revd Mr. Swartz — desiring him to communicate to Shiverow the Board's great Displeasure at his oppressive Conduct towards the pensioned Brahmin: and informing him that, if it be the Wish of the Rajah, the Board will consent to deduct from his fifth the Amount of Cash advanced his Excellency by the Inhabitants of Mayaveram for his household Expences previous to the Assumption

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Fort St George December 1794.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts. No. 1

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts - enclosing Copies of Papers received from the Resident at Hydrabad respecting Purchases of Grain and Gunny Pieces for Captain Andrew Reads Detachment.—

To Colonel Floyd

To Colonel Floyd - desiring him to escort to Camp two Men in charge of Money for the Use of Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment, and to return to the Presidency the Guard sent with them to Amboor.—

To the Agent for the Proprietors of the Madras Courier

To the Agent for the Proprietors of the Madras Courier - desiring that ample Justice may done to Captain Andrew Read for the injurious Attack made upon his Character in a late Paper, either by giving up the Name of the Author, or by introducing a Paragraph that may effectually do away the cruel Aspersions thrown upon him - informing him that a Repetition of Complaints of this Nature will necessitate the Board to withdraw their Sanction to, and Support of the Paper.—

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To Captain Andrew Read

To Captain Andrew Read - enclosing Copy of the abovementioned Letter to the Agent for the Proprietors of the Madras Courier

To the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops

To the Deputy Paymaster General of

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the King's Troops - desiring him to pay Lieutenant and Adjutant Breyman of the 11th. Hanoverian Regiment the difference between Captain's and Subaltern's House Rent since the 28th. June last the Time he commenced to act as Judge Advocate

To Colonel De Wangenheim - informing him of the Orders given to the Deputy King's Paymaster General.

To Colonel De Wangenheim

At a Consultation

Present -

Friday 2nd. December 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie & John Hudleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Friday

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis.

Sir

A. 6064. Fort St. George 2 December 1791.

Sir Charles Oakeley

Acting President and Council

Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I received last night your letter dated the 17th Instant

From Lord Cornwallis - Instructions on the Subject of enlisting the Hanoverian Soldiers in the Company's Service. —

The Court of Directors comply in so much in their Dispatches this Season of the difficulty of raising Recruits to complete their Regiments that I think it would be advisable for you to engage as many of the Hanoverian Soldiers as you can in the Company's Service, directing the Officers employed in enlisting them not to take any undersized Men, nor any that have been guilty of Desertion since they have been in India.

General Medows will acquaint you with the Sentiments which we both entertain respecting Captain Baillie's transaction; I have informed Governor Vande Graaff and Captain Brochier that the Paymaster General is directed to discharge the Principal and Interest of the Sums due to them on the application of their agent at Fort St. George.

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

Cornwallis

Camp at Kinghire 8 Miles from Bangalore on the Chinapatam Road November 25th 1791.

6065 Fort St. George 2d. December 1791.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Major General Musgrave be desired to take the necessary Steps for engaging in the Company's Service as many of the Hanoverian Soldiers as are willing to entertain, giving directions to the Officers employed in inlisting not to take any unserviceable Men, nor any that have been guilty of Desertion since they have been in India; and that Colonel Wangenheim be desired to use his influence with the Men to prevail on them to take the Bounty

Read the following Letter from —

Major General Medows

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

Camp near Bangalore the 25th of November 1791.

Hon.ble Sir, and Gentlemen,

From Major General Medows approves the appointment of Colonel Malcolm to succeed Colonel Capper commands that Captain Thomas Baillie be suspended the Service

I had the honor of yours of the twentieth yesterday; and am obliged to you for the appointment of Colonel Malcolm to succeed Colonel Capper; and shall give directions for his repairing to the Presidency as soon after Colonel Capper goes as his services can be dispensed with —

With regard to Captain Baillie's — (unsatisfactory

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unsatisfactory Letter, and his still more unsatisfactory
conduct, I agree perfectly with Lord Cornwallis that
Governor Van De Graaffe and Captain Brohier should
be immediately paid and thanked for their civility
to an English Officer - that has so ill requited it; and
that is recommended to be dismissed the
has disgraced? — and that Captain Baillie, for his
disgraceful Conduct, and giving two Boxes of private
letters on board a foreign Ship the air and consequence
of Government Dispatches, when it is notorious the
Honble Court of Directors never sends their Dispatches or
Letters to their Governors in foreign Ships - probably
with a view of easier raising Money. — be suspended
the Service, and all pay and allowances, till the
pleasure of the Honble the Court of Directors is known;
and that in the mean time his pay should go towards
reimbursing the Government the Money advanced

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
with the highest respect,
Esteem, and truth,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant
(Signed) Wm Medows
Govr & C. in Co.

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Captain Simon Baillie suspended the Honble Company's Service

Resolved that Captain Simon Baillie be suspended the Service until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known, and that the following General Order be published to the Army in Consequence.—

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General Order to be published notifying Captain Baillies Suspension and the cause thereof

The Governor of Columbo having represented to Earl Cornwallis, the Commander in Chief in India, that Captain Simon Baillie in the Company's Service under this Establishment, had, under the Pretext of his being entrusted with important Dispatches from England, taken up Money at Columbo from the Governor and his Secretary, for the purpose of enabling him to proceed with Expedition to Madras — and had given his Note of Hand for the amount, payable at Palamcotah in two Months; and it having appeared that Captain Baillie was not entrusted with such Dispatches, but had only received from the Commander of a foreign Ship some private Letters, to which he had given the air and Consequence of Government Dispatches, with a view of raising Money; and that he had refused, upon application, to discharge the amount of his Note, tho' several Years have since elapsed, contemptuously by declaring

declaring it did not suit him to pay it, and alledging that he had not received any Money from the Company.

The Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to resolve that Captain Baillie, for his disgraceful Conduct, shall be suspended the Service, until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known; and he is hereby suspended accordingly.

It has been further resolved that during Captain Baillie's Suspension, his Pay and allowances shall cease, and that the Amount of his Debt to the Governor of Columbo and to Captain Brohier shall be discharged by the Company.

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

Comptroller General's Department

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

Honorable Sir,

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts transmitting Lieut. Morris's Letter to him on the subject of his Refusal of the Amount acquired to be due from him to the Company.

In Obedience to your Commands, I have forwarded to Lieutenant Morris, Commissary of Stores, and to the Military Paymaster in Camp, your Orders for the former making the Refunds, which I

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I had the Honor of submitting to your Consideration, and agreeable to his Request, accompanying I have the Pleasure to transmit you Lieutenant Morris's answer, with a Bill drawn by him, at twenty four Months sight, on Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. for the Amount of the Refunds ordered, & request to be favored with your Sentiments on the Subject

I have the Honor to be
Yr. Hble. Servt.
(Signed) J. Capper.
C. G. D.

Fort St George
1st. December 1791.

To Colonel Capper
Comptroller General of Accounts.

Sir.

I have been duly honored with your Letter under date the 8th. Instt., and the Orders of the Governor in Council accompanying it.

I have paid the Amount of your Order to George Hoar Esqr. Paymaster, in the only way that is in my power, (without touching on the Property of Individuals that is in my Charge) By Draft, on Messrs. Porcher, Redhead, & Co. at twenty-four Months Sight - There is a Mistake of about fourteen or fifteen hundred Pagodas in the Account but that can be settled hereafter

Lieut. Morris to Colonel Capper requesting that a Warrant may be had upon his Account and enclosing a Bill at 24 Months Sight for the Amount adjudged to be due from him to the Company.

Fort St. George 22d December 1791.

Sir

I am extremely concerned that my Letter under date the 23d Ulto to Lieutenant Brunton, should convey Ideas of disrespect and improper Language, and as I can give you the strongest Assurances that neither was intended, nor meant by me, to you nor your Assistant, I shall hope for your being so good as to represent this much to the Honble the Governor in Council, and that you will again take into Consideration the various matters I have laid before you in elucidation of the Charges, that by a re-audit, I may be relieved from the difficulties I have been most unexpectedly brought into.

I might observe, that if the Governor in Council, should after this Letter & the Reports, I flatter myself, you will now have it in your power to make, still think me culpable for making the Exertions with the risk of not willingly to give previous information, which the times would not allow, that they will no Doubt think the Authorities under whom I acted, at least equally responsible and not throw the whole Charge of Oath on me.

If from any Circumstances that

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I cannot foresee, if you should not think yourself authorized to enter on a Reaudit, allow me to beg the favor of you to submit this Letter to the Honble the Governor in Council; and by it, to request they would please to order the Military Board to investigate all the Vouchers, and Explanations, forwarded to your Office by Mr Garrow, and by me, as that public investigation would, I have no doubt, be a sure means of clearing me from every suspicion of having acted from any other Motive but Zeal and eagerness to promote the Public Service, (however contrary to my own Interests the Matter at present stands) and which I should have thought myself highly culpable in not attempting, under the several authorities of Colonels Bridges, and Oldham, and Major Smith, but particularly as it appeared to be the Spirit of the Comanander in Chiefs Orders, under date the 27th December 1790, of which I enclose a Copy.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

with great respect

Your very humble Servant,

Signed C.A. Morris.

Commissary of Stores

Camp

15th November 1790.

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Extract of General Orders by the Commander in Chief (General Medows)

G. O. Head Quarters Mon Sur Pettt 27th December 1790.

The 5th Brigade with one Company of Pioneers from the Division under Lieut Dowse posted at Trichinopoly under the orders of Lieut. Colonel Bridges, agreeably to the Instructions that he will receive from the Comonander in Chief - Is to be considered for Field Service in point of allowances and Appointments until further Orders

(a Copy)

(Signed) A. Morris
Comy of Stores

Bill at 24 Months Sight received from Lieut. Morris in Payment of the Amount adjudged to be due from him to the Company -

In compliance with the Orders of the Honble the Governor in Council, transmitted to me by Colonel Capper Comptroller General under date 4th November 1791,

At twenty four Months Sight please to pay unto Paymaster George Hoare Esqr. or his Order, on account of the Company, the Sum of Four thousand six Hundred, fifty and one Star Pagodas, thirty-seven Fannams, fifty two Cash; Being the amount of Cash said to be paid by Lieut. D

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Fort St. George 2nd December 1790

Edward Garrow Esqr. Paymaster of Trichinopoly Pay and Batta, for the Months of January and February last for all, and all descriptions of Artificers, and Lascars, entertained by him and delivered to me (Conicoplys &c.) (and Europeans employed in the Laboratory, by Order of Major Smith.) In the Ordnance and Store Department, with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment, Entertained by Orders and Sanction of Lieutenant Colonel Bridges, Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, and Major Smith.—

P. F. C.
(Signed) 6 Pagodas 1651.37.52

A. Morris.
Lieutenant and
Commissary of Stores.—

Camp 15th November 1791

To Messrs. Porcher,
Redhead, and Co.
Fort St. George.—

Pay the Contents to the Military Paymaster General, on account of the Honorable Company—

(Signed) Geo: Hoar
Paymaster to the Army.

N.B. It is impossible that much more than two Thirds of the above-mentioned Sum of P. F. C. 1651.37.52 could be Joined to the abovementioned People by Mr. Garrow for two Months allowances — The remainder is a Mistake —

(Signed) A. Morris
Commissary of Stores

A true Copy
(Signed) George Parry
Act. Dep. Ft Scty

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Minute on the foregoing Letter and Enclosures receivd from the Comptroller General of Army Accounts. —

As the manner in which the foregoing Bill is drawn, carries with it a marked distrespect to the Board, and an Implication of Injustice in their decision, it is resolved to transmit the Bill to General Medows, and to desire he will be pleased to give directions that it be returned to Lieutenant Morris with such observations as may be suited to the occasion, and that the Board's Orders be enforced by obliging that Officer to make the Refund immediately

Agreed to state to the General the Circumstances upon which the order for the Refund was founded, and to observe that the Paymaster acted very improperly in receiving a Bill of such Tenor from Lieutenant Morris.

Mrs. Frances Swain, Widow of the late Captain Stephen Swain of this Establishment having taken the usual Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty, the Certificate entitling her to a Participation in that Fund, is now signed by the Board.

Read the following Letter from the acting Accountant General

Mr.

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To William Collins Jackson
Military Secretary.

Sir.

From the acting Accountant General — with a Statement — shewing the Amount due to the Private — Creditors — of the Rajah of Tanjore prior to the 1st. January 1790.

I have the Pleasure to send you the Account required by the Board in your — Letter of the 30th. Ult. with Interest on the Sums due to the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore — on Pagodas 7,192. 11. — being the Amount remaining unpaid to them on account of his first Years Kists (agreeable to Treaty dated — 10th April 1787). From the Day they were compleated 4th December 1788 to the 1st. Instant. — and on Pagodas — 24,509. 23. 20. from the 1st. January 1790 to the same Period at 12 P.r C.t. P.r Annum —

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Sir
Your most obedient
Servant.

(Signd) T. Pearce
A.c A. G.

Account

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Account of Monies received prior to the 8th January 1790 from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore on account of, and now due to his Private Creditors, with Interest calculated thereon, at the Rate of 12 P.r Cent P.r Annum from the time the last Payment was made on account of his first, and second Year's Kists agreeable to Treaty dated 10th April 1787

The Amount remaining unpaid to the Private Creditors of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore on account of his first Year's Kists	Pf. 98.11.—	
Interest on the above at 12 P.r Cent P.r Annum from the 8th December 1788 the day on which they were compleated to the 1st Dec.r 1791 is 2 Years and 362 Days	2,584.10.35.	
		9,782.21.35.
Ditto ... of Pag.s 24,509.23.20 being their Share of the Amount received from him on account of his second Year's Kists on the 8th January 1790	24,509.23.20.	
Interest on the above at 12 P.r Cent P.r Annum from the 8th January 1790 to the same Period is 1 Year & 327 Days ...	5,576. 4. 2	
		30,085.27.22.
	Pagodas	39,868.12.57.

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Errors Excepted
(Signed) T. Scard

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Read the following Letter from the
Officer Commanding in the Guntoor Circar.—

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

Sir,

From the Officer commanding in the Guntoor Circar — with Copy of his last Letter to the Commander in Chief respecting the Disturbances on the Palnaud District in the Guntoor Circar.

Owing, I imagine, to the detention of the Tappal on the Roads on account of the late heavy rains that have fallen, I was only this day favored with the receipt of your Letter under date the 9th November, and lose no time in forwarding you for the information of Government, a copy of my Report to Major General Medows relative to my application to Captain Dunwoody for a light Field Piece and Tumbril, which with the accompanying Extract of the Committee's Letter to which that alludes, contain, I trust, every information they can require — The omission it appears that I have been guilty of in not informing Government of the application I had made to Captain Dunwoody proceeded solely from my conceiving that the proper channel of communication was through the Commander in Chief, and which I have ever understood as the established rule of the Service.

(and

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and to whom Monthly Reports are made by me of every thing relative to my Command — but if it is the desire of Government that I should also correspond Direct with them, I shall most assuredly on being so informed do so in future. —

All the Force in this Circar by the departure of two Companies to the Balnaud, and two to join the Army, I cannot at present actually detach any more Native Troops to join Lieut.t Beale, nor do I trust the aid he will receive from Captain McKinnon, who, you will perceive by the accompanying Papers, I have directed to co-operate with him, will answer every purpose that could possibly accrue thereby, and equally produce the desired Effect

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very obedient Servant
(Signed) Daniel Burr.

Guntoor
25th November 1791. —

Extract of a Letter from the Guntoor Committee to Major Daniel Burr — dated the 22d October 1791

We have been honored with the receipt of your Letters of the 20th and 22d Instants, and now transmit for your information a copy of a Letter

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Letter addressed to us from Lieut. Beale, on the Subject of the Troubles in the Palnaud Country, and as they seem nearly connected with those disturbances in this Circar, by a junction of the several Bands of Robbers that infests them both. We trust that you will be able to arrange Matters so between Captain McKinnon and Lieut. Beale, that they may co-operate withe each other and give an effectual check to the depredations of these Marauders.—

true Copy—

To

The Honorable

Major General William Medows—

Govenor in Council and Commander in Chief

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Observing on a reference to the Letter I had the honor of addressing under date the 10th Instant that I have omitted informing you of an application I had made to Captain Dinwoody for a two Pounder with a Tumbril, in consequence of a requisition from Captain McKinnon to that effect who I had directed (in conformity to the Wishes of the Gentlemen of the

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the Committee expressed in their Letter of the 22nd
Ultimo which formed a part of my Correspondence
with them and transmitted to you under the above
date and to which I now beg leave to refer you
to co-operate with Lieut.t Beale, the Officer Command-
ing in the Palnaud Country against the Thieves
that infest the Hilly parts of that and this District
I now beg leave to do so, as also to inform you
that except the two six Pounders attached to the
European Corps now here which are very much
honey combed that I have not a Field Piece
in the District— This explanation I therefore
deem necessary least you should be led to
suppose that fresh Disturbances had arisen in
the Circar, which so far from being the case
that I have the pleasure to inform you that
Captain McKinnon (who has taken up so
judicious a situation between this and the
Palnaud District as to be ready to act in
either as the Service may require) writes me
that the Banditti in this Circar have mostly
dispersed and that every thing remains
perfectly quiet and that Lieut.t Beale has
also communicated to him the same
pleasing Intelligence of those in the

(Palnaud

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I have the honor to be most respectfully

Hon'ble Sir

Your most obedient and

very humble Servant

(Signed) D. Burr

Guntoor

20th Novr 1791.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Major Burr that he must regularly communicate to Government all Circumstances affecting the Peace of the District in which he is serving.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from the Military Paymaster General

To

The Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General — with a Statement of the Cotts supplied by the different Barrack Masters since the Year 1786 specifying the Amount to be Examined by him on his Account —

Conformably to your Orders of the 6th Ult. I have the Honor to lay before you a Return of Cotts paid for by the Company to the Barrack Masters from the Establishment of the Barrack Regulations in 1786 to the present period specifying the Date of Payment, and the Division of the Carnatic for which the

(Cotts

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Cotts were furnished

Pay Office
Fort St. Geo.
2 December 1791.

I have the Honor to be
Sr. Sr. Sr.
(Signed) B: Roebuck
Mr. P.M.G.

Statement of Cotts paid for by the Company since the Year 1786.

Abstract of Teakwood Cotts supplied the Troops by the Barrack Masters as follows.

Center Division

		No. of Cotts	Cost	Freight	Total
Poonamallee	1787.				
	January	300	1200		
	February	100	400		
	April	200	800		
Jas Campbell	May	100	400		
	July	300	1200		
	November	100	400		1400
	1788.				
	July	655	2620	1053	
	August	398	1592		
	1789.				
	March	70	280		
Fras Casper	April	100	400		
	May	250	1000		
	June	100	400		
	December	137	548		
					3,110. 12,440
Arcot	1787.				
	January	300	1200		
Jas Campbell	February	200	800		
	December	140	560		
					640 2560

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			New Rank Cotts.	Pags.	Total of Cotts	Total of Pags.
Brought over.....						
Waulajabad.....	1787.					
	January	312	1248			
Ja.t Campbell	February	400	1600.			
	July.....	238	1152.			
	December	200	800			
	1788					
	August	258	1032.			
	1789.					
	June....	80	320			
Frat. Capper	July.....	124	496			
	September	700	2800.			
	October...	700	2800			
	November	107	428.		3169.	12676
Cavalry Cantonments near Arcott	1787.					
	July.....	18	72			
Ja.s Campbell	December	6	24		24	96.
Chevelemadoo.....	1787.					
	January...	200	800.			
Ja.s Campbell	February	100	400.			
	July.....	60.	240			
	November	6	24.			
	1789.					
Fra.s Capper	December	360	1440		726	2904.
	Carried Over				7669	30676

(Brought

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				Star Pags Coll.s	Total of Star Pags	Fanam Coll.s	Total of Fanams
Vellore	Brought over					7669	30676
		1787					
	Jn.t Campbell	January	200		800		
		February	200		800		
		December	300		1200		
		1789					
	Fra.s Capper	July	80				
		September	100		400		
		October	100		400		
		November	100		400		
		December	244		976	1264	5056
Arnee							
		1787					
	Jn.t Campbell	Febry	4		16		
		1789					
		July	78		312		
		Nov.r	442		1768	524	2096
Permacoil	James Campbell	March 1787				10	40
Amboor	D.o D.o	Janry 1787				20	80
Trepassoor	Francis Capper	Nov.r 1789				408	1632
Chinglepet							
		1787					
	Jn.t Campbell	Janry	100		400		
		Febry	200		800		
		1789					
		April	75		300		
	Fra.s Capper	July	110		440		
		Sept.r	100		400		
		Nov.r	11		44	696	2784
Guntoor							
		1788					
		Nov.r	100		400		
	Fra.s Capper	Decr	100		400		
		1789					
		Janry	90		360	290	1160
Southern Division							
		1787					
Tanjore & Vellum		Janry	500		2000		
	W.m Campbell	March	300		1200		
		April	200		800		
		July	154		616		
		1789					
		Oct.r	260		1040		
	A. Dyer	Nov.r	275		1100		
		Decr	282		1128	1971	7884
		Carried Over				12852	51408

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			New Rice Casks	Pagodas	Total of Casks	Total of Pagodas
Brought forward						
Trichinopoly ..... 1787.						
W. H. Campbell	March	228		912		
	April	130		520		
	May	200		800		
	June	200		800		
	July	200		800		
	August	200		800		
	1789					
A. Dyce	Dec.	527		2108		
	1790					
	April	226		904		
					1911	7644
Northern Division						
Masulipatam ..... 1789.						
Th. Clark	Oct	50		200		
	Dec.	50		200		
	1790					
	April	25		100		
					125	500
Vizagapatam 1788						
Th. Clark	March	117		468		
	1789					
	March	12		48		
					129	516
Ganjam ..... 1788.						
Th. Clark	August	79		316		
	1789					
	May	12		48		
					91	364
Ellore 1788						
Th. Clark	March	341		1364		
	Febry	279		1116		
	July	36		144		
	1790					
	Nov.	82		328		
					738	2952
Carried over						

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			Men Rank & Staff	Sergts	Corpls Tpts & Drs	Sergts	Colts	Coppers
Barrack at the Presidency Madras	Brought forward							
	1786							
R. Gomand	Novr	150			600			
	Decr	250			1000			
	Jany 87	100			1100			
	Febry	150			600.			
	March	130			520			
	April	120			480			
	May	100			400			
	June	150			600			
	July	150			600			
	Augt	150			600			
	Sept	60			240.			
	Oct	50			200			
W. Wilks.	July 88	123			492			
	Jany 90	1865			7460			
Mount						3548	14192	
	1787							
R. Gomand	Jany	100			400			
J. Stuart R.	April	100			400			
	June	100			400.			
	1790							
	Jany	200			800			
	Febry	200			800			
						700.	2800	
							20094	80,376.
R. Gomand Barrack Master Supplied the common Colts to the Troops at Madras from Novr 86. to October 1787.							1547	2706,23
		Total					24611	83087,23

E E (Signd) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

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Agreed to inform Lieutenant Lapper that the Board will for once overlook the Irregularity that he committed, and indemnify him the Sum which he may have bona-fide disbursed for the Purchase of new Cotts, provided he make oath before the Mayor to the following Purport.—

"That fifteen hundred new Cotts were made up by him for the express Use of the Recruits of the last Season— that they were not, nor any part or number of them, taken from any former Supply, nor ever paid for by the Company, nor charged to them before, nor had ever undergone any repairs, or been in use upon any occasion whatever, until they were delivered to the said Recruits— and that he has not upon his oath charged more than the actual Cost of them to himself, including their Carriage to Pondamallee".—

Minute on the foregoing Statement

Agreed that a General Order be published prohibiting Barrack Masters from making up new Cotts in future without the Sanction of Government first obtained.

A General Order to be published prohibiting Barrack Masters from making up new Cotts without the Sanction of Government

(and

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and directing that whenever there may be occasion for providing Cots. the Barrack Masters shall transmit to the Board a Return of those under their Charge, stating the Manner in which they are appropriated.—

Chas. Oakeley
W.m Petrie
J Huddleston

J Ogilvie Esq.

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Petitions as entered in M.B. Nos. 26. 27. –

Petition of M.r R. Cornelius formerly a Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

From M.r Robert Cornelius (formerly a Sub Assistant Surgeon) requesting to be restored to his former Station. –

Petition of the Bullock Maistries of the late Colonel Baillie's Detachment – requesting to be informed of the Resolution of Government upon their Claim submitted in a former Petition. –

From the Bullock Maistries of the late Colonel Baillie's Detachment. –

Sent the following Letter to the Barrack Master in the Center Division.

To Lieutenant Francis Casper

Barrack Master in the Center Division

Sir,

To the Barrack Master in the Center Division with a form of the Affidavit which he must make respecting the Cotts furnished by him for the Recruits quartered at Poonamallee in order to enable the Board to indemnify him for the Amount of their actual Cost. –

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 31st Ultimo, with Vouchers for Sixteen hundred new Cotts &c.

delivered

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delivered by you at Pondamallee for the use
of the Recruits quartered there, and to
inform you, that upon your making
Oath before the Mayor that those Cotts were
made up by you for the express use of the
Recruits of the last Season - that they
were not nor any part or number of them
taken from any former Supply nor overpaid
for by the Company nor charged to them
before nor had ever undergone any Repairs,
or been in use upon any occasion whatever
until they were so delivered to the said
Recruits, and provided you Swear to the
actual Cost of them to yourself including
their Carriage to Pondamallee, the Board
will for once overlook the Irregularity which
you committed, and indemnify you the sum
that may appear by your Oath to have been
bona-fide disbursed for the purchase of such
new Cotts, for the purpose above mentioned.

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Sam. Lee & Co.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson for

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Dispatched the undermen-
tioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 28. 29.
30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. —

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To Colonel De Wangenheim.

To Colonel De Wangenheim

- requesting him to use his Influence with
the Hanoverian Soldiers to prevail on them
to engage in the Company's Service —

To Major General Musgrave.

To Major General Musgrave.

- desiring him to give the necessary Orders
for engaging in the Company's Service as ma-
ny of the Hanoverian Soldiers as may
be willing to entertain rejecting the unser-
viceable Men and such as have been guilty
of Desertion since they have been in India —

To the Commissary and
Comptroller General of
Army Accounts —

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

Comptroller General of Army Accounts —
- enclosing Papers received from Mr Gahan
gan relative to the Expences of the Sick &
Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment sent
into the Hospital at Vellore - and desiring
him

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him to report his opinion thereon. —

To Mr. Terence Gahagan Head Surgeon at Vellore

To Mr. Terence Gahagan — informing him that the Bills on account of the Sick Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment which accompanied his Letter of the 28th Ultimo are under the Audit of the Comptroller General, and that the Accounts for Sick Natives of the Coast Establishment said to have been forwarded to the Presidency have not been received. —

To the Paymaster at Vellore.

To the Paymaster at Vellore — enclosing Lists of the Prisoners captured at Nundy Durgum, Penagra and Kistnaghurry and delivered over to Lieutenant Baillie, with an Estimate of the Expence of subsisting them — desiring him to make the necessary Advances of Grain and Money. —

To the Resident at Ingeram

To the Resident at Ingeram — desiring him to report his Opinion upon a Bill of Charges presented by Mr. Klaumann

for

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4th for Sundry Sums disbursed at Coringa on account of Vessels freighted from Bengal with Bullocks &c. for Madras. —

To Mr. Samuel Johnston —

To Mr. Samuel Johnston

informing him that unless the Balance due by him to the Company be discharged without further Delay the Board will adopt another Mode of Proceeding against him — and repeating the Desire of Government that he do immediately send to Trichinopoly the Register referred to in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 20th October. —

To the Officier Commanding the Troops on the Guntoor Circar — desiring him to approve the Board of every Circumstance affecting the Peace of the District in which he is serving. —

To the Commanding officer in the Guntoor Circar. —

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

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

Fort St. George.

From the Commandant at Palegaud[illegible] — representing that a Detachment be formed on the Coimbatore Districk. —

Honble Sir.

I had the Honor to inform you

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you on the 17th that the Enemy had dis=
troyed the Fort of Coimbatore. —

Commr Ul Deen Cawn
marched on the 21st with his Army having
about 200 Carnatics at Coimbatore, as soon
as I have certain intelligence of his having
ascended the Guzzelhetty pass I shall
dispossess them and drive them out of the
Southern parts of the Coimbetore District.
But with the small force that I could spare
from this Garrison, it would not be safe for
me to attempt taking possession of Erode
Sattimongalum and Paniem Catch, and Keep
leave to observe to you that the Enemy have
drawn large supplies from the Districts
of Erode and Sattimangalum and the Crop
at this season is just cutting. —

As Tippoo will have sufficient employment to defend his Capital, a considerable force might be spared out of

the

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the Garrisons of Dindigul and Caroor, so as to form a handsome detachment on the Coimbetore District, and if the Collectors of these two Districts were ordered to assemble their Polligars they might be of great Service in collecting Cattle from the Enemy on the North side of the Cavery for the use of Lord Cornwallis Army.

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

Palghautcherry
24th November 1791.

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Comm.

William Collins Jackson Esq.,
Secretary
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Private Secretary to the Governor General - inclosing Letter for Commodore Cornwallis and Major General Abercromby which His Lordship wishes should be forwarded on one of His Majesty's Ships.

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to request that you will make application in his name to the Officer Commanding any of His Majesty's Ships lying on the roads of Madras, to

forward

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forward or convey the enclosed Letter to the Honble Commodore Cornwallis, and that you will be pleased to inform his Lordship of the time of its dispatch.—

Camp 8 miles W. of Bangalore November 27th. 1791.—

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

(Signed): Henry Haldane
Priv. Secy to the Govr Genl

P.S. As the Ships will probably touch at Tellicherry on quest of the Commodore: His Lordship requests that in that event The Officer Commanding will be pleased to deliver the accompanying Letter for General Abercromby.—

To Captain Osborne
Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships
in Madras Roads

To the Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ships in Madras Roads requesting that Lord Cornwallis's Letters to the Honble Commodore Cornwallis and Major General Abercromby may be forwarded on one of His Majesty's Ships.—

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis having &c.

desired that an application might be made in his name to the Officer &c.

Commanding

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Commanding his Majesty's Ships lying in Madras Roads, to forward or convey the enclosed Letter to the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis, I am directed by the Board to signify to you his Lordship's wishes, and to request you will be pleased to comply therewith. —

As the Ship which you may dispatch, will probably touch at Tellicherry in Quest of the Commodore, His Lordship has requested that in that Event, the Officer Commanding will be pleased to deliver the accompanying Letter for General Abercromby. —

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
4th December 1791. —

&c. . . &c.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Jr.

To the Honble Major Genl. Medows

Governor &c. . . &c. . . &c.

Honble Sir,

To Major General Medows enclosing the Bill remitted by Lieutenant Morris in Payment of the Balance due by him to the Company. — Remarks thereon.

The Comptroller General of Army Accounts in his Audit of the Accounts of Lieutenant Andrew Morris, acting

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Acting Commissary of Stores to Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment, having discovered some very irregular Charges made by that Officer, he reported them to us, and after due consideration thereof, We confirmed the Audit, and directed that the Refunds amounting to Pagodas 1651. 37. 52 should be immediately made. —

Colonel Capper, in consequence directed Lieutenant Morris to pay the Amount to the Paymaster in Camp, but instead of complying therewith according to our Orders, he has drawn a Bill upon his Agents at Madras, at twenty four Months Sight, which has been very improperly received by Mr. Hoar. — The Bill itself we have the Honor to enclose, and we are sure it will strike you, as it has us, that the manner in which it is drawn, carries with it a marked disrespect to Government, and

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an Implication of Injustice in our decision -

- We therefore request you will be pleased to give directions that the Bill be returned to Lieutenant Morris with such observations as you may deem necessary - and that our Orders be enforced by obliging him to make the Refund immediately. -

We have the Honor to &c. inform you, that agreably to your Recommendation, We have Suspended Captain Savion Baillie from the Company's Service, until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known. -

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

Fort St. George
3d December 1791. -

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c. Council

5th

Received the following -

Letters. -

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esq.
5th
Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir,

In your Letter of the 30th ultimo, you desire me to explain for the information of Government, upon what principle, and by whose authority Captains Dalrymple and Shaw drew Majors Batta.—

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.— Information respecting the Batta drawn by Captains Dalrymple and Shaw.—

Captain Frazer has been misinformed, neither of those Gentlemen were paid Majors Batta under the circumstances he mentions. Captain Dalrymple only received it, part of the time he commanded at Trichinopoly, but not until the departure of Lieutenant Colonel Elphinstone, when he became the Senior Officer of His Majesty's 71st Regiment in India, and consequently was entitled to it by the Rules of the Service.—

Fort St. George
5th December 1791.—

I have the Honor to &c.
Vo. — Vo.
(Signed) J. Casper
C. G. Vo.

To

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Vestal Madras Road

5th December 1791.

To the Honble Governor in Council

Presidency of Madras.

Gentlemen,

From the Commander of His Majesty's Frigate Vestal - declines sending a Vessel with Lord Cornwallis's Letters under the Idea of their being private Dispatches. —

Having received a Letter from Mr. Jackson the Secretary to your Board (enclosing two Letters, for the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis and General Abercromby) signifying Lord Cornwallis's wish to have them conveyed by the Officer Commanding His Majesty's Ships in Madras Roads

I beg to represent to the Board that as the Letters are private, I cannot dispatch a Man of War, to forward them immediately unless they signify to me, that they are dispatches which, it is of great consequence, the Commodore should receive, as soon as possible. —

I have also to mention that if a Ship of War is sent for the above purpose,

it

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Henderson Collector on the Northern Division of the District of Arcot.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor and President

Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province—Reporting fully on the charges preferred against Captain Mackay by the Jaghiredar of Arnee.—

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived here on the 19th Instant for the purpose of Investigating the charges preferred against Captain Mackay by the Jaghiredar of Arnee;—and having given both parties previous notice to be prepared against my arrival, I proceeded next day on the Enquiry.—

In order to methodize the Investigation of the several Charges I resolved first to call on the Jaghiredar to produce his Evidence in support of the several distinct Articles of Complaint contained in his Letter to Government; and then observed the same method with regard

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to the Argee to the Board of Revenue of the Chiefter of Arnee; - Next to afford the Jaghierdar an opportunity of introducing any thing further he might have to say on the Subject; and finally to receive Captain Mackay's explanations. -

Are Minutes of the Proceedings on the Enquiry containing the Substance of the Declarations of the several Evidences produced on each side as taken by me at the time. I fear they will appear rather obscure; but I was cautious of affecting the Sense by an attempt to render them more perspicuous, and as I am aware that the Report I am now about to make may have more the Air of a Defence of one of the Parties concerned, than an impartial Collection of the Evidence produced by both; I shall take the liberty to make frequent references to these Proceedings and to engage your particular attention to them - as affording the only

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it will most likely preclude a conveyance to between the Governor General and the Honble Commodore Cornwallis for some time, which I apprehend may be of great consequence. —

I have returned the Letters, 'till I know the determination of the Board on the Contents. —

I have the Honor to &c.

&c. — — &c.

(Signed) E. O. Osborne

6th Sent the following Letter to Captain Osborne. —

To Captain Osborne

Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships in Madras Roads.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date, and to inform you, that, althó the Letter from Earl Cornwallis to the Commodore is marked "Private", yet as it probably contains matter of

To the Commander of His Majesty's Frigate Vestal — informing him that as it is conceived that Lord Cornwallis's Letters to the Honble the Commodore and to General Abercromby contain matter of consequence to the Public Service, it is the Wish of the Board that a Vessel should be dispatched with them. —

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of consequence to the Publick Service from the wish expressed by Lord Cornwallis to be informed of the time of its dispatch and as it appears that the Letter from his Lordship to Major General Abercromby is not marked private and may contain particular Instructions with regard to his movement the Board upon these Grounds think it incumbent upon them to repeat their request that you will be pleased to comply with his Lordship's desire expressed in my Letter of the 4th Instant. —

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

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6th December 1791. —

At a Consultation
Present
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
acting President
William Petrie & John Hudleston Esqr.
The Honble Major Genl Medows
absent upon Service

Tuesday
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Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from Mr Henderson Collector in the Northern Division of the District of Arcot —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor and President

Fort St George.

Honble Sir,

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province — Reporting fully on the charges preferred against Captain Mackay by the Jaghiredar of Arnee —

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived here on the 19th Instant for the purpose of Investigating the charges preferred against Captain Mackay by the Jaghiredar of Arnee; — and having given both parties previous notice to be prepared against my arrival, I proceeded next day on the Enquiry. —

In order to methodize the Investigation of the several Charges I resolved first to call on the Jaghiredar to produce his Evidence in support of the several distinct Articles of Complaint contained in his Letter to Government; and then observed the same method with Regard

to

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to the Avgee to the Board of Revenue of the Chiefdom of Arnee; — Next to afford the Jaghierdar an opportunity of introducing any thing further he might have to say on the Subject; and finally to receive Captain Mackay's explanations. —

Are Minutes of the Proceedings on the Enquiry containing the substance of the Declarations of the several Evidences produced on each side as taken by me at the time. I fear they will appear rather obscure; but I was cautious of affecting the Sense by an attempt to render them more perspicuous, and as I am aware that the Report I am now about to make may have more the Air of a Defence of one of the Parties concerned, than an impartial Collection of the Evidence produced by both; I shall take the liberty to make frequent references to these Proceedings and to engage your particular attention to them — as affording the only

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only Clue to correct any misstatement on my part. —

The first Charge contained in the Sagheendar's Letter runs in these words "Ten Years &c. / See Proceedings / The proofs produced by him reduce this Charge to requiring a Rupee a head from every person wishing to erect a New House within the Fort of Fence; and Captain Mackay having admitted to nearly double the Amount asserted to have been collected, and having given his reasons at length for the measure in his Letter to the Military Secretary of the 18th September, I need say no more on this Subject, than that (however right or wrong he might be in exacting it) had the Fort admitted of the addition of even one or two hundred new Houses, the amount, of a Rupee a Head, could hardly be considered a pecuniary object to Captain Mackay; but in fact twenty Six Rupees only were collected

and

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and deposited towards the Repair of a &

Tank in the Fort. —

The second Charge runs thus

some Grain &c. (See —)

As this is also a Charge on the part of the Merchants, and by far the most important, and also most complex of the & whole, I must request particular attention to it. — That Veneat Swamy Chetty and Kotchy Chetty were excluded the Fort at the time of the Sale of the Company's Rice. — that the Rice did then sell at from 14 Pagodas to 23 Pagodas p Garce — and that Captain Mackay's Peishcash and Cutler did a day or two after the Sale dispose of 40 Garce of the same Rice, mostly at 30 Pagodas p Garce, in a joint & concern with the very two people excluded from the Fort at the Sale, are facts — and as such bear a very suspicious aspect. &

To Account for these appear-

rances the truest Grounds, Captain Mackay

declares

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declares in the first place that these two people were excluded the Fort, because they had a little before fled to Illiad and thereby distressed the Garrison; and that it was by accident that the punishment of shutting them out for a few days, happened to exclude them from the Sale. Now to establish this point, it is to be observed that in the Accounts to the Board of Revenue signed by these two people among the rest, the cause of their going to Illiad (a few days before the Sale) is expressly declared by themselves, to be Captain Hackney's having by force compelled them to sell Rice on the Bazar at a price they could not afford; and this is indeed made another Ground of Complaint, as will appear hereafter.

It appears in further proof of their not being excluded, with a view to prevent their purchasing at the Outcry that neither

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neither Captain Mackay or his Servants did directly or indirectly purchase a Grain of the Rice at the Company's Sale; but that on the contrary after the Sale was over, Captain Mackay's Pedash and Butler did at the instance of these very two Men (Vencataswamy Chetty and Ketchey Chetty) and for the purpose of a joint Concern with them, buy up 40 Garce, for which they paid Consideration no less than Pagodas 30 P Garce to the original purchasers; which high rate Captain Mackay's Servants would not have paid, had they had an idea of purchasing at the Sale, where it sold for so much less:-

The proof of these important facts are the Oaths (Paper) of Captain Mackay's Pedash and Butler; unopposed by even an attempt to establish a collusive purchase at the Sale.- For further satisfaction on this particular point I refer to

the

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the Evidences marked (23333) which I
think are as conclusive as the fact could
possibly admit, to the proof that they were
excluded the Fort for a former misdemeanor,
and not to prevent their purchasing at the
Sale.— And as to Captain Mackay's having
himself any concern in the Rice from
first to the last (directly or indirectly) it is
not once asserted thro' the Proceedings. But
on the contrary denied upon his Solemn
word of Honor and also on the Oaths of his
Servants.—

Now with respect to the
Receipt by the Dubash of the Nuzzer of
hundred Pagodas over and above the said
price of the Rice which he bought jointly
with Vencat Swamy Chitty and Kitchy
Chitty.— The proof of it stands thus — In
the first place of the Seven people who have
signed the Charge, five declare their utter

ignorance

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ignorance of the matter. — But the other two (Vencat Swamy Chetty and Kitchey Chetty) positively insisted on the fact, and strongly urged me to allow them to swear that this Sum (as well as the 40 Pagodas and 80 Rupees) was actually paid by them to Captain Mackay's Peshash. — To the Character of Vencat Swamy Chetty I make no exception here, — but with respect to Kitchey Chetty, (independant of what is asserted of him ( ) and independant of what I hear from all Quarters) I will only request the Board to refer for a moment to Mr. Wynch's positive declaration of this very Man being brought before him and spoke to, before him, by Captain Mackay in the manner therein detailed, then to read his direct denial of the whole of Mr. Wynch's assertion, and lastly to learn

that

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that he declared his readiness to Swear to the Same ( ) Had I allowed these Men to Swear as they wished, either they or Captain Mackay's Servants must have been perjured; — But nevertheless in justice to Veerasa Swamy Chitty and Kitchy Chitty their declarations it must be remembered are not the less entitled to the same weight as if they had been sworn to; — and the Board will be pleased not only to keep this in recollection. But also to understand that Veerasa Swamy Chitty and Kitchy Chitty (after the enquiry was over ended) produced two other Men (against whose Characters I know nothing) who likewise offered to Swear that they had contributed 5 Pagodas each towards the hundred given to the Dubash. Such is the Evidence in proof of the gift against it. It

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first, the denial upon Oath of Captain
Mackay's Servants; ( ) secondly the
declaration upon Oath of Manicka Chitty,
that he had a share as well as Vencat-
swamy Chitty and Kitchy Chitty in the 40
Garce – that he was moreover the Accountant
of the Concern – and yet that so far from
Contributing his proportion of the hundred
Pagodas, he never had heard of it ( ).
I made these Oaths the more comprehen-
sive, because there appeared to me, an
inconsistency in comparing the Evidences
( ) and because I did not apprehend
the necessity of Vencat Swamy Chitty and
Kitchy Chitty purchasing the forty Garce-
thus the Dubash – Captain Mackay's
Remark on this Subject however explains
this ( ). – To conclude this charge the
Evidence ( ) of the pains taken by Captain
Mackay

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Mackay, and Mr Wynch to bring in fore-
chasers from Frost &c; and the Evidence
( ) independant of Captain Mackay's
declaration upon Honor ( ) afford
of themselves a Strong probability not only
that Captain Mackay had no coniston-
were ( ) excluding Veneah Swamy Chitty
and Kotchell Chitty) of monopolizing the pur-
chase of Grain to himself or for his Servants:
but that those people themselves might have
employed their Agents to purchase for them:

The third Charge in the Sagher-
dars Letter runs thus." Besides this if (13).

If the Board will be pleased to
read the short Evidence on this head ( ) they
will see the Charge is reduced to one instance:
namely of Coopiah Chetty; and will judge how
far the proof (if such it can be called) is ade-
quate to convict Captain Mackay. —

The fourth Charge runs thus"
He sends Orderleys" (10) To my dubbage: the
Sagherdar brings no one proof of this ( ) other
than

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than his complying with the Paymasters Official Requisition for Sepoys (N.) except in taking a few Cows for his own use of the truth and propriety of which the Board will judge after reading Captain Mackays Remark on it (No 4.)

The next Charge appears in the Complaint of the Buzar people to the Board of Revenue, and states that Captain Mackay "by force caused Rice to be sold at the rate of "3 3/4 Puddys for a large Fanam at a time when "it sold in the Army then in the Neighbour- "hood, and in the adjacent Country at two "Puddys for a large Fanam". The Evidences Pro and Con on this head are marked (No 5 to 11 inc.) I do not find that Captain Mackay interfered in this matter any farther than in insisting upon the Buzar people selling the Rice to the Military of the Garrison at the rate at which it appears to have sold previous to the approach of the Army; on which occasion and also on account of the Enemys Horse, then in the Country, these Buzar Men would naturally wish

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wish to raise the price of their Commodity to excess. — I know well from experience that on the approach of a Detachment however small, some Check on the Bazar people is necessary to enable a Sepoy to exist on his Pay — at the same time they ought to be allowed to avail themselves with Moderation of such Events, to make a profit of their Goods. — And in any interference in this matter, regard should be had to the Claims and necessities of both parties. As for the instance before me, I refer to Captain Mackay's explanation of this Charge (No. 1.) only remarking that the single Evidence against him on this subject is Vencat Swamy Chetty, while the other Six who signed the Charge (excluding Kistoby Chetty) declare they know nothing about it — and even by Vencat Swamy Chetty's account, the being beat by a Soldier (or Sepoy) for not selling him Rice speedily, appears the immediate cause of his flight to Illambad. — On this flight

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Slight I must particularly observe that only two of the seven assertions that they were driven there by Captain Mackay's oppression run to Illiabad at all; and one of those two now declares (3) it was on account of an additional Tax laid on Cloth by the Jaghirdar and not on Captain Mackay's Account. —

The Charge of Captain Mackay having threatened the Jaghirdar with putting a Guard over him requires no other confutation than a reference to the Declarations of the Accusers and the Jaghirdars own explanation. (1313 1213). —

The next Charge is, Captain Mackays having received a Bribe of 80 Rupees for re-admission into the Fort. Only the two persons actually excluded, now assert the Charge; they are ready to Swear to their having agreed with Captain Mackays Servants to give the latter, Credit for the amount in their joint Piece Concerns — On the other hand those two Servants have sworn it is a falsehood — Thus stands the Evidence on this Article. —

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The next Charge (in the Complaint of the Burgar Men) concerning the Sale of the Companys Rice) I have already enlarged upon in the beginning of this Letter, — except one particular; that of the Dubash having received an additional 40 Pagodas for allowing them to sell the Rice (in which they were jointly concerned) at rather a higher rate than usual — To this fact the above two people are ready to swear; as the Dubash on his part has sworn to the contrary —

The last charge is of Captain Mackay having destroyed some Paddy near the Gateway — These appear to consist and that in consequence of the apprehension occasioned by a recent Fire (. . .)

Having gone thro' the several Articles of Complaint against Captain Mackay, I proceed to some Remarks upon the Subject. In the first place, of Seven persons who have signed the Petition five profess their utter ignorance of almost the whole of the

accusations

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accusations they have put their names to. and they very strongly intimate, that they were compelled to go to Madras to present it, &c. it is clear, was declared before Mr. Wynch to be the case with the other two also (Venkat Swamy Chitty and Kiteby Chitty).

It may further be remarked that these two persons, are almost the only Evidences produced by the Jaghirdar in support of his Complaint; and not only so, but they are almost the only witnesses in support of their own. Moreover as the Petition to the Board of Revenue is made to appear the general Complaint of Seven Merchants & and is in fact that of only two, (except in the Article of preventing the Building of a few Pucarms where Fire had happened) so it is sufficiently clear (I think,) that these two people (one of them Kiteby Chitty so notoriously infamous) were compelled by the Jaghirdar to go to Madras to complain, and

that

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that they would have avoided it, if they could. —

Of Kelchey Chetty's Character I have already spoke; and of Vencat Swamy Chetty the Circumstance charged on him at the close of the examination (15) of this Creature often a private Letter is not very favorable; especially as it is uncontradicted. —

Upon the whole, on the most deliberate review of the matter I do seriously believe Captain Mackay absolutely innocent of having received, (or having acted with a view to) any personal pecuniary advantage whatever, through the whole of the several circumstances alluded to in the Charges brought against him by the Jaghirdar and the Bazar Men; — I do also as entirely believe that his former interference with regard to the price of Rice in the Bazar arose from a Conviction of the duty he owed to the Military under his protection and was meant to affect them only. —

I am moreover of opinion that the

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The infamous Characters of Kitchey Chitty and even of Venkat Swamy Chitty (the only Evidences I may say against Captain Mackay) reflect disgrace on the cause they were meant to support; — and that the Proceedings alone, shew that it would be a cruelty to act upon the Assertions or Oaths of such men against either a Gentleman, or a Native. — At the same time I will add, my Faith in the Integrity of the Dubash Tribe in general is so weak, that I by no means feel that implicit Conviction of the Truth of the Oaths taken by the Servants of Captain Mackay, as I sincerely do of his own uprightness — But their Characters are, I believe, at least as unblemished as those of most Natives, while those of their adversaries are odious. —

Lastly I apprehend from what has passed regarding the price of Rice in the Bazar it will be necessary in order to prevent future differences that the Price

should

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should be distinctly drawn between the Commanding Officer and the Inghirdar regarding their respective Rights of intercourse with the Inhabitants of the Fort.

Vellore
29th November 1791.

I have the honor to &c.
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) N. E. Kindersley
Collector.

Minutes of the Board upon the foregoing Report

The Board observe with satisfaction that Captain Mackay has fully acquitted himself of every matter contained in the Charges exhibited against him by the Inghirdar, except in the Instance of the small assessment laid on Persons for Por[illegible] on persons to build in the Fort, but in this there appears to have been no view of advantage to himself, and the measure was so far only imposed, as it was authorized by the Board.

Agreed to recommend to Captain Mackay that a Good Understanding be maintained with the Inghirdar, and that there be no further Interference on his part with the Inhabitants residing within the Fort

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Fort than may be necessary for the Preser-
vation of good order — And particularly to
direct that he restrain his Servants from
having Transactions of Trade or Money
Concerns with the Inhabitants on any pre-
tence whatsoever. —

Agreed that a Letter
be written to the Jaghiredar expressive of
disapprobation at his bringing forward
Complaints injurious to the Character of
Captain Mackay without Foundation — and
informing him that such Behaviour is
ill suited to his Station, and cannot fail
of drawing on him the Boards severe Dis-
pleasure. —

Ordered, that Copy of
Mr. Hindenlays Letter with its Enclosures
be sent to the Board of Accounts Revenue. —

Read the following
Letter from the Honorable Commodore Corn-
wallis. —

To The Honble the Governor in Council
Madras.

From Commodore Cornwallis — acknowledging receipt of the Boards Letter respecting Troops coming out to this Country with Supplies supposed to be for the use of Tippoo Sultaun.

Sir,

I had the Honour of receiving
your

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your Letter by the Perseverance, enclosing the
Intelligence received from Europe, of Ships
coming out with supplies supposed to be for
the use of our Enemy Tippoo Sultaun, and
giving a Description of them, in regard to
which I have already given Directions for
the Captains of the Kings Ships under my
Command. —

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

Crown Tellicherry
Road 7th November 1791

Read the following Letter
and Enclosures from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President in Council.

Sir,

From the Military Board - Opinion on the Proceedings of the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam - wherein they complain of Retrenchments made by the Comptroller General of Stores in Expences considered by them necessary to the good of the Service this unauthorized by the Regulations - Colonel Capper's Explanatory Minute enclosed. —

We have the honor to submit
to your Copy of a Letter We have received
from the Committee of Stores at Masuli-
patam, which principally respects the
reduction of the Water Carriers for the use
of that Garrison. —

Colonel Capper, in his
Capacity

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Capacity of Comptroller General has recorded a minute herewith enclosed, in which you will perceive he has so fully ~~xxxxxx~~ adverted upon the whole of the Proceedings of the Committee at Masulipatam, as to render it only necessary for us to request your Orders upon the Subject, and to express our Opinion that the Establishment of the Water Carriers at that Garrison is fully sufficient; the Number was settled at a period when the Garrison was certainly not less than it now is, and, Supposing the same Strength, and the present Season of the year considered, there appears no reason for their Encrease. —

Amongst other Irregularities,

We cannot but think it requisite to inform you on the Subject of Platforms, that, altho' thirty were returned as new and complete, in the month of December 1790, yet upon no return since that period have any appeared neither has any Cause been assigned for their not being continued on the Returns. —

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

Fort St. George
6th December 1791. —

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

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Colonel James Capper

President &c. Members of the Military Board

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Enclosed we have the honour to transmit you two Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 9th of October, with a Letter from the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison forwarded to us by the Secretary to the Chief and Council. —

By the Commanding Officer's Letter you will observe to what distress the European Troops are put to for want of water during the Excessive Heats that constantly &c. prevail here, they have this Season been uncommonly long and severe and by what he has informed us (in his place) of the scanty supply furnished by the Paymaster that &c. many of the men for want of good water were obliged to have recourse to the Wells of the Garrison, which are impregnated strongly with Salt, a circumstance very detrimental to their health: upon a particular enquiry into the Nature

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Nature of this Complaint we find that the Paymaster had at the forgoing Instance of the Commanding Officer for a long time past supplied sufficient for all the Troops, Guard Rooms &c. - Col Cuyng ordered some time ago to refund the overcharge to a large amount; he was obliged to withhold the Supply, and this happened at the most unfortunate time of the year for the Soldier; the Number of Water Bearers afixed to this Garrison by orders are Forty, although Seventy Two, were formerly allowed for that duty, Cuyng sufficient only for the Number of Troops generally in Garrison, and when new Parties arrived a further charge was made on their accounts; we hope, Gentlemen, when you consider that the distance from which water is brought for the Troops is nearly four miles and from the dryness of the Season extended to Six you will admit of the Paymaster charging the same Number as usual, or point out what quantity of good water shall be allowed for each Individual and the

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the mode you may be pleased to adopt, shall strictly be attended to; we most earnestly request your attention to the above which has this year been particularly distressing; we must also point out to your consideration what the Commanding Officer has said respecting the Gunnies of the Public Building, which, from the situation of the place, not only with respect to excessive Heats but high Winds, being surrounded with a dry loose soil, overflowed at high Tides, and the Country to the Southward being for many miles Carron Dusty place, except when the River Pulnah over flows it, is consequently overwhelmed with the Dust brought by the South Winds, which are intolerable there for a considerable time of the year and should the Barracks and Hospital be totally shut up, to avoid them, the lives of the Troops would be further to them, for which reason as also for a protection to the Buildings from the violence of the weather, we beg leave to recommend that they are repaired as has been the

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the custom since the Company had the Garrison.

We have also to request you will confer upon us a discretionary Latitude for the purchase of such Stores as may be absolutely necessary to prevent a total Stop being put to the publick Service in fitting out Detachments and providing small Articles to complete & repairs absolutely requisite, on former occasions the Orders of the Chief and Council authorized the purchase, but from the 2d Extract you will observe they decline following their & usual mode of acting and for the want of such Latitude a number of our Stores lie in a half finished State as you will observe by the enclosed List specifying what is wanted.

We must beg leave to trouble you with one more remark, there are a number of old Platform Planks and condemned Brass Guns, which are entirely useless, the former from decay, occasioned by the Weather to which they have been exposed these twenty years past, and the latter from being

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Being honeycombed in the Caleber, which we recommend to be disposed of by public Auction.

We are with respect,
&c. &c.

Masulipatam
9th November 1791.

(Signed)
W. Dobbyn
Military Storekeeper.
J. Patterson
Lt Colonel
W. Geral Engineer
Edwd Thornton
Lt Artly.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 5th October 1791.

Read Letter from the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison, received on the 21st ultimo.

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam.

Gentlemen,

Mr. Dobbyn having been ordered to refund the Sum which he had expended on the purchase of Gunnies for the use of the Military Lascars in this Garrison, In consequence of which the Gunnies becoming his property, have been returned him.

Permit me, Gentlemen, to

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represent to you that Government have been pleased for a Number of years past to allow Gunnies to the Quarters, as a defence against the violence and Searching heat of the land = Winds and they having been, this year more violent than ever, I request Gentlemen that you will be pleased to order the Quarters to be supplied with Gunnies as heretofore. —

The Commissary General having prohibited Mr. Dobbyn from purcha= sing or making up any thing whatsoever, he therefore can no longer supply the Gunnies with Mallets for the use of the Gunny, so that the different Guards for want of not knowing the Storm of Day and night, cannot regularly relieve the Sentinels. —

Permit me Gentlemen to likewise to represent to you, that Mr. Dobbyn has been ordered to struck off twenty Water Carriers from the Sixty, which have ever been allowed to Supply the Troops and Guards of this Garrison with water, by which means the Troops are much distressed for want of

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a sufficient quantity of water in this Salts
Season of the year. —

I have the honor to be &c

Masulipatam
20th September 1791. —

(Signed) J. Patterson
Lt. Col. Commt.

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Malcolm
Asst. Secretary

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Malcolm
Clerk

The Board upon considering
the Subject of the above Letter, are of opinion,
that as there is now a direct Correspondence
between the Military Board at the Presidency
and the Committee of Stores at this Place
and as the Controller General of Military
Accounts, is a Member of the former, and
Lieutenant Colonel Patterson of the latter
that the Circumstances mentioned in the
foregoing Letter might with great propriety
be stated by the Committee of Stores to the
Military Board in the course of their
Correspondence, who as professional Men
may be considered as the most proper Judges
to determine how far the Articles struck
off by the Controller General may affect the

Troops

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Troops in Garrison in a way to be detrimental to them. —

A true Extract
(Signed) R. Maleolm
a/s. Secretary

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Maleolm Clerk

Extract from the Minutes of the Military Department of the 9th October 1791. —

Read Letter from the Committee of Stores received on the 4th Instant. —

Anthony Sadleir Esqre.
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

Enclosed we send you a List of repairable and unserviceable Stores which having minutely examined We beg leave to recommend the former to be repaired as soon as possible and the latter wrote off the Books of the Storehouse. —

We also request your permission for the purchase of the enclose Articles to complete the Inspectors Indent there being none either in the marine or Military Stores that the Service may not be impeded on this Account. —

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We have the honor to &c.

&c. &c.

Masulipatam

3d October 1791.

(Signed) W. A. Dobbyn
Military Storekr
Hd. Taylor
Lieut Commg
Edwd. Northon
Lieutenant Artillery

Estimate of Expence for the Repairs of one Jumbrel.

Jummun Cowrie Wood Pucca			8. 34. 40
Teak Wood		1.	5. " .
Palmerah Charcoal	Pas. 70		2. 13. -
Wrotion		10,000	12. 40
Cow Pucca	Bastes 4		3. " .
		Madras Pagod.	16. 22.

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3d October 1791.

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Malcolm
Clerk

(Signed) W. A. Dobbyn
Military Storekr

With respect to the Inspector's Indent, the Chief and Council are of opinion that it ought to be referred by the Committee of Stores to the Military Board, to whom the Contract in whatever relates to Stores is to be entrusted, and that the same practice be observed hereafter whenever similar occasions may require. &c.

A true Extract
(Signed) R. Malcolm
a/c Secretary

True Copies
(Signed) Dan. Sykes

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Malcolm Clerk

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Colonel Capper's Minute in Meeting

28th November 1791.

The Minutes of Consultation of the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, of the 9th of October, referring my Correspondence with the Commandant and Paymaster of that Garrison to the consideration of the Military Board, It becomes particularly necessary for me to offer some explanation to you on these Subjects and I shall avail myself of this opportunity to request your attention to all the extraordinary charges of that Garrison. —

The Commandant states in the 2d part of his Letter to Mr. Sadleir, "That Government have been pleased for a "number of years past to allow Gunnies for "the Quarters as a defence against the violence "and searching heat of the Land Wind, & "and they having this year been more & violent than ever Irequest, Gentlemen,

You

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"you will be pleased to order the Gunners
"to be supplied as heretofore.—

If Government have ever
allowed Gunners to the Quarters at Masulipatam, producing a Copy of the Order would
of course have saved the trouble of any
further discussion on the subject, but if no
such order appears, it becomes necessary
for me in auditing the Accounts to
object to the charge, not that I take upon
myself to say that Gunners should not
be allowed at Masulipatam, especially
during the violence of the Land Winds, but
supposing them necessary at that Season,
I do not comprehend why they should be
applied for in the Month of October, when
certainly the Quarters of the Officers, and
Soldiers, are not exposed to the bad effects
of the Searching, meaning I suppose
scorching, heat of the Land Winds, and
therefore undoubtedly Gunners at this
period

period would be an unnecessary expence. —

The 3d Paragraph states —

"The Commissary General having prohibited
"Mr. Dobbyn from purchasing or making
"up any thing whatsoever, he therefore can-
"no longer supply the Gunnies with Mallets
"for the use of Gunny, so that the different
"Guards for want of not knowing the Storm of
"day and Night cannot regularly relieve the
"Sentinels" The text (as literally transcribed)
is almost unintelligible; but I should suppose,
it means that the Storekeeper, being prohibi-
ted by the Commissary General, from pur-
chasing or making up Stores, he cannot —
make a Mallet, either for the Service of the
Gunnies or the Gunries; Considering that the
Storekeeper has a large establishment of
Artificers, and no doubt there must be some
old Wood in Store, or at least some Trees in
the Neighbourhood, from which a Branch
might be cut that would serve the purpose,

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I do not see whence the difficulty arises of making a few Mallets:- for this, and other trifling incidental jobs, I suppose the Artificers are allowed, but these Gentlemen seem not to have consulted the Regulations when they compute the prohibition of making up Military Stores to the Commissary General, for in the 14th Paragraph of Regulations for the Storekeepers at out Garrisons, they will find Government have been pleased to direct, "That no Military Stores "are to be made up at any of the Subordinate "Settlements, Out Garrisons, Military Posts, "or Stations, except by the express order of the "Governor and Council" - This Restriction was established after mature deliberation, and not without adverting to some obvious Inconveniences which might arise from it. But these were more than counterbalanced by the consideration of the Workmen being more expert at the Presidency, by the stock being

being much more effectual immediately under the eye of Government, and the Military Board, and above all, from the wish not to render the faithful discharge of the Store-keepers Duty, incompatible with his own private interest. — If the Board will take the trouble of referring to the Store Returns of Masulipatam for some time past, I believe they will find that it would be by no means prudent to grant a partial dispensation from the 14th Paragraph of the Regulations abovementioned in favor of the Storekeeper of that Garrison. —

Complaint is also made of the diminution in the Water Carriers from Sixty to Forty — But in this respect also I obeyed the Orders of this Board, confirmed by Government, supposing, however, that the objection had originated in my own official opinion, I see no reason why the difficulties may not at all times be easily obviated, by a proper representation thro' the Commander

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in Chief to Government, Circumstances may occur during hot and dry Seasons, which may render a larger quantity of Water necessary than can be brought by the Number of Carriers fixed for Masulipatam, but the Chief and Council are competent to judge of matters of much greater importance, and their sanction is no doubt sufficient to authorize such a trifling temporary expence, but the present contest, I am sorry to say, seems not to proceed from a laudable Zeal to the publick service but an apparent tenaciousness for Official Emoluments, otherwise, although Guomies and an Extra establishment of Water Carriers required during the Land Winds, they would undoubtedly be laid aside during the Cold and moderate Season, when these Articles are no longer requisite, but temporary wants are too often converted into fixed establishments. —

The Board trust will excuse

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excuse any taking up so much of their time,
but as the proceedings of the Committee,
and the Letter of the Commandant seem
to accuse me of an unnecessary or rather an
unauthorized Strictness, in passing the T.
Masulipatam Accounts, so as to distress
that Garrison; I think myself called upon
to refute this accusation and to shew that
I have been uniformly guided by the orders
of Government, nor can I conclude this T.
minute without observing that in the T.
course of Eighteen years Service in the
Office of Commissary General, I have T.
almost weekly had occasion to lament that
the Officers Commanding at out Stations,
and likewise the Paymasters, will not T.
understand that Government can never
wish to distress the Service, by ill judged
oeconomy, and therefore are always ready to
grant what is deemed necessary for the

Health

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Health and even comfort, of the Troops: If
then they can suppose, that the Commissary
General can be actuated by private pique,
or needless severity, to deny, what is just, or
necessary, they may easily obtain redress,
by representing their wants to the Governor
in Council in due time, but it almost
invariably happens that the Money is
disbursed without any previous communi=
cation, and then, what may be perhaps
necessarily obtains an air of mystery and
imposition; The Fault originates in
themselves from inattention to the Rules
of the Service, and is not imputable to
the Commissary General, whose business
it is to see that they are properly observed.

(Signed) J. Capper
Commissy Genl

A true Copy
(Signed) Danl Irvine
Secy to Board

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board. —

The Board concur in the reasoning expressed by Colonel Capper — respecting the proceedings of the Committee of Stores at Masulipatam, and particularly in that part which relates to the Requisition of the Committee to be permitted a discretionary Latitude for the purchase of Stores. — If such Latitude were once given, the advantages which obtain at present by making up Stores at the Presidency would be lost sight of, and the private Interest of the Storekeeper would be constantly clashing with his public duty. — Agreed therefore to repeat the Prohibition against any Innovation of the existing Regulations, and to desire the Military Board to inforce the Commitee, that nothing short of absolute necessity, and then only with the previous Sanction of the Chief and Council, can warrant them in making any alteration in the Establishment

fixed

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fixed for that Subordinate, that upon the
Committee's Reference to the Military Board
of any Circumstances tending to shew the
Propriety of an additional temporary Expence,
as the instances of Gunners and Water
Carriers, due attention will be paid, and if
the case should at any time be so urgent, as
not to admit the delay of a Reference to
the Presidency, the concurrence of the
Chief and Council to the measure proposed,
will be sufficient to establish its propriety
with Government. But that as the
Commanding Officer at a Presidency and
the Paymaster can have no authority of
themselves to encrease the establishments the
Comptroller General acted very properly in
objecting to Charges unauthorized by the
Regulations. With Respect to the Irre-
gularity of the Committee in not inserting
in their subsequent returns the Plat-

Forms

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forms which were returned as new in
December 1790, the Military Board must
call upon them to explain the cause of this
omission, and if their explanation be not
satisfactory, the circumstances must be
fully stated to the Board for their deter-
mination. —

Read the following
Letter from the Resident at Ganjam. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have duly received your
Secretary's Letter of the 25th October. —

Herewith I have the honor
to transmit to you a List of condemned
Military Stores which I have ordered for
Sale by Publick Auction on the 29th
Instant and request your permission to
write off the Books the Loss which may
be determined by the Sale. —

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From the Resident at Ganjam - Con-demned Stores sold by Public Auction - Captain Little applies for Leave to provide Tents and Carriage for his Battalion upon the Terms specified by Lord Cornwallis for the grand Army. —

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I have also the Honor to transmit to you Copies of a Letter from Captain Little with its Enclosure on which I request your Instructions for the rule of this District. —

Ganjam
20th November 1791. —

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Crawford

Henry Crawford Esqre
Resident
at
Ganjam.

Sir,

From intimation that a new Arrangement has been adopted for the Native Corps in the Field to the Southward, holding out proposals to the officers in general for the furnishing & pitching and conveying of their own Tents; and to Commanding Officers of Corps, for the Tents of the non Commissioned and Privates; and also for carrying their Regimental Stores, and for

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for the Carriage &c.a of their Sick; I have
been induced (in compliance with the
wishes of the Gentlemen of my Battalion)
to procure the best information I could on
the Subject, and as we are all after conside=
ration desirous to accept the Contract on the
terms proposed, I take the liberty to lay
before you Copies thereof, and to request for
myself and Officers that they may be
permitted to extend to the Troops in the
field under my Command. —

We ask only to have the
same Indulgencies in the undertaking as
have been already granted to the Officers of
Captain Reads Detachment and of the
Army in general. —

I beg leave further to =
request that should our application meet
your approbation, and you deem a refe=
rence to Government on the occasion neces=
sary, you will honor it with your =

countenance

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Countenance, and such Arguments in our behalf as you may judge compatible with the Service we are employed in, for I am led to believe that in this District particularly we shall not only do great Justice and Benefit to the Service in the Contract, but that we might also derive from it some little advantage as well as convenience to ourselves. —

I am with respect

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Joseph Little
Capt. Comm. the Troops on the Field in the Ganjam District

Camp at Barampour November 18th 1791. —

(a true Copy)
(Signed) Thomas Snodgrass Secy

To Captain Andrew Read
Commanding the Detachment of Cart Troops serving with his Highness the Nizam's Army in the Field. —

Sir,

The Commander in Chief being informed through an Authentick channel that the Officers in General serving with the detachment under your Command are desirous to avail themselves of the

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the terms contained in the Arrangement published to the Army some time since holding out proposals to the Officers in General for the furnishing, pitching and conveying of their own tents of their Non Commissioned and Privates and also conveying their Regimental Stores has directed me in consequence thereof to transmit you, which I do herewith. Copies of all the General Orders that have been issued relative to this Subject and at the same time to acquaint you that the said proposals are hereby made to extend to the Troops serving under you from the day that this Letter comes to hand.

On receipt of them therefore you will be pleased to have them published in your detachment Orderly Books, and note in orders from time to time such of the Officers as accept the terms of the proposed Arrangement with the dates from which they engage, which will serve as

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a voucher to the Paymaster on discharging the Bills that may become due under the Head of Tentage. —

As individuals on first engaging may be liable to some incon= venience from meeting with difficulty in procuring sufficiency of Tent Lascars on such a distant Service, you will be pleased to notice particularly what the Commander in Chief has thought proper to regulate for the accommodation of the Officers in this respect, should the circumstances of your Detachment therefore require a re= laxation from the Commander in Chief leaves it on the option of the Officers Colonels to it, who engage in the Contract either to take the Company's Lascars then acting with them into to their own pay, in which case they are to be discharged from the Company's: or else to have the use of them on such manner as that they shall continue in

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in the Company's Service and be paid by the Paymaster by Stoppages from the Contract Bills, which must be marked on the back in the manner the Commander in Chief has directed. —

Although it has been generally customary for Officers holding Regimental Staff appointments annexed to Subaltern Ranks to be supplied with a Captains Marquie — the Commander in Chief by no means admits that Subalterns of this discription shall receive the tent allowance established for the Rank of Captain for notwithstanding the official business of a Regimental Staff Officer may require that he should have a tent to himself, the Commander in Chief is of opinion that one of less dimensions and of less expensive Carriage than a Captains Marquie may be found to answer his purpose, and you are to observe that this rule is to apply to all Claims, connected with

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with Tent Allowances that may be brought forward founded on a similar principle.

As the Commander in Chief conceives likewise that the Service may benefit by the Commanding Officers of Native Corps on the Field accepting the terms lately offered them to furnish and keep in constant State of Service a certain proportion of Doolies for the accomodation of their Sick and wounded - I have the honor to send you herein the General Orders which he has been pleased to prabloish on their Subject, in order that they may apply to and be in force with your Detachment from the receipt hereof.

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

(Signed) B Z Close
Depy Adjt General

Head Quarters
Camp at Attapilly
5 miles West of
Oussore 25th August
1791 -

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Original sent to Captain Andrew Read. -

(Signed) David Blair
Quarter Master 1st Brigade
doing duty as Brigade Major to
the Detachment serving with the
Nizams Army. - Extract

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Extracts from General Orders by Earl Cornwallis

Dated Head Quarters Camp at Seeroomally 31st May 1791.

The great deficiency of Bullocks which has been experienced for a very considerable time by every Corps and Department of the Army; and the serious injury which has thereby been occasioned to the Publick Service renders it particularly necessary at this time to endeavour to obtain by every means possible a Supply of Cattle to answer the exigencies of the Service exclusive of those that the Bullock Contractors furnish – Lord Cornwallis has therefore judged it expedient not only to establish an Agent to procure Bullocks and to have charge of part of those that he may be able to provide, but has also conceived that it may prove a very useful measure by augmenting still farther the Channels through which Cattle may be supplied, if all the Camp Equipage of the Army, the Tents for the

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Non Commissioned and Privates of European Corps excepted, and all the Regimental Stores attached to the Native Corps should in future be transported by means of Carriage to be provided by Individuals on their being allowed a certain reasonable sum monthly for the expence and Risk which so far as regards the Camp Equipage is to include the Charge of providing and pitching the Tents as well as the Carriage. The Tents will thus become the property of the Individuals, and in order that they may be put to as little inconvenience as possible. Before they have an opportunity of providing their own Tents, it is his Lordships intention under the proposed new arrangement, that the Tents now occupied by the Officers and such of the Officers Tents as have been left in Bangalore by Corps and Individuals shall be considered the property of the

Officers

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Officers respectively, to whom they are
allotted under such distribution for the
purpose, as Officers Commanding Corps
may judge equitable - and also the tents
whether in Camp or in Bangalore of the
Serjeants and of the Native Officers and
men of the Native Corps shall be the
property of the Officers Commanding the
Native Corps respectively. -

The new arrangement
relative to Camp Equipage and the Car=
riage of the Regimental Stores of Native
Corps which is now offered to the con=
sideration of the Army is to be regulated
as follows. -

Each Officer is to be at the
Expence of providing and fetching his
own Tent, besides which Officer Comman-
ding the Native Corps are to be at the
expence of providing carrying and fetching
the Tents for their Serjeants, for the Natives
of the Corps, and likewise to provide
Carriage

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Carriage for their Regimental Stores and to be held responsible to the public, for those Regimental Stores in every Situation depending on the Number and quality of the Cattle and of the Servants necessary to be maintained for execution of the Duty.—

The Tents of the Non Commissioned and Privates of European Corps and the Regimental Stores attached to European Corps will be transported on Carriage provided by the Bullock Contractors or by the Agents for the Company.

Officers are to be paid Tent Allowance in the Rank for which they respectively draw Batta with this Exception that every person not being a General Officer who draws Batta in higher Rank than that of Lieutenant Colonel shall only be allowed to draw Tent Allowance in the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.—

Rate of Tent allowance pr month	
Lieutenant Colonel	41 Pagodas
Major	33
Captain	21
Subaltern	14

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The following Officers will be allowed monthly the additional Sums opposite to their names on account of Office Tents. —

Adjutant General 25 Pagodas
Quarter M.r General 21
Chief Engineer 21
Secretaries to Commander in Chief 21
Surgeon General 21
Paymaster 21
Persian Interpreter 21
Brigade Major 8

One hundred and twenty Pagodas monthly will be allowed to Officers Commanding Corps of Native Infantry for providing, carrying and pitching Tents for their Sergeants for the Natives of the Corps. for an Hospital Tent and for the Carriage of their Regimental Stores. —

One hundred Pagodas monthly will be allowed for the same purpose to Officers Commanding Corps of Native Cavalry. —

It is to be understood that from the dates on which Corps and Individuals commence the Carriage of Camp Equipage, and the Officers Commanding Corps

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Corps the Carriage of Regimental Stores the Public Carriage is to be withdrawn and to be delivered over to the Agents or Contractors who provide it. —

The Regulations to extend to the Bengal Corps in regard to providing carrying and fetching the Camp Equipage and to the Carriage of the Regimental Stores now conducted by the Public instead of the Officers Commanding Corps. —

The Regulations now detailed are only to be in force during the War unless continued longer in their present form or otherwise by the Government of Fort St George with this exception, that should the War terminate at any period within six months from this date the Allowances will be continued for three months after the Return of the Corps respectively to Garrison or Cantonment. —

As it is the intention of the Commander in Chief that these Regulations shall be optional, Officers Commanding Corps

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Corps are to report to the Adjutant General for themselves and Corps whether or not they are inclined to enter upon the proposed Arrangement and from what date, Individuals not doing duty with Corps to report for themselves. —

The Commander in Chief will not require uniformity in the size and construction of the Tents, but expects that Officers and Men shall be sufficiently covered from the inclemency of the weather as far as practicable. —

(Signed) By. Close
Depy. Adjt. General

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Extract of General Orders sent to Captain Andrews Head Quarters

(Signed) David Blair
Quarter Master 4th Brigade
doing duty as Brigade Major
serving with Nizam's Army.

Head Quarters Camp at Terroonally agreeable
3 June 1791

The Tent Lascars who do not chuse to relinquish the Company's Service, for that of the Individuals, who engage to

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pitch their own Tents or the Tents of Corps will be continued in the Company's Service, but the Pay and Batta which fall due to such of them as are employed in order to fulfil the engagements of the Individuals after the 15th of this Month this money is to be disbursed by the Paymaster by deducting the Sum monthly from the Bills of a Tent Allowance on the Cash of which it is to be inserted. —

All the Lascars not required by Individuals of the above description after the 15th of the present Month, to be returned at that time to the Paymaster. —

The Tent Allowance will be paid in Arrear the same as Extra Allowances.

(Signed) B.T Close
Depy Adjt. General

The above is a true Copy of the Extract of Gn. O. sent to Captain Andrew Read. —

(Signed) D. Blair
Quarter Master 4th Brigade
doing duty as Brigade Major
to the Detachment serving
with Nizams Army. —

Read

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Head Quarters Camp at Beemandelly
15th June 1791

In order to render the Engagements entered into by Officers of Camp Equipage and Regimental Stores as convenient for them as possible the Commander in Chief informs them, that his intention is to order the money that falls under the Head of Tent and Store Allowance from the Month of June inclusive as far as three Months Allowances from that date to be paid on the 15th July, 15th August, and 15th September respectively the Paymaster is however not to include these Disbursements in his Accounts until the period that they fall to be issued along with other extra allowances for the same Months. —

(Signed) By Colonel Agnew

A true Copy of the Extract of G: O: sent to Captain Andrew Read. —

(Signed) D? Blair

Quarter Master 4th Brigade doing duty as Brigade Major of the Detachment serving with the Nizams Army. —

Read

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Head Quarters Camp

9th July 1791. —

It would give Lord Cornwallis the greatest pleasure if he could announce to the Officers of the Army that the present State of the Public Cattle enables him to carry for them the Camp Equipage which they with so much Public Spirit and Zeal for the Service sent on to Bangalore at the time when the prospect of success in the operations which were then to be undertaken, depended so much upon lightening the Baggage and procuring Bullocks to transport Public Stores. — He can assure the Officers that no pains or expence have been spared in endeavouring to procure the means of restoring to them those conveniences which they so cheerfully gave up, and to which their good will so justly entitles them — But as the Number of Cattle that has been hitherto possible to obtain will be required to carry the Stock of provisions and

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and Military Stores, which will be indis=
pensibly wanted to move with the Troops,
he is sorry to say that it will be entirely
out of his power to furnish any additional
Carriage for Camp Equipage 'till the
Elephants which came from Bengal and
which are now at Anjore can join the
Army.

The Commander in Chief
authorizes the Payment of an Allowance of
120 Pagodas Monthly to the Commanding
Officers of the Coast Battalions of Native
Infantry on Field Allowances and consis=
ting of ten Companies for the Carriage of
the Sick of those Corps respectively com=
mencing from the 1st of last June, and to
continue during the War. This allowance
is to provide for and to be drawn in propor=
tion of one Dooley with five Bearers for
each Company at the rate of twelve Pagodas
Monthly for each dooly in lieu of all expen=
ces for providing and carrying Doolies for
the abovementioned Native Corps of the Coast

Native

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Native Infantry. —

The Commander in Chief is induced to regulate the Payment of this allowance from the 1st of June, that Officers Commanding these Battalions of Native Infantry may be enabled to make a compensation to the Men who may have been employed on carrying the Sick and wounded for some time past. —

(Signed) B. Close
Depy Adjt General

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Extract of G. O: sent to Captain Andrew Read. —

(Signed) David Blair +
Leaving duty as Brigade Major. —

Head Quarters 10th July 1791

It being of general importance to the convenience and benefit of the Public Service that every encouragement should be given to the Commanding Officers of a Native Corps to induce them to engage,

for

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for the provision, carrying and fetching
of the Camp Equipage of their Corps (
The tents of the Subalterns excepted) and
for the Carriage of Regimental Stores
and it having been represented to the
Commander in Chief that the allowance
offered for these purposes by the G: O: of
the 31st May last is found from Experience
to be inadequate to the Expence and risk
which attends the undertaking, and as the
Commander in Chief can never wish to
subject any Officer to loss or inconvenience
on account of his readiness to assist the
Service, he has thought it proper to ~
augment the proposed Allowance to the
Commanding Officers of Native Infantry
Corps from 120 to 200 Pagodas P Month
and to the Commanding Officers of ~
Native Cavalry Corps from 100 to 165
Pagodas P Month the Commander in
Chief trusting that upon an Allowance

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thought so compleat every probability of Loss to those who engage in it will be removed, and with the means of proceeding as well as for the conveniences of the Corps, and for the Carriage of Public Stores all Officers who can procure the Carriage will be allowed for engaging. —

The Commander in Chief directs the augmented Allowance to be paid for the time past to those Officers who have already engaged for their Corps, and thinks himself obliged to them for having given the former offer a trial which has enabled him to judge in some measure of the propriety of increasing it. —

The Commander in Chief will expect that the Commanding Officers who engage for the providing, carrying and pitching of the Camp equipage of their Corps shall exert themselves to the utmost to keep the proportion of Tents which the regulations prescribe for each Corps (those of

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of the Subalterns excepted) constantly complete, and in the best State of repair - and that the utmost attention shall also be paid to providing Carriage for the Regimental &c. Stores in the proportion ordered for Corps on the 22d. February last. —

Extract of the above Order alluded to in G. O. the undermentioned Stores to be &c. carried with every Corps in Camp. —

Stores	Bullocks required
18 Barrels of Ammunition	9
20 Pickaxes	2
20 Mammoties	2
25 Bullocks 1 Beak Iron }	1
30 ℔ Iron 30 ℔ Steel }	1
2 Large Tarpaulins	2
1800 Flints	1
Artificers tools of Sorts	1
120 ℔ Charcoal	1
Spare Bullocks	4
Total	24

(Signed) B7 Close
Dep.y Adj.t Genl.

Camp at Bellemeroo
22d. February 1791

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The foregoing is a true
Copy of the Extracts sent to Captain Andrew
Read: —

(Signed) David Blair
D. A. G. Brigade doing
duty as Brigade Major to
the Detachment serving with
Nizam's Army. —

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Thomd. Snodgrass
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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Ganjam —

Agreed that the Resi=
dent at Ganjam be permitted to write off
the Books, Shortages which may be deter=
mined by the Sale of the Condemned
Military Stores. —

With Respect to Captain
Dr. Little's application for Permission to pro=
vide Tents and Carriage for his
on the Terms specified by the Comman=
der in Chief for the Army in the Mysore
Country, it is Agreed to inform Mr. Crawford
that the Arrangement established by Lord
Cornwallis was meant to be confined to
the Troops serving against the Enemy at
great distance from our own Territories, and
to be continued only till the Evacuation of
the

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the War — That as Captain Little's Situation in the Ganjam District is by no means similar to that of the Grand Army, or of the Detachment commanded by Captain Read, and is not affected by the present Hostilities with Tippoo Sultaun, the Board are surprized at the Principle upon which the Requisition is grounded, being not only erroneous in its Application as regarding the Troops in the Mysore Country, but highly inexpedient as tending to encrease the public Expenditure without any adequate advantage to be derived therefrom. —

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr Swartz —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President in Council &c.

Honble Sir &
Sirs,

The enclosed Paper containing a List of the Armed Men, entertained by His Excellency, I beg leave to offer to your Honor, I hope it is exact —

From the Revd Mr Swartz enclosing a List of the armed Men entertained by the Rajah —

as

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as His Excellency's Man who keeps the Pay Roll has given it —

If the armed men kept by His Excellency were regularly paid a considerable sum would be monthly required. But their year has seldom more than six Months, which causeth frequent disturbances —

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

Tanjore 30th November 1791 —

(Signed) C. F. Swartz

A List of the Armed Men kept and paid by His Excellency —

193 Marattas, called Maavels who have only a Sword	Monthly Pay 5/16. Chuckrums	1222. 5.
292 Sepoys who have Firelocks		
108 Troopers, who have Swords and Carabines		847.
60 Rajpoot who have a Spear		228.
28 Peons		97.
21 Rocket men		67.
30 Men, who have a Sword and Shield called Tulwar		94.
11th Men who likewise have a Sword and Shield		302. 6.
546 The above mentioned people are armed people —		

Bandies

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monthly Pay

Besides these are 96 Wrestlers ... 5 10 —
a mixed Set of Pensioners, Relations,
Bramins — who follow the Rajah on
horseback, if they have a horse, or —
with a Sword who commonly set before
the Palace gate — the Number of —
them is 500 ... 10,520 —
The Killadar keeps 50 Sepoys who have
a Firelock & are disciplined — and are
paid by himself. —

Agreed that Mr Swartz
be desired to use his best endeavours to —
obtain a Reduction in the Number of —
armed People entertained by the Rajah, —
pointing out to His Excellency the Inex-
pediency of keeping such a Body about —
the Palace, and the Expence with which
it is attended, at a time when his Revenue
can so illl afford it. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter
from the Acting Deputy Adjutant General
To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Political and Military Departments
of Fort St. George

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General allowing of Lord Cornwallis having appointed Ensign Lucas being Cousin Lucas Sterling to a Commission in His majesty's Service —

Sir,

By order of Major General
Musgrave

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Fort St. George 6th December 1791

Musgrave, I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable President in Council, that Earl Cornwallis has been pleased to appoint Ensign Evelegh Pulbe Sterling to a Commission in his Majestys 76th Regiment of Foot.

Head Quarters
December 5th
1791.

I have the honor &c.
&c. &c.
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Act. Dep. Adj. Genl.

The Name of Ensign Pulbe Sterling to be struck off the List of the Army.

Agreed that the Name of Ensign Pulbe Sterling be struck off the List of the Army on this Establishment.

Chas Oakeley.
W. Petrie
J. Huddleston

Registered &c.

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Diary

the 6 Received the following Letters.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Fort St. George.

Hon.ble Sir.

From Captain Gage - Supplies for Reimbursement of Damages done to his Bungalow at Poonamalee by the Company's Grain which was stored in it by Captain Aubrey. -

Captain Aubrey while Command-ing at Poonamalee, made use of my Bungalo as a Storehouse for the Company's Grain, which has broken the Walls and totally ruined the building. - Inclosed I have the honor to send a Certificate from Captain Aubrey, in confirmation of the above, and have to request you will please to direct that I may be reimbursed the Expence incurred in Building my Bungalo, amounting to Two Hundred Pagodas. -

I am, with Respect

Hon.ble Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Ja.s Gage. Captain

76.th Regiment

Camp near Bangalore

29.th November 1791. -

Poonamalee

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To Poonamalee 15th December 1790.

This is to certify that on application from the Collector for a Place to store Grain belonging to the Honble Company I was under the Necessity of appropriating Capt. Gage's Bungalow for the purpose of a Granary as there were none in the Garrison but what were already full of Grain and Capt. Gage's House being contiguous to the Barrack converted to the same use the whole were by this means under one Guard of Sepoys

(Signed) Geo. Aubrey
Capt. Commandg
Poonamalee

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President in Council.

Sir,

From the Military Board - endosing Estimates of Repairs required to the Fortifications at Trichinopoly

We take the liberty to submit to you a Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee of Works at Trichinopoly, and request to be honored with your Commands, respecting the Estimates therein referred for the Repair of the Damages, which the late heavy Rains have occasioned to the Fortifications of that Place. The Estimates have

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To have been examined by Major Maule who has reported to us that the Measurements are just and Prices charged at the usual Rates—

We have the Honor to be
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Fort St. George
4th. December 1791— (Signed) Tho.s Musgrave
" J.: Capper
" Geo.: Maule
" Ro.t Tutt.
" George Hall.—

At a Committee of Works held at Trichinopoly the 21st. November 1791.—

Present
Colonel Thomas Bridges
Edward Garrow Esqr. Storekeeper
Dan.l Jennings Lieut. Engineers.—

The Committee take the earliest opportunity of informing the Military Board that in consequence of the extreme heavy Rains, the

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No 6 The Face of the Bray Wall at the S.W. angle of the Fort tumbled into the Ditch the 18th at Night. that the Breach occasioned by this accident is 55 Feet in Length and 18 Feet in height that in consequence it has made a passage nearly over - and as it is already the most accessible part of the Fort the Committee have ordered it to be cleared immediately and to be repaired as fast as possible - at the same time they send the Engineers Estimate of the probable Expence it will cause if no more of the Wall should give way by a continuance of the bad Weather.

That a considerable part of one face of the Wall to the Hospital at Warriore, tumbled down the same night 75 Feet Length and 18 in height and leaves the Hospital entirely open in which are more than 100 Europeans. The Committee have ordered it to be rebuilt immediately, to prevent their getting out an Estimate also goes herewith.

(Signed) Tho.s Bridges
Colonel

Edw.d Garrow Capt.

Dan.l Jennings

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6th Estimate of the Expence of rebuilding Part of the Faujee Bray Wall at the South West angle of the Fort of Trichinopoly that fell into the Ditch during the heavy Rains on the 18th Night, the Breach measuring 55 Feet long, Wall 18 feet high — The outside Course of the Wall, and Foundation is proposed to be Stone laid in Chunam, and the Parapet Brick and Chunam — Lascars to assist in raising the Stones out of the Ditch, clearing away for foundation, filling in &c.a

Stone and Chunam in Laying and connecting the new foundation with the 0 @ 55 feet long by 5½ feet by 4 feet, making 1210 Cubic feet at 2¼ Fanams pr foot		64.34.40
Stone and Chunam in the outside course of the Wall 55 feet long by 9 feet by 1½ feet thick making 742 Cubic feet a 2¼ fanams pr foot		39.32.50
Brick Work in Chunam in the Parapet 62 feet by 5 by 4 feet making 1240 Cubic feet a 2¾ fanams pr foot		81. 8.—
Stone Work in Clay in Building the rest of the Wall 55 feet long by 9 feet by 3½ making 1732½ Cubic feet at 1¾ fanams pr foot		72. 7.10.
Stone Work in Clay in two Buttresses each 13 feet by 5 feet by 4 feet making 520 Cubic feet at ¾ fanams pr foot		21 28.—
		279.27.—

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20th November 1791.

Amount Estimate Pagodas — 1279.27.—

(Signed) Dan.l Jennings
Lieut.t & Engineers

(Estimate

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6. Estimate of the Expence of rebuilding part of the Pagoda Wall at Warriore, now the General Hospital which has fallen down in two Places one and the 17th and one the 18th at Night, one Breach measuring 32 feet long the other 27 feet each 11 feet high the Wall to be Stone, or Brick and Clay, Pointed with Chunam. Lascars to assist in clearing away, raising the Stones &c.

Building in Stone and Clay Pointed with Chunam one Breach 32 feet long by 11 feet by 3½ feet thick making 1232 Cubic feet @ 2 fanams ¾ Cubic foot	58. 22. —	
Building in Brick and Clay to be pointed 32 feet by 3 feet by 2½ feet thick making 240 Cubic feet @ 2 fanams ¾ Cubic foot	11 18. —	
one Breach — Pagodas		70. 4. —
Building in Stone and Clay to be pointed with Chunam one Breach 27 feet by 11 feet by 3½ thick making 1039½ Cubic feet at 2 fanams ¾ Cubic foot	49 21. —	
Building in Brick and Clay to be pointed 27 feet long by 3 feet by 2½ feet making 202½ Cubic feet at 2 fanams ¾ Cubic foot	9 27. —	
Second Breach — Pagodas		59. 6. —
Total amount Pagodas		129. 10. —

Trichinopoly
21st November 1791.

(Signed) Dan.l Jennings
Lieut. Engineers —

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40.—

To the Commissary
& Comptroller General
of Army Accounts.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts — enclosing Copies of Papers relating to the Expence of subsisting the Prisoners of War at Vellore.—

To the Resident at
Ganjam.—

To the Resident at Ganjam — desiring him to write off the Books the Loss which may arise from the Sale of condemned Stores, and informing him that the Board cannot comply with Captain Little's Request to be placed on the same footing with regard to the Provision of Tents and Carriage for his Battalion as the Officers commanding Native Corps serving with the Grand Army.—

To the Reverend
Mr. Swartz
&c.

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz — requesting him to use his best Endeavours to obtain a Reduction in the Number of Armed Men now in the Pay of the Rajah.—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — communicating the Sentiments of the Board upon the Proceedings of the Committee of Works at Masulipatam which accompanied their Letter of the 1st. Instant.—

(To

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To the Commandant at Arnee

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To the Commandant at Arnee—

acquitting him of the Charges preferred against him by the Rajah—recommending him to endeavour to maintain a good Understanding with his Cavalry and desiring him to restrain his Servants from having Transactions of Trade or Money Concerns with the Inhabitants on any Pretence whatever

Substance of a Letter to the Jaghiredar of Arnee

Sent Letter to the Jaghiredar of Arnee (as entered in C. C. No. 2644) expressing the Board's Disapprobation of his Conduct in regard to the groundless Charges which he has lately preferred against Captain Mackay.

Substance of a Letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee

Received Letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee (as entered in C. C. No. 2645) promising to exert himself in providing Supplies for the Bazar of Arnee, and requesting that the Merchants may be allowed to change the same Price for their Grain as it would sell for at Arcot and Vellore.

9/7 Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor Genral &c. &c. &c.

To Lord Cornwallis inclosing Copy of a Major Coppage's Letter in which he recommends that a Detachment be forwarded into the Carnatic Country.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to enclose

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8th advising of the Demolition of the Fort of Coimbatour

Your Lordship will observe that Major Cuppage recommends that a Detachment be formed in the Coimbatour District; but as there is no Force of any consequence to oppose there at present, we know not how far you may think it adviseable to send any large Detachment (which will be attended with great Expence) into the Field – We shall be ready however to give such Orders as your Lordship may think expedient on this occasion

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

Fort St. George
8th December 1791.–

(Signed) Cha.s Oakeley
&c.a Council.–

9th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 41. 42. 43.–

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue
– communicating the Decision of Government on the Kindersley's Investigation into the Charges preferred by the Jaghiredar of Arnee against Captain Mackay

To the Register of the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore – – –

To the Register of the Debts of the Rajah of

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9th of Tanjore inclosing Copy of an Account delivered in by the acting Accountant General of the Sum due to the Private Creditors the 1st Instant —

To the Private Secretary to the Governor General.

To the Private Secretary to the Governor General — informing him that Lord Cornwallis's Letters to the Commodore and Major General Abercromby which accompanied his Letter of the 27th Ultimo have been delivered to Captain Osborne Commanding His Majesty's Ship Vestal —

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President.

William Petrie & John Studdleston Esqrs

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Friday 9th December 1791.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President &c &c &c
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

From Ld Cornwallis — Opinion on the Claim preferred by the Prize Agents of the Army to a Commission on the Company's Share of the Prize Funds — Recommendation regarding the Mode of discharging the Amount due to the Army for the 1st and 2d Campaigns

I have been honored with the Receipt of your Letter of the 23d Instant accompanied by three Reports and two Accounts relating to the Prize Funds of the Army. —

Observing that a Claim of the Prize Agents to draw a Commission of 5 ⅌ Cent on the estimated Value of the Company's Share of the captured Provisions and Stores, has been acquiesced in by your Honble. Board upon an Idea that an order issued by me had sanctioned such a Claim, and requesting a Copy of the order itself, as it will be necessary to report the Subject fully to the Honorable Court of Directors, I beg leave in reply to assure you that I have not issued any order to that effect. —

The order alluded to I understand is one of the 28th of February 1791 and the Passage relied on is that which I have the Honor now to transmit to the Board, and tho' a mistaken construction has been put upon it by Major Dirom / who spoke of

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its Source from Recollection only, and might therefore easily have fallen into an Error) it will be found to relate only to a Mode of Distribution for the whole of what was the acknowledged property of the Captors, and to have had no more reference to a Commission or Agency receivable on the Company's Share, than it had to an actual Division or Distribution of that Share, I must accordingly recommend that an acquiescence to the Claim of the Agents on that ground may be withdrawn and that it may be considered and decided one upon the grounds quite unconnected with that order.

With regard to your Suggestion of nominating a Person or Persons on the part of the Company to assist in the Valuation of the Captured Stores, Offices Situations are supposed to be conversant with the value of Stores have always composed a part of the Committee, and tho' in the constitution of the Committee it may not have been declared that they attended on behalf of the Company the object of their Selection must have been understood to ascertain from their experience a Knowledge of the real value of the Stores. —

I very much approve of the Plan

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Plan you propose for payment of the Prize Funds, which I am persuaded will be perfectly acceptable to the Officers concerned, and I accordingly recommend that whenever you find your means equal to the discharge of the Bills which may be drawn in consequence of a Distribution that you will communicate your authority to the Army for making the Payments by Bills on the Paymaster General

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedt. hble Servant.

Camp 8 Mls. West of Bangalore Novr. 29th. 1791.

(Signd) Cornwallis.

Extract of a General Orders By Earl Cornwallis Head Quarters Camp at Colare 28th. February 1791.

Earl Cornwallis and General Medows decline to receive any part of the Prize Money & relinquish their Shares in favor of the Army; the whole therefore, after deducting Expences and the usual Allowance of five p. Cent for Agency & the Moiety of the Grain and Military Stores

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claimed by the Company, will be distributed to the Army in the same proportion as the Coast Batta, excepting that a Serjeant who has only the same Batta as a Private Soldier, is to receive double in Prize Money & in like manner a Havildar double that of a Sepoy — The Native Cavalry will have the same Allowance of Prize Money as the Native Infantry.—

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis.

That, if the Gentlemen appointed to act in behalf of the Army had been named at the same time by this Government as Agents on the part of the Company and had managed the Interests of the Concern under this joint authority, the Board would have chearfully assented to an immediate Distribution of the same Reward on the part of the Company, which had been allowed on the part of the Army — But no such Appointment having taken place, they do not feel themselves warranted in coming to this Distribution; tho' they are of opinion that the Conduct of the Agents has equally tended to the Benefit of both Parties, and that they have just claim upon the Company for a Commission on their Monthly of the Funds.—

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As the Board are only restrained by the want of that Sanction which seems to have become necessary in consequence of the omission above noticed, and as they are well pleased with the Attention shewn by the Agents to the common Interest on this occasion, it is Resolved, to solicit the consent of the Honble Court of Directors to the Payment of a Commission to those Gentlemen similar to that which has been drawn on the Moiety of the Captors, in the Event of the Courts objecting to the Relinquishment of the Company's Share

In order, however, to afford those Gentlemen a regular Authority for drawing a Commission on the whole Prize Funds in future, and to hold out some Encouragement to excite a continuance of their Exertions in behalf of the public Interest, it is further Resolved, to appoint them Agents on the part of the Company, in addition to the Trust which they already hold.

The Board being anxious to discharge the well earned Claims of the Army with the least possible delay, it is agreed to

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request of Lord Cornwallis to give the necessary orders for an immediate Distribution of the Sum due to the Captors, which is stated by the Committee appointed by Government to amount to the Sum of one Lack fifteen thousand, eight hundred and ninety one Pagodas, twenty five Fanams and seventeen and a half Cash (115891 25 17½) and to direct the Paymaster in Camp to issue Bills on the Military Paymaster General for the Amount due to the Officers.

General Order to be published respecting the Payment to the Army of the Amount of Prize Money due for the late Campaign.

Agreed that the necessary General Order be published to the Army.

The Acting President recommends that the old Grain in Store at Chingleput and Pondamallee be sold off to the best Advantage for the Company

The old Grain in Store at Pondamallee and Chingleput to be sold off

Ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. N.º 266)

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

Dated 10th Rubbi Issany 1206 Hegery or 7th December 1791

Received 7th Dec.r Do.

Shall desire permission to make my application for money on account of this Fifth under the Month of April next

I have received your Letter of the 5th

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of this Month in which you inform me that if I will give you an assurance that I will not come forward with any further Demand until the Month of April next, you will go so far towards meeting my Wishes as to recommend to the Board a Compliance with my request for Bills on the Collector at Tinnevelly for 20,000 Pagodas to be paid in February – This I understand, – and since my Friend will not grant my Request but on Condition that I promise not to apply again to my old Friends the Company for their assistance until the Month of April next I am obliged to submit, and will not till then, trouble you with any further Requests for Bills or Money on account of my fifth of my own Revenue – I now hope there will be no further Delay in granting the Bills on Tinnevelly for 20,000 Pagodas payable to Vencata Soobiah – & I hope you will favor me by delivering these Bills to him as soon as possible. –

It was not my Custom to make these Conditions with my old Friends when they used to apply to me for Money in their distresses – I have seen much reverse of fortune in this World but for the present I must submit to my misfortunes

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being the Will of God.

Although in consequence of your Desire I have promised not to make any further Requests for Money on account of my one fifth until the Month of April next, yet I do not take a Promise from my Friend that he shall not supply me with any in case of great Necessity

What can I say more?

a true Translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Minute thereon.

Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be directed to draw a Set of Bills for 10,000 Pagodas on the Collector at Tinnevelly and another Set for a similar Sum on the Collector at Madura in favor of, and payable to Venkata Soobiah in the Month of February next on account of the Nabob's fifth

Read the following Letter from the Collector at Tinnevelly.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Secret and Military Department.

Sir.

From the Collector at Tinnevelly Information respecting Carnatic Claims to Inhabitants of the Tinnevelly District arising on the Company's Account and the Nabob's fifth

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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a Petition from Avanadum Paupiah Brahmin — and desiring me to inform Government particularly concerning it —

In the List of Claimants for mortgaged Property this demand is mentioned under the name of Jagannada Taukey and was with the rest recommended to the Board of Revenue, to be restored to the Individuals — as soon as the neceſsity for seizing and holding these Securities no longer existed

As far as I am able to learn from the Nabob's late Manager the Transaction is correctly stated by the Petitioner, and that the Security was the Property of Paupiah at the time I took Charge of the Country —

The Security however did not exist in Grain as specified by the Petitioner but in the various Revenues of certain Talookas assigned for the Payment: of which only 17,512 .. 8 .. 39 or 10,000 Star Pagodas Chuckrs remained uncollected — and of this 16,186 has since been received by me and carried to Account under the Head of Mortgaged Property —

I am under the neceſsity of remarking however, that the application as related

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related to have been made to me and my
answer, with the Reasons assigned for not
delivering the Grain, is altogether without
foundation.

For no application on this account
was made by any body — on seeing the Name
of Jagannada Tawker in the Circar Books for
this Mortgage I sent for his agent Sevaram
Trivady, to produce the Title Deeds in support
of the Claim, which he was unable to do, but
said they would be produced at Madras —
and a Note to this Effect appears at the
Bottom of the List of Claims transmitted to
the Revenue Board the 31st October 1791 —
Government must be sensible that the
true Reason for not relinquishing the
Security; for this Claim is subject to the
same arguments that have so unexpectedly
prevailed with them for confiscating the
Rest.

It cannot, I hope, be objected to
if I take this opportunity of once more
representing to Government the hardships
and apparent injustice of their Decision
respecting

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Unjust to the Individual Natives who are not supposed to be acquainted with, if comprehended in Orders from Europe respecting the Nabob — and a very degrading Hardship to myself who was the Instrument upon the Occasion.—

As it is one of the few, if not the only Measure of Government that reflects discredit upon the Assumption in this Quarter and will tend so much to strengthen the confidence of the People if redressed — I must in the most pressing terms intreat the Board to reconsider the Matter — the Sum amounting to about 30,000 Pagodas will be chearfully received in Bonds, or any other mode of Payment as suitable to the convenience of Government, and the Parties concerned as well as myself will be highly grateful for the favor —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Benj.n Torin

Coll.n

Tinnevelly
26th Nov.r 1791.—

Agreed

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Resolved, in consequence of the above Representation relative to the Mortgaged Property in the Tinnevelly Country belonging to Natives at the Time of the Assumption, that the Orders to the Board of Assumed Revenue dated the 1st December 1790 be revoked; and that Mr Torin be authorized to discharge the Amount due to Native Claimants from the Current Revenue of Fasly 1200, with an Interest of 8 Pr Cent Pr Annum from the Time their property was taken possession of on the part of the Company

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

Comptroller General's Department

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
President & Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honorable Sir,

In obedience to your Commands I have examined the Vouchers transmitted by Mr Gahagan Surgeon at Vellore, in support of his Charge for Medicines &c. supplied to sick Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment received into this

From the Commissary & Comptroller General of charges, & remarks & opinion on the Vouchers transmitted by Mr Gahagan in support of his charges on account of the sick & sick Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment

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his Hospital. In the first instance I have to observe that the Returns which he has forwarded are not Countersigned by the Commanding Officer & Post Adjutant of the Garrison, which ought to have been the case, as those Men had no Officers of their own present, Mr. Gahagan has signed the Returns as well as his Bills of Charge. I humbly conceive when Returns properly authenticated are forwarded Mr. Gahagan may be allowed one fanam pr diem for each sick Sepoy during the time he remained in the hospital, agreeable to the General Order bearing date the 3d. November 1791.

I have the Honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your most Obedient humble
Servant

Fort St. George
December 6th 1791.

(Signed) J. Capper
C.G. Dt.

Minute thereon

The Board confirm the Opinion given by the Comptroller General upon Mr. Gahagan's Bills - Ordered that Mr. Gahagan be informed thereof.

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Read the following Letter from
Mr. William Abbott —

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

Honble Sir,

From the Agent for the Proprietors of the Madras Courier — inclosing a Paragraph — inserted in the Courier of yesterday — containing for their Information a Extract complained of by Captain Read —

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter dated the 1st Instant with its Inclosures, on the subject of two Paragraphs that appeared in the Madras Courier of the 13th October, of which Captain Read complains as containing a reflection on his Conduct: and also, Copy of a Letter from that Gentleman, to Mr. Secretary Jackson dated the 17th Ultimo, requesting of him to lay the Circumstance before Government that Reparation may be made, for the Injury he has receiv'd

In compliance with your Commands I have laid that Letter before a Majority of the Proprietors, who having attentively perused it, with its Inclosures, have requested of me to assure Government, that they feel extremely concerned, that the Paragraph

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Paragraphs alluded to should have found their way into the Courier.— On the first information the Editor had of the Circumstance from Captn. Read, through Mr. Daly his Agent, they expressed their Sentiments of Concern, and the Inclosed Paragraph was submitted to Mr. Daly and, which he thought satisfactory to his own private Feelings, was inserted in the Courier of the 3d. November.— It may have, and, most probably, has happened that Capt. Read had not when he addressed Government, seen this Apology, or having done so, has not thought it sufficient;— In the latter case, I have the honor to represent to you, on the part of the Majority of the Proprietors, that they are not only willing, but anxious to insert any Document in the Courier which you may please to furnish, that shall tend to efface or apologize, for the unintentional Injury Captain Read has received.— I have further the honor to make known to you from the Majority of the Proprietors of the Courier that they have taken such Steps as they trust will effectually prevent complaints similar to those already made,

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for which they again beg Leave to express their very sincere concern.—

I have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient

& humble Servant

Fort St. George

5th December 1791.

(Signed) William Abbott.

Agent for the Proprietors

of the Madras Press.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Read be furnished with a Copy of the above Letter, and informed that if that Letter and the Paragraph inserted in the Courier of the 3d November apologizing for the Introduction of the Extracts complained of by him be sufficient, the Board will oblige the Editor to make such further Apology as he or (Captain Read) may require.—

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General of the Army.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Political & Military Departments

of Fort St George

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

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appointed to command the Troops in the Ganjam District that Lieut. Colo. Bibliffe supply the vacancy of Lieut. Colonel Dupont that Lieut. Aldwell Taylor be promoted to the Rank of Captain; vice Hammond, and Ensign Johnstone of the Engineers to the Rank of Lieutenant vice Ryland enclosing the Proceedings of an invaliding Committee held at Bangalore, and Copies of General Orders published in Camp relative to extra or contingent Expences.

Major General Meadows to request you will lay before the Board the following Recommendations

Lieut. Colo. Trent to be appointed to command the Troops in the Ganjam District

Lieut. Colo. Bibliffe, to supply the vacancy, in that Rank on the Establishment, of Lieut. Colonel Dupont Invalided, from the 17th of Augt. last.

Lieut. Aldwell Taylor to be Captain vice Hammond of Infantry Invalided - date of Rank 28th Sept. 1791 -

Ensign George Johnstone to be Lieut. vice Ryland of the Engineer Corps deceased - date of Rank 12th June 1791. -

General Meadows requests you will explain to the Board that Lieut. Colo. Trent having been ordered to join the part of his Brigade in the Field in consequence of his own application at the commencement of the War at which time he held the Command in the Ganjam District, and that as by the alteration of the Native Battalions in Brigade which took place in August last none of those in the Brigade to which Lieut. Colo. Trent stands appointed are with the Army in the

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the Field the General has therefore been
induced to recommend his return to the same
situation he held before. —

Lord Cornwallis having been
desirous that such part of the Coast Troops
belonging to Corps in the Field as were judged
to be fit Objects for the Invalid and Pension
List should be struck off the Effective Strength
General Medows was induced to order a
Committee for the purpose before the regulated
annual Period for holding the Invaliding
Committees for the Troops of the Coast Establish-
ment, and has directed me to request your
will lay the Proceedings before the Board
they are herewith inclosed

I have also the honor to inclose
a Copy of such General Orders, by Lord Cornwallis,
up to the Period I left Camp, as relate to extra
or contingent expences with the Troops in
the Field, as they may be useful to the Public
Offices at the Presidency

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

Fort St. George
8th December 1791.

(Signd) Henry Malcolm
Adt Genl of the Army

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Fort St. George 9th December 1791.

Extracts from the General Orders of Earl Cornwallis in the Field commencing from the

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1791. - the immediate Command of the Field Army

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February 12. As the Bengal Troops will now be compleated with Elephants & Camels for carrying their Camp Equipage; and as they have no Bells of Arms, the Bullocks attached to them for these purposes from the Coast Establishment are to be returned to the Bullock Contractors immediately who will receive orders for distributing them. -

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February 13. The Paymaster of the Bengal Troops to indent to the Paymaster of the Army

(For

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the Field the General has therefore been induced to recommend his return to the same Situations he held before. —

Lord Cornwallis having been desirous that such part of the Coast Troops belonging to Corps in the Field as were judged to be fit Objects for the Invalid or Pension List should be struck off the Effective Strength, General Medows was induced to order a Committee for the purpose before the regulated annual Period for holding the Invaliding Committees for the Troops of the Coast Establishment, and has directed me to request you will lay the Proceedings before the Board

They are herewith inclosed

I have also the honor to inclose a Copy of such General Orders, by Lord Cornwallis, up to the Period I left Camp, as relate to extra or contingent expences with the Troops in the Field, as they may be useful to the Public Offices at the Presidency

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(For

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Date of Order 7th February 22} for the Money required for the Bengal Payments

Proper places to be allotted and fitted up in Vellour for the whole of the Sick sent into that Garrison from the Army.—

February 21— Mr. Burke is to draw from Mr. Colt a two Months' distribution for his Majesty's Troops — it is to be sent to him in a Tumbril.—

February 22— The undermentioned Stores to be carried with every Corps in Camp and their Surplus Carriage and Stores to be sent immediately to Captain Ball, Commissary.

Stores		Bullocks required
Ammunition	18 Barrels —	9.—
Pick Axes	20	2.—
Mamoolies	20	2.—
Bill Hooks	25 }	1.
Bank Iron	1 }	
Iron	80lb }	1.
Steel	30lb }	
Tarpaulins Large	2	2.—
Flints	1800	1.
Artificers Tools of sorts		1.
Charcoal	120lb	1.
	Spare Bullocks	4.—
	Total	24.—

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Date of Orders
1791 ult.
February 23

The following distribution is
directed to be made of the Elephants arrived
under charge of Lieutenant John McDonald

For Head Quarters	1	
The Artillery Park for the Guns	6.	
The 19th Regiment of Dragoons	10.	
The 36th Regiment	6.	
The 52nd Regiment	6.	
The 71st. Regiment	6.	
The 72nd Regiment	6.	
The 74th Regiment	6.	
The 76th Regiment	6.	59
Sick & unfit for present service to remain with Lieut. Sandys		5
	Total	64

The above Allotment of Elephants is
calculated to provide for the Carriage of
all the Camp Equipage belonging to the
19th Dragoons in consequence of which
the one hundred and forty two Bullocks
now employed with that Corps are to
be returned immediately to the Contractor's
Agent. The six Elephants allotted to
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Date of Orders 1791 ult. February 23 } Marquees, and two Private Tents for each Company as a secure means of providing Shelter for the European Officers and Men after coming to their Ground, when the rest of the Camp Equipage of the Regiment may not have arrived.—

In consequence of this distribution of Carriage by Elephants, the following allotment of Carriage Bullocks including the proportion of Spare will be required for carrying the remaining Tents of the several Regiments agreeable to the present State of their Camp Equipage, and all the Tent Cattle extra to this proportion is to be returned immediately to the Contractors Agent, the Commanding Officers of Corps reserving none but serviceable Cattle, and with them their proportion of Mastrus and Drivers

The 36th. Regiment to retain			85.
52nd	D°	D°	90.
71st	D°	D°	105.
72nd	D°	D°	75.
74th	D°	D°	96.
76th	D°	D°	94.
4th European Battalion			95.

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Date of Orders 1791. February 25th

The Commander in Chief being persuaded that with the greatest Zeal and Exertions the business of the Grain and Provision Department of this Army is much too extensive for one Man to conduct with Regularity and proper Arrange-ment, thinks it necessary to nominate another Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the same allowances as are given to Lieutenant Gorry

Lieutenant Wells, Brigade Major of the Bengal Infantry is appointed to the above department.

A Division is to be made as well of the Rice which is loaded on Bandies as of that which is carried on Bullocks, one part whereof will be continued under the Charge of Lieutenant Gorry and the other under Lieutenant Wells.

The Quarter Master General will in future mark out separate Grounds for the Grain and Cattle under Lieutenant Gorry and Lieutenant Wells, and the former will consider himself attached to the left and the latter to the right

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Orde of Orders 1791 February 25 } right Wing of the Army

Whenever Rice is ordered to be delivered to the Native Troops the Indents of those Corps which compose the Right Wing are to be presented to Lieutenant Wells and those of the Left to Lieutenant Gorry. The Reserve will be served from that part of the Line which is most convenient according to the Situation of their Encampment, and which will be expressed in Orders when any Issue takes place — The Corps of Pioneers and the Guides are to be served from the Right Wing.

The whole of the Charge of the Provision Department of the Europeans is to continue for the present under Lieutenant Gorry and a Division of the Establishment of Artificers and Servants as returned at present in the Grain and Provision Department is to take place, the particulars of which will be notified to the Deputy Commissaries by the Adjutant General.

Whatever Issues of Grain are made by Lieut.t Wells on Indents the Vouchers are to be sent by him to Lieutenant Gorry

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Date of Orders
1791.
February. 25. } Gorry with whom the detail of keeping the Accounts of all Receipts and Issues and of paying the Establishments is to rest during the absence of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions.

Separate daily Reports to be sent by each of the Deputy Commissaries to Captain Robinson as directed in the General Orders of the 6th Instant.

√ February 26. × The additional Establishment of 4 Tindal and 12 Lascars allowed to the Bengal Battalions of Native Infantry for pitching the Tents and for the Ammunition and Stores is to be reduced from the 1st of next Month to one Tindal and eight Lascars who are to be mustered and drawn for hereafter by the Commanding Officers of Battalions and the Paymaster of the Coast Establishment is directed to strike them off from his Pay-rolls from that date. — ×

March 3. A Corps of European Pioneers is to be held in readiness when called on and to be formed under the command of Ensign MacPherson of the 52nd Regiment

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Date of Orders 1791 March 3

it will consist of one Serjeant, one Corpo-
and ten Privates from each Corps of Europe
Infantry with the Army - Total No
commissioned Rank and File Eighty 9
- this detail to be composed of Men w
have served as Pioneers or are Miners
trade - a list of the Detail to be furnis
by each Corps to be sent to Ensign Mac
Pherson this evening.

Officers who are desirous
serving as Assistant Engineers during t
present Service are directed to send
their Names to the Adjutant General
they are to understand that on this
duty they are not to take post of any
Officer of the Corps of Engineers -

Lieutenant Mackenzie
of Engineers to act as Adjutant of the
Corps of Engineers until further orde

March 6. As it is well known that
the Cattle are in this Country apprehens
Seasons principally subsisted by t
Roots of Grass, the Commander in Ch
recommends it to all Individuals to
ma utmost caution to feed their
Cattle

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Date of Orders 1791. March 6. Cattle in that manner — he likewise expects that the Agent for the Bullock Contractors will take similar Measures for supplying the Public Cattle and as the Commander in Chief is sensible that in the present Situation of the Army it may be impracticable to make that Provision without some additional Expence he directs that an account of whatever may be incurred in this way shall be kept with the utmost Precision and certified upon honor, upon which the Commander in Chief will be ready to allow a reasonable Proportion of it to be defrayed by the Public.—

The Corps of European Pioneers to be assembled at two this afternoon at Major Maule's Tent, near which they are to pitch until further Orders — The Quarter Master General to order a proportion of Tents for them from the Corps that furnish the Detail.

March 8.— The Surgeon General to pitch upon a healthy and convenient Spot

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Date of Orders 5th/91 March 8.} For a Field Hospital, and to order the Sick and Wounded who require attendance there to be removed into it as soon as ready — he will also arrange and order the Surgeons and Assistants for the Field Hospital

Mr. Anderson, Surgeon,

to Victual the Sick in the Field Hospital

The Commissary of Stores will pay at the following rate for the Shot that are picked up on their being brought to the Park

Eighteen Pound Shot & upwards — Five Fanams each

Twelve Pound Shot & under — Two Fanams each

This reward for picking up of Shot to be published by beat of tom.tom. through the Camp

March 9. Working parties employed in making Fascines are not to be paid after to morrow by the day, but for the Number they make agreeably to the prices hereafter mentioned and for which the Engineer is to grant Chitts accordingly

For a Fascine one foot Diameter and twelve feet long, Five Madras Fanams

For

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Date of orders
1791
March 9.

For a Pascine One foot Diameter and nine feet long, three Madras Fanams

For a Pascine one foot Diameter and six feet long, two Madras Fanams.

Persons not belonging to the Working parties will be paid at the same rate for Pascines delivered to the Park and approved by the Engineer.—

Baskets made agreeably to a Muster which will be delivered by the Engineer to the Superintendant of Supplies will be paid for on delivery at the Park at the rate of five Pagodas per Hundred and the Superintendant of Supplies is directed to notify in the Bazars this regulation relative to Pascines and Baskets that such of the Followers of the Army as chuse to work may be employed in making both Pascines and Baskets—

When Extra Drams are ordered for the working Parties the Indents are to be signed by the Engineer on Duty and Countersigned by the Officer commanding in the Trenches — M.r Smale of the Provision Department now Stationed in the Pettah will comply with the Indents— —

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Date of Orders 1791.

March 16. The Bullock Contractor's agent to furnish as many Bullocks as are necessary for the daily victualling of the Europeans from the Bullocks attached to the Grain and Store Departments — the Commissary of Grain and Provisions is to furnish the owners of the Bullocks relieved over to the victualling Department, the earliest opportunity, with an equal Number of Bullocks, fit for Carriage as he may have received for Victualling

The Bullocks delivered to the Provision Department are to be dilly considered as effective.

March 17. On account of the fatiguing Duty of the present Service which is performed so chearfully by the Troops, the Commander in Chief desires that no Stoppages shall be made for the Pasty directed to be delivered to the Native Troops in Yesterday's orders —

March 22. Tents for the Sick and Wounded to be pitched in Camp at such place as the Surgeon General shall direct until a convenient Hospital is cleared for them in the Fort. The Surgeon General having pitched

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Date of Orders
1791
March 22. pitched upon the Square in front of the Palace for the Hospital, is to be furnished early to morrow morning with Fifty Pioneers from the Corps under Lieutenant Douse to fit it up. —

March 23. The Approaches and Batteries before Bangalore to be levelled, and the Breach to be cleared and repaired as expeditiously as possibly. —

March 24. Colonel Duff is authorized to take also for the Service of the Garrison such of the Conductors and Artificers of the Bengal Establishment as he may judge necessary and to name three Non Commission'd Officers to be Serjeant Major, Quarter Master Serjeant and Store Serjeant — he is to send information this [illegible] of to the Corps allotted for the Garri[illegible] 1 — 1 — five to the Posts they are to occup[illegible] 1 — 2 — 2 — Morning they will march off at half [illegible], 1 — 1 — their own Parades

Lieutenant Alexander Grant of Coast Infantry appointed Town Major of Bangalore —

The Officers who have served

(as

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1791
March 24. as Assistant Engineers during the Seige
to join their Corps. —

March 25. Lieutenant John Baillie of
the 21st Battalion appointed Commissary
of Prisoners in Bangalore. —

The four 12 Pounders remaining with the Army and the Field Pieces
exceeding two to each Corps to be parked
in the center of the line and two Setts of
Draught Bullocks to be attached to each
Gun and Tumbrill: it is earnestly recommended to the Officers of Artillery to
be particularly attentive to the care of
the Bullocks that are attached to their
respective Guns and Tumbrils —

March 26 Ensign Manockey of the 52nd
Regiment to do duty as an Assistant
Engineer in Bangalore until further
Orders

The Assistant Engineers and
the Officers and Soldiers of the European
Pioneers to draw Pay on account of their
extra Duty for the whole of the Month
of March —

Lord Cornwallis orders the
following

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1791
March 26. Following Sums to be paid to the Serjeant and Twelve of the advance Party on the Assault of the 21st instant.

Serjeant 20 Pagodas
Corporals — 5 } — each —
Privates — 3 }

If any of these Men who were killed in the Assault have left Families, the Families are to receive Double —

A Key Serjeant is allowed for the Garrison of Bangalore. —

The following proportion of European Carpenters Masons Bricklayers and Stone-Cutters to serve in Bangalore under the Engineer untill further Orders, and to be Furnished as follows —

36th	Regiment	1	1	1 1
52nd	Do.	1	2	2 — —
71st	Do.	1	1	1 1
72nd	Do.	1	—	— —
77th	Do.	1	1	2 —
1st	European Battalion	1	1	— — —
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The following Sums to be paid

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To Whom

March 26 paid to the Corps of Native Pioners for the
Strength present at the Muster Pass —
Serjeants each . . . . . one Pagoda
Havildars each . . . . . half a Pagoda
Naiques and Privates, each Quarter of a Pagoda.

April 7. After the numerous Complaints
Lord Cornwallis has daily received of the
Difficulty of carrying on the Public
Business for want of Bullock Drivers,
it has been with no small surprize that
he has seen that on a Muster Day their
Number appeared to be nearly compleat
as Frauds of that Nature cannot be —
as Frauds of that Nature cannot be practised to any considerable extent if
the Heads of Departments shew a vigilant
attention to the Public Interests by —
exerting themselves to detect and expose
them, he must consider them as responsible
to him for doing their utmost to prevent
the continuance of such Impositions. —

His Lordship must likewise
declare that he entertains strong Suspicions
that similar Impositions are practised
in the Muster of the Bullocks which
will become a still greater Object of attention
for

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Date of Orders
1791.
April 7. — For the Officers who are entrusted with the Management of the different Depart=ments, and he positively directs that no Allowance shall be made to the Contractors for the unmarked Bullocks that were produced at the last Muster which was taken on the 26th ultimo at Bangalore nor for any Bullocks at future Musters which shall not be marked according to the standing Orders. —

April 9th — The Commander in Chief having in his Orders of the 25th February considered the business of the Grain and Provision Department to be too extensive for one Man even with the utmost Zeal and exertion in the execution of the Duty, and having at the same Time made an arrangement for conducting the Business more easily by dividing, and placing the Total of the Grain under the charge of two separate Commissaries not only to facilitate the delivery of it to the Troops but as a Means of ascertaining with more precision the Quantity in Store and the Means of

(conveying

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Date of Orders
1791
April 9th — conveying it with the Army Funds from the Casualties since that Period and the difficulty of obtaining exact Reports of them in time sufficient to ascertain either the Quantity of Provisions with the Army, the Means of moving them, or the Expence which regularly falls to be paid by the Public that a still further Alteration of the present System becomes expedient —

The Commander in Chief has therefore resolved that the entire Charge and Controul of all the Grain in the Field for the use of the Army, shall be under a public Officer in Camp as the Commissary of Grain and that the Butta or Victualling of the European Troops shall be a separate Department and conducted by another public Officer as Commissary of Provisions for the European Troops on the same Principles and Terms as at present, except that the Rice for the use of the Europeans shall be supplied by the Commissary of Grain on the Indents of the Commissary of Provisions for

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Date of Orders
1791
April 9th

For the European Troops. —

Captain Wells Brigade Major of the Bengal Infantry is appointed Commissary of Grain with the Army in the Army in the Field. — Thomas Kingscote Esquire continues in the post of Commissary of Provisions for the European Troops, and Lieutenant Gorry his Deputy. —

A Quantity of Rice for the European Troops not exceeding at any one time a supply for five Days, unless particularly ordered, is to be in Charge of the Commissary of Provisions for the European Troops with the Proportion of Bullocks required to carry that Quantity: this proportion of Rice to be compleated from time to time as opportunities offer or occation may require by Indents on the Commissary of Grain. —

The Commissary of Provisions is likewise to have the Charge of the whole of every other Article of Provisions supplied to the European Troops with the Servants, Carts, Bullocks, Gunny Bags and every Article required and allowed for the Receipts

Issues

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Date of Orders
1791
April 9th Issues and Repairs in that Department

All the Grain in the public
Store in Camp and the Cattle and Servants
employed in the Carriage, charge and
Issues of it to be delivered over to the Commissary
of Grain, except the proportion of Cattle
ordered to be in the charge of the Commissary
of Provisions. —

The Office of Commissary of Grain
and Provisions in the Field being formed
into two separate Departments as above
the Commissary of Grain and Provisions in
the Field agreeably to the existing Regulations
and Orders on every matter that appertains
to the Grain placed under his charge
and Controul; and the Commissary of Provisions
is to execute the Duties of the Commissary
of Grain and Provisions in the Field
agreeably to the existing Regulations and
Orders in every matter that appertains to
victualling the European Troops, except
only that the Rice of the European
Troops is to be supplied as directed in
this Regulation by Indents on the
Commissary of Grain. —

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Date of orders
1791
April 9th

The change of System which is now ordered to take place regarding the Office of Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the Field is to be considered in force on and from this day to which date inclusive the Accounts are to be made up and closed agreeably to the former System.—

The Commissary of Grain and the Commissary of Provisions for the European Troops are to send this day to Captain Robinson Aid de Camp a Return of the present State of their Departments respectively under the new Arrangement and to give Indents to the Agent of the Bullock Contractors agreeably to form for the Number of serviceable Bullocks and of Drivers actually attached to their Departments after the new Arrangement takes place, which Indents with the Casualties that fall afterwards are to regulate the Certificates for Payment on account of Bullocks furnished for the two Departments from this date.—

Exclusive of the Office Establishment now employed in the Grain Department

The

6222 Fort St. George 9th December 1791.

Date of Orders
1791
April. 9th The Commissary of Grain is to be allowed four Serjeants to assist him in conducting the business.—

The Office Establishment of each of the Departments are to be drawn for by Abstract by the Commissary of Grain and the Commissary of Provisions respectively and to be mustered at the same time with the Departments.—

Lieutenant Gorry is to deliver over the Grain to Captain Wells, a Return of the Quantity of Grain and of the Number of Bullocks and a List of the Servants specifying their duty and monthly Pay.—

All Bullocks rejected by the Master Master to be branded with an R. at the time of Rejection.—

April 10. Bills for Stores furnished in the Field or for other contingent Charges are not to be sent to Madras to be audited without being previously laid before the Commander in Chief.—

April 28. His Lordship can only express to the Officers his Sense of their Public Spirit at this time in by Offering them his warmest Thanks

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Date of Orders
1791
April 28.

Thanks and as he has likewise understood the Commanding Officers of Corps have an intention to prevail on many of their Followers to convey Shot to Seringapatam he authorizes them to offer a Premium to every Follower upon whose care they can place any dependence in the charge of Shot entrusted to them, of one Rupee and a half for every twenty four pound Shot and one Rupee for every eighteen that they return to the Park on the arrival of the Army at Seringapatam.—

The Troops will carry five Seers of Rice per Man the Day the Army marches from Bangalore, exclusive of this the Quantity of Paddy each Corps has the means of carrying on its being delivered gratis is to be reported by two o'Clock to-morrow in the Form of Indents addressed to the Commissary of Grain, but to be sent to the Adjutant General, specifying the Number of Seers of Paddy per Man and the Number of Days for which the Paddy will last the Men drawn for in each Corps.—

The Adjutant General will inform the Corps of the Paddy is to be sent

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Date of Orders
1791
April 28. for, and is to countersign the Indents by
order as the Commissary's Voucher for deliver-
ing this Paddy gratis.—

April 30. Lieutenant Henry Douglas
appointed Commissary of Ordnance and
Military Storekeeper in Bangalore.—

The European Troops having
chearfully consented to receive and carry
five Day's Provisions in Paddy calculated
from the Day the Army marches from
hence, those Corps are to indent for nine
Seers of Paddy per Man, which the Com-
missary of Provisions is to receive from the
Commissary of Grain, and to deliver as early
as possible in the fore-noon to morrow—
this Issue, which is also intended to save
the delivery of Rice to morrow, will supply
the Europeans with Rice to the 6th of May
inclusive—the Commander in Chief directs
the Paddy so issued to be given to the European
Troops gratis, and that they shall be consider-
ed as entitled to the allowance, prescribed by
the Regulations, to be paid them in Money
when Rice cannot be delivered to them.
reckoning from the 1st of May to the 6th—both
Days

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Date of Orders
1791
April 30.— Days inclusive.—

Lieutenant Getty of the 72nd Regiment to act as Adjutant to the Detachment commanded by Captain Borthwick.—

May 8th. Lord Cornwallis is highly pleased with the Exertions of the Troops in assisting the Store Carts on the March yesterday and the Day before and directs that working Money shall be drawn for the Companies sent for Duty on those Days:— Working Money for those Days is also to be drawn for such Detail of the Rear Guard as shall be certified by the Commanding Officers of the Rear Guard to have exerted themselves to assist the Store Carts.—

Head of Corps and Departments are to give Notice to the Commissary of Stores of the Number of their Tent Lascars that will carry an entrenching Tool each, on being paid one Rupee per Man on the Delivery of it at Seringapatam.—

May 10.— Lord Cornwallis having been informed that large Quantities of Grain of various kinds, which it is not in the Enemy's

Power—

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Date of order 79

May 10. Power to destroy, can. by a moderate degree of Industry be discovered and dug up either in the Villages or the Fields adjoining to them, over the face of the whole Country in which the army is now arrived, and being desirous to adopt a Measure which will equally tend to facilitate the success of our future operations and to promote the private Interest of the Soldier he has on the one hand directed that in future only one half Seer of Rice or in lieu of it one Seer of Paddy shall be issued as the daily allowance to each European and Native Soldier; and on the other he has given Orders that no charge what-ever shall be made to the Natives for the Rice or Paddy so delivered, and that an Equivalent in Money shall be paid to the Europeans for the Quantity of Grain to which they are entitled by the Regulations

May 23. The entrenching Tools carried by the Corps to be returned to the Commissary of Stores – The Reward of one Rupee for the

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Date of orders 1791

May 23. The Carriage of each Tool will be discharged on Bills signed by Officers Commanding Corps and countersigned by the Commissary for the Numbers received into Store —

May 25. - - - - - Such of the European Soldiers as choose to carry one entrenching Tool each will receive two Drams daily until the Tools are ordered to be received again into Store, and one Rupee for each on their being delivered back, the Money now paid in lieu of the second Dram is to be continued to every Soldier who carries entrenching Tools, the same as if they did not draw the second Dram. —

— The entrenching Tools to be carried by the European Soldiers must be indented for and delivered immediately. —

The Shot carried by Corps and Individuals that has not already been given in to the Commissary of Stores to be sent to him immediately, and the Bills for the Reward offered to the Followers for carrying Shot will be discharged on being Counter-signed by the Commissary of Stores. —

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Date of Orders 1791.

May 30. ..... As it has become absolutely necessary since the Junction of the Mahratta Forces to halt a considerable time, it is impracticable to continue to the extent proposed by the Commander in Chief, the second Dram which was intended to be issued daily to the Soldiers who carry entrenching Tools without running the risk of soon depriving the Troops for a length of time of even one Dram per Day it is therefore thought necessary to limit the Issue of the second Dram to marching Days only when the Men have the trouble of carrying the Tools

May 31 ..... The great deficiency of Bullock which has been experienced for a considerable time by every Corps and Depart-ment of the Army and the serious injury which has thereby been occasioned to the Public Service renders it peculiarly necessary at this time to endeavour to obtain by every means possible, a supply of Cattle to answer the Exigencies of the Service exclusive of those that the Bullock Contractors furnish. Lord Cornwallis (has

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has therefore judged it necessary not only to establish an Agent to procure Bullocks and have the Charge of part of those that he may be able to provide, but has also conceived that it may prove a very useful Measure, by augmenting still further the Channel through which Cattle may be supplied, if all the Tents of the Army (the Tents for the Non-commissioned and Privates of European Corps excepted) and all the Regimental Stores attached to the Native Corps should be transported in future by means of Carriage to be procured by Individuals, on their being allowed a certain reasonable Sum monthly for the Expence and risk which as far as regards the Camp Equipage is to include the Charge of providing and pitching the Tents as well as the Carriage – The Tents will thus become the Property of Individuals, and in order that they may put to as little inconvenience as possible before they have an opportunity of providing their own Tents, it is his Lordship's intention, under the

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the proposed new Arrangement, that the Tents now occupied by the Officers, and such of the Officers' Tents as have been left in Bangalore by Corps and Individuals, shall be considered the property of the Officers respectively to whom they are allotted under such distribution for the purpose as Officers Commanding Corps may judge equitable; and also, that the Tents, whether in Camp or Bangalore of the Sergeants and of the Native Officers and Men of the Native Corps shall be the property of the Officers Commanding Corps respectively.—

The new Arrangement relative to Camp Equipage and the Carriage of the Regimental Stores of Native Corps, which is now offered to the consideration of the Army, is to be regulated as follows.—

Each Officer is to be at the expence of providing, carrying, and pitching his own Tent, besides which, Officers commanding the Native Corps are to be at the expence of providing, carrying,

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and pitching the Tents for their Serjeants, for the Natives of their Corps and the Hospital Tent — The Officers commanding the Native Corps are likewise to provide Carriage for their Regimental Stores, and to be held responsible to the Public for those Regimental Stores in every Situation — depending on the Number and Quality of the Cattle and of the Servants necessary to be maintained for the Execution of the Duty. —

The Tents of the Non-commissioned and Privates of European Corps and the Regimental Stores attached to European Corps will be transported on Carriage provided by the Bullock Contractors or by the Agents for the Company. —

Officers are to be paid Tent Allowance in the Rank for which they respectively draw Batta, with this exception, that every Person not being a General Officer, who draws Batta in a higher Rank that that of Lieutenant Colonel shall only be entitled to draw Tent Allowance in the

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May 31st. in the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.—

Rate of Tent Allowance pr Month

	Pagodas
Lieutenant Colonel	41
Major	33.
Captain	21.
Subaltern	14

The following Officers will be allowed Monthly, the additional Sums placed opposite to their Names on account of Office Tents

	Pagodas
Adjutant General	25.
Quarter Master General	21.
Chief Engineer	21
Secretaries to Commander in Chief	21.
Surgeon General	21.
Paymaster	21.
Persian Interpreter	21.
Brigade Major	8.—

One hundred and twenty Pagodas Monthly will be allowed to Officers commanding Corps of Native Infantry for providing, carrying and pitching Tents for their Serjeants, for the Natives of the Corps, for an Hospital, Tent and for the Carriage of their Regimental Stores.—

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One Hundred Pagodas Monthly will be allowed for the same purpose to Officers Commanding Corps of Native Cavalry.

It is to be understood that from the dates on which Corps and Individuals commence the Carriage Camp equipage, and the Officers commanding Corps the Carriage of Regimental Stores, the Public Carriage is to be withdrawn and to be delivered over to the Agents or Contractors who provide it.

The Regulations to extend to the Bengal Corps, in regard to providing carrying and pitching the Camp equipage & to the Carriage of the Regimental Stores now conducted by the Public instead of the Officers Commanding Corps.

The Regulations now detailed are only to be in force during the War, unless continued longer in their present form or otherways by the Government of Fort St. George, with this exception, that should the War terminate at any period within six Months from the date, the

Allowances

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May 31st Allowances will be continued for three months
after the return of the Corps respectively to
Garrison or Cantonment —

As it is the intention of the
Commander in Chief that these Regulations
shall be optional, Officers commanding Corps
are to report to the Adjutant General for
themselves and Corps whether or not they
are inclined to enter upon the proposed
Arrangement and from what date — —
Individuals not doing duty with Corps to
report for themselves

The Commander in Chief wishes
not require uniformity in the Size and
Construction of the Tents, but expects that
Officers and Men shall be sufficiently covered
from the inclemency of the Weather as
far as it is practicable. — X

June 1st Thomas Kingsbe Esquire is
appointed Agent on the part of the Company
to purchase Draft and Carriage Cattle for
the use of this Army and to provide Masters
and Drivers for those Cattle, except in the
Grain Department, where the duty of providing
Servants will be executed by the Commissary of Grain
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Mr. Kingscote will also superintend the execution of such private Contracts as it may be found necessary to enter into for the purpose of supplying those deficiencies in the Cattle of the different Departments that shall not be replaced by the General Bullock Contractors for the Army.—

Such Corps and Officers as are to carry their own Camp Equipage conformably to the Arrangement in Yesterday's Orders will be allowed to keep the Company's Lascars for fifteen Days - after which Period they are expected to supply themselves with Men for that Duty and will have the option of entertaining such of the Company's Lascars as chuse to enter into their Service

Quarter Masters of the 1st & 2d Regiment Dragoons who carry their own Tents will be allowed twelve Pagodas Monthly.—

The Commander in Chief desires it may be explained to the Native Corps in general, how much it is his wish at all times to issue that kind of Grain to their

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June 1st Mean which is most acceptable, but as the Source from whence our present Supplies are drawn does not furnish Rice in any Quantities he is persuaded they will be satisfied with Raggy and such occasional Issues of Rice as can be procured for them whenever it becomes practicable to supply them in the usual manner.—

Whatever Issues of Raggy are made to the Native Troops is to be at the Allowance of one Seer per Day for each Man which with the former Issue of Rice completes the Corps above-mentioned to the 5th Instant inclusive.—

The Commander in Chief directs that the Native Troops receiving Raggy shall only be charged for it half the Price which is established by the Regulations to be paid for Rice.—

June 2d The Public Carriage which fails to be returned to the Contractors and Agents respectively to be sent to them as soon as possible

Captain Butler of the 4th Battalion of European Infantry also engages

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Date of Orders 1791. June 2nd engages to provide, carry, and pitch the Tents for the Non-Commissioned and Privates of the Corps, and for the Hospital &c. and also to carry the Regimental Stores on being paid in the same proportion as proposed to the Native Corps he is to be allowed to keep three Elephants of the Public Carriage until the 6th of the present Month.—

June 5th The Tent Lascars who do not chuse to relinquish the Company's Service for that of the Individuals who engage to pitch their own Tents or the Tents of Corps, will be continued in the Company's Service, but the Pay and Batta which falls due to such of them as are employed in order to fulfil the Engagements of the Individuals are to be paid at the Expence of the Individuals after the 15th of this Month; this Money is to be disbursed by the Paymaster by deducting the same Monthly from the Bills for Tent Allowance on the back of which it is to be Marked.

All the Lascars not required by Individuals of the above description after the

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June 3d The 15th of the present Month to be returned at that time to the Paymaster

The Tent Allowance will be paid in arrear the same as extra Allowances

June 17th The proposed Arrangement published in Orders on the 31st Ultimo relative to Camp Equipage and Regimental Stores not having been extended in the Calculation to the Native Troops that did not come under the description of Regiments and Battalions, the following Allowances will be made as under-mentioned exclusive of the Sums specified for the Tents of European Officers.—

General Meadows's Body Guard in the proportion of one third to a Regiment of Native Cavalry and the Detachment of the 1st Regiment of Coast Native Cavalry in the proportion of one half

Pagodas Monthly
16.—

The Prize Guard
Tents for the Provost Martial's Guard and Prisoners exclusive of his own Tent — } 12.—

A Corps of Native Pioneers — — — 16.—

Each Corps of Native Pioneers is to have two Private Tents for Serjeants and Pioneers

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June 13th 6 Pioneers' Tools, with three Carpenters, three
Smiths, two Hammermen and two Bellows
Boys for the Repair of the Tools on occasions
Five Bullocks including one
Spare for the Carriage of the Private Tents
and such of the Tools as cannot be used
constantly either from the Casualties or Sickness
of the Corps or for want of repairs.—

Captain Butler will also be
allowed at the Rate of Three hundred and
twenty-eight Pagodas Monthly for providing
carrying and pitching the Tents of the Non-
commissioned and Privates, Hospital, Quarter
and Rear Guard and Store Tents and for the
Carriage of the Regimental Stores on the
Principle of the proposed Arrangement for
Native Corps.— X

June 15. X In order to render the
Engagements entered into by Officers for Camp
Equipage and Regimental Stores as convenient
to them as possible, the Commander in Chief
informs them that his intention is to order
the Money that falls due under the Head of
Tent and Store Allowance from the 1st Month

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1791
June 15. of June inclusive as far as three Months' Allowance from that Date, to be paid on the 15th. of July, 15th. of August and 15th. of September respectively; the Paymaster is, however, not to include those Disbursements in his Accounts under the Period that they fall to be issued along with other Extra Allowances for the same Month. —

June 23 The Commander in Chief orders a Present of Bullocks and Sheep to be given to the Native Troops which is to be drawn immediately by commanding Officers of Corps as follows. —

One and a Quarter full grown Bullocks for every Hundred Natives of the Mussulman and Pariah Casts and twelve Sheep for every Hundred of the other Casts.

July 9th. The Commander in Chief authorizes the Payment of an Allowance of one hundred and twenty Pagodas Monthly to the Commanding Officers of the Coast Battalions of Native Infantry on Field Allowances, and consisting of ten Companies for

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July 9th for the Carriage of the Sick of those Corps respectively commencing from the 1st of last June and to continue during the War, this allowance is to provide for and to be drawn in the proportion of one Dooley with five Bearers for each Company at the Rate of twelve Pagodas Monthly for each Dooley in lieu of all expenses for providing and carrying Dooles for the above mentioned Native Corps of the Coast Native Infantry.—

The Commander in Chief is induced to regulate the Payment of this Allowance from the 1st June that the Officers commanding these Battalions of Native Infantry may be enabled to make a compensation to the Men who have been employed in carrying the sick and Wounded for some time past.—

The Dooles and Bearers of the Battalions of Native Infantry, are to be mustered with the Corps after this Month.—

An Allowance in Proportion

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proportion, and under the same Regulations is also to be made to the Commanding Officers of the Native Pioneer Corps, of the Coast, at the Rate of one Dooly for each Company, and for the Gun Lascars of the Coast Establishment at the Rate of one Dooly for two Companies.—

A Committee of Inspection on Tents to be held as soon as possible.—

The Quarter Master General Resident

The Quarter Master of the 3d Brigade and the Commissary of Stores Members

July 10th It being of great importance to the Convenience and benefit of the Public Service that every attention be given to the Commanding Officers of Native Corps to induce them to engage for the Provision, Carriage and pitching of the Camp Equipage of their Corps (the Tents of the Subalterns excepted) and for the Carriage of their Regimental Stores, and it having been represented to the Commander in Chief that the Allowance offered for these purposes by the General Orders of the 7th May last is found from experience to be inadequate

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Date of Orders 1791 July 10. — to the expence and risk which attends the undertaking, and as the Commander in Chief can never wish to subject any Officer to Loss or inconvenience on account of his readiness to assist the Service, he has thought it proper to augment the proposed Allowance to the commanding Officers of Native Infantry Corps from one hundred and twenty to two hundred Pagodas per Month and to the Commanding Officers of Native Cavalry Corps from one hundred to one hundred and Sixty-five Pagodas per Month, the Commander in Chief trusting that upon an Allowance thought so ample every probability of Loss to those who engages in it will be removed and with the Means of providing so well for the Convenience of the Corps and for the Carriages of the Public Stores, all Officers who can procure the Carriage will be desirous of engaging. —

The Commander in Chief directs the augmented Allowance to be paid for the time past to those Officers who have already engaged for their Corps and thinks himself

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himself obliged to them for having given
the former offer a Trial which has enabled
him to judge in some measure of the
propriety of increasing it —

The Commander in Chief will
expect that the Commanding Officers who
engage for the Provision, Carriage and
Watching of the Camp Equipage of Corps
shall exert themselves to the utmost to keep
the Proportion of Tents which the Regulations
prescribe for each Corps (those of the Suballterns
excepted) constantly compleat and in the
best State of repair, and that the utmost
Attention shall also be paid to providing
Carriage for the Regimental Stores in
the Proportion ordered for Corps on the 22nd
February last —

Upon the principle of the
foregoing Recommendation an increase will
also take place as undermentioned from the
same date making the Allowances as
follows

	Pagodas monthly
To General Meadow's Guard	55
Detachment 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry	22

Price

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July 10th To Price Guard . . . . . Pagodas Monthly 20.—

Tents for Provost Marshals Guard and Prisoners . . . . . } 16.—

A Corps of Native Pioneers 20.—

Captain Butler for the A Battalion of Co Infantry . . . . . } 546.—

July. 11.— The different Corps to indent with the utmost dispatch on the Commissary of Stores for Arms, Accoutrements, Camp Equipage and other Stores required to compleat, that the Commissary may be enabled to make out his General Indent on the Fort— The Commissary of Stores is to wait on Colonel Duff immediately for Orders respecting the Guns and Stores to be drawn from the Fort.

The European Corps are to confine their Indents, so far as require the Arrangement of Stores to be carried with each; by the Orders of the 22nd last February, to Beak Iron, Steele Iron, Artificers Tools, and Charcoal with such proportion of Tools as are requires for the Service of the Tents and which (are

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July 11th

are to be transported on the same Carriage allotted for the Tents; only that Captain Butler having engaged for the Carriage of the Stores of the 1st Battalion of European Infantry is to have the option of continuing to carry them as detailed the 22d February, or relinquishing a proportionate part of the Monthly allowance in the event of their not being carried at his expence and risk. Captain Butler is therefore to report to the Adjutant General and indent on the Commissary of Stores accordingly

July 12th. Captain Butler engages for the compleat Proportion of Stores for the 1st Battalion European Infantry, in consequence of the option given to him in Yesterday's Orders.

July 14th All the Elephants employed in the Carriage of Camp Equipage, with the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons to be returned immediately to Lieutenant Sandys, and the 19th Dragoons will be provided with Bullocks from the 1st Brigade, for the conveyance of its Camp Equipage

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Date of Orders
1791
July — 14th Equipage until further Orders.—

July 16th — The Pay and Allowances of all the Tent Lascars who have not relinquished the Company's Service although employed to fulfil the Engagements of Individuals have been directed on the 7th Last June to be marked on the Bills for Tent Allowance in order that the Paymaster might deduct the Amount.

It is further regulated that the Persons who have engaged for the Carriage of Tents and who have furnished the Lascars for pitching them without employing those who have retained the Company's Service shall express the same on the back of their Bills for Tent Allowance in order that the Paymaster may be enabled to regulate the Pay of the Lascars which fall to be discharged at the Company's Expence and to withdraw from Corps and Departments whatever supernumerary detail may arise in consequence of the Tents being pitched by Lascars who are not in the Company's Service.—

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Dan Anders
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July 28

The Inconveniences and defects in the present System for the Establishment and Regulation of Field Hospitals have been made so apparent to the Commander in Chief and the total want of any practicable regulation that provides for more than the slightest cases in the Field, requiring an immediate remedy, the following Rules and Regulations for the future care of the Sick and Wounded are directed to take place from the 1st of August next, and to continue in force till further Orders.

An Allowance of thirty fanams pr Month shall be paid by the Company to the Regimental Surgeons of each European Corps in the Field for every Man who is borne as effective on the Regimental Returns on the first day of each Month, in consideration of which, of the Diet Rates of the Patients in the Hospital, and of a Proportion equal to one fanam and sixteen Cash per Day out of the Hospital Stoppage of two fanams and forty Cash now made from the Pay of the Soldier, the Surgeon

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1791
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is to find all necessary Articles for the Sick, comprehending as well every requisite Medicine as all proper and useful Attendants, and he is also to furnish them as far as may be practicable when moving in the Field, and without excuse or exception when removed to any Stationary Hospital with good and clean dressed Provisions according to the following Table of Diet.

Full Diet

Breakfast

A Pint of Rice Gruel with Salt or Sugar, or a Pint of Sage, Mint, or common Grass Tea, with half an ounce of Sugar, as the Patient chuses.—

Dinner

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

Supper.

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

Middle

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Middle Diet

Brakfast as above.-

Dinner

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

Supper as above.-

Low Diet

Breakfast

According to the Patients Appetite

Dinner

A Pint of Mutton Broth, or half a
Pint of Sago or Panada with two Spoonfuls
of Madeira Wine and half an Ounce of Sugar

Supper as above

Milk Diet

Breakfast

A Pint of New Milk with half an
Ounce of Sugar and a little Nutmeg grated

Dinner

A Pint of Rice Milk, with half
an Ounce of Sugar and a little Nutmeg grated

Supper - the same as Breakfast

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

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

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

A proportion of the Tents of the Regiment must be pitched apart for the accommodation of the Sick in the Field when the Hospital Tents allowed for each Corps by the Regulations are sufficient; but every other expence attending the Hospital either fixed, or moving, whether arising from Hospital Cotts, Bedding, Instruments, European or Bazar Medicines, Hospital Stewards, and Dressers Coolies

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Declarations
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July 28 Coolies, Sweepers, Bheesties, Washermen,
Taylors, Cooks and Cooking Utensils, is to be
defrayed by the Surgeon receiving the
Allowances above specified, without
subjecting the Company to any other
contingent Charges or expences whatever,
and whenever Patients are removed from
the Field into Stationary Hospitals the
Person in the Charge and Superintendance
of the Stationary Hospital is to make his
charge against the Regimental Surgeons
for the Expences actually incurred, and if
the Charges so made shall be excepted to
by the Regimental Surgeon as improper
or excessive, a Committee consisting of three
Surgeons at the least shall examine
inspect the Charges and their Decision
upon them shall be conclusive and
binding between the Parties.

The remaining part of the
Hospital Stoppage of two Fanams and
forty Cash now made from the Pay
of the Soldier which is equal to one
Fanam and twenty-four Cash per Day

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July 28. is to be retained by the Officer commanding the Company to which the Patient belongs, and is to be applied under his direction to the Purchase of such necessary Articles of Cloathing as he may be most in want of.

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

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Date of Cases
1791
July - 28. - Whatever Europe Medicines
or Instruments the Regimental Surgeon
may requisite are to be indented for and
furnished from the Company's Stores
at an Advance of ten p.c Cent on the
Europe Price, and an Allowance of
two fanams per day for each Patient
not entitled to Field Batta is to be
paid by the Company. —

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

August 1st The Commanding
Officers of European Companies are
to include the Men in the Field
Hospitals in the Number for whom
Rice is drawn from the Commissary
of Provisions; but their proportion is
to be delivered to the Regimental
Surgeons for the use of the Men
in the Hospitals, and the Surgeons
are to account to the Commissary of
Provisions for the Value thereof at
the Company's Rate — the victualling
(Intents

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Date of Orders 1795
August 5. Indents must express the Number to drawn for, who are in the Field Hospitals, that the Commissary of Provisions may be enabled to make his charge against the Regimental Surgeons.—

August 13 A Committee to assemble to-morrow morning at eight o'Clock at the Flaw in the Rear of the Right Wing where the Cattle are Slaughtered for victualling the Troops, in order to ascertain the average Weight of the Prize Cattle delivered to the Commissary and also as a matter connected with the Means of victualling the Troops and the expences to be incurred on that account by Government. For the above purposes a fair Draught of the Cattle of different Sizes is to be taken from the Flock in presence of the Committee and of Mr. Kingscote the Commissary of Provisions

President of the Committee Lt. Colonel Cockerell

Major Smart
Lieut. Mc. Innes } Members { Captain Hunter
Lieut. Bushby.

The Report of this Committee is to be made to the Committee for examining the Accounts of the Prize Agents and to

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to be included in the Report of the Latter Committee to the Commander in Chief with such Remarks as may be necessary for his information.—

The above are true Extracts

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Adjt Genl of the Army.—

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Adjutant General.

Agreed that the Appointments and Promotions recommended by Major General Medows be published in General Orders.—

Ordered that Copies of the Extracts from the General Orders published by Lord Cornwallis relative to extra and contingent Expences with the Troops in the Field, be sent to the Comptroller General and to the Military Paymaster General for their Guidance.—

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

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Barrack Master in the Center Division enclosing an Affidavit respecting the Cattle seized by him for the use of the Army in the Steps of the last Campaign.

Agreeably to the orders of Government I enclose you my Affidavit taken before

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Before the Mayor, of the Cotts in my Department as Barrack Master of the Center Division of the Carnatic

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) F: Capper

Fort St. George
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The Affidavit of Francis Capper Barrack Master

The Deponent maketh Oath, and saith that fifteen hundred new Cotts, delivered by him for the use of the Recruits which arrived by the Ships of the last Season, were not taken from any former Supply which had been previously paid for by the Honble Company — That the said Cotts had never been in use on any occasion whatever — untile they were so delivered to the said Recruits. And this Deponent farther saith that the said Cotts including Carriage and other incidental Charges will stand this Deponent in the full amount of four Pagodas or thereabouts.

To help me. God. —

Sworn at Madras
this 6th Day of Decr 1791 —
before me
(signed) Jos. du Pré Porcher
Mayor

(signed) F: Capper

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Remarks of the Board upon the Affidavit transmitted by Lieutenant Copper.

As the Affidavit taken by Lieut.t Copper has not been made conformably to the Orders of the Board, it is resolved to transmit the precise form of the Oath (vide Consult.n the 6th Instant) which may be taken before a Major General or Messrs.

Death of Lieutenant Hiles of the Cavalry.

The Acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Thomas Hiles of the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry at the Presidency on the 8th Instant.

Chas Oakeley

Jno Stratton

H Huddleston

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Diary

9th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in

M. B. Nos 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49.

From the Resident at Nagore

From the Resident at Nagore - acknowledging the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 1st Instant.

From acting Ensign William Vaughan

From acting Ensign William Vaughan requesting to be informed whether any person of his Name has arrived from England with the appointment of a Cadet in the Honble Company's Service.

From the Commandant at Chandernagherry

From the Commanding Officer at Chandernagherry advising of his having apprehended and sent to Vellore Six Deserters of the Bombay Establishment.

From the Commandant at Vellore

From the Commandant at Vellore - declaring that the Complaint preferred against him by the Nabob of having pulled down one of His Highness's Houses is entirely groundless.

From the Commandant at Chingleput

From the Commandant at Chingleput - stating that the late heavy Rains have made two practicable Breaches in the Walls of the Fort.

From the Paymaster at Madura

From the Paymaster at Madura - stating that the average Bazar Price of Grain in the Months of March and April 1791 was six Seers for a Colly Fanam.

10th Received the following Letters.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Major General Musgrave recommending that Rice be issued from the Company's Stores to the Troops at Amboor, and Bellumcondah.

I have the Honor to lay before the Board a

Letter

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10th Letter from Major Burn representing the necessity he has been under of issuing grain from the Company's Stores to the Troops at Innaconda and Bellumconda, and requesting permission to make further issues, so long as the present scarcity Continues, & request which he may leave to recommend to the Board. If there is a sufficient quantity of Grain in Store to admit of it's being Complied with. I have the Honor to be, with Respect,

10th December 1791

Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant, Thos. Musgrave

To Major General Thomas Musgrave

Commanding the Troops in the Carnatic &c. &c.

Sir,

I beg leave to represent to you that the Troops in the Garrisons of this District are much distressed for want of Grain, so much so in the Garrison of Innaconda, that I have desired the Storekeeper to issue the usual Quantity to the Troops for present Subsistance, as there is a large Quantity in the Company's Store & hope you will obtain the Honorable Board's permission to continue the issuing of Rice at Innaconda and for the serving it also at Bellumconda.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your very Obedient and very humble Servant,

Daniel Burn

Guntoor

30th November 1791

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To

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President and Governor &.c &.c &.c Fort S.t George.

Hon.ble Sir

From the Commandant at Palgautcherry intends marching towards the Northern Parts of the Coimbatour District for the purpose of collecting Slaughter Cattle for Use of the Army

I beg leave to suggest to the Honorable Board that it may happen that Earl Cornwallis may be in want of Sheep and Slaughter Cattle at the Siege of Seringapatam and as large supplies may be procured from the Northern parts of the Coimbatour Country particularly about Errode and Sattimungalum which has been upwards of 18 Months in possession of the Enemy

I will with your permission March out with the Troops that can be spared from this Station to the borders of the Coimbatour District and collect as many Sheep and Black Cattle as possible from the Countries that are in possession of the Enemy.

My marching Through the Coimbitour Country will answer another good purpose of dislodging the Enemy's Amildars and driving their peons out of the District. By the last accounts Shaw Cummur ul Deen Caimo had crossed the Bowanny and it was said he was to go up the Puzzelbutty pass in a few days.

I have the Honor to be, with great respect,

&.c &.c

Palgautcherey
30.th November 1791

[illegible] Cuppage
Major Commanding

To

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To

To William Collins Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary &c

Fort St George.

From Lieut Scott and to the Collector in the Dindigul Provinces Reporting on the present application of the different Buildings in the upper and lower Fort of Dindigul

Sir,

I am at this Moumbara Pass on the Frontiers of this District, on business, to which I received your letter of the 17 Instant, or I should have replied to it sooner.

I returned to Dindigul last night, and in obedience to the directions of the Honourable the President and Council have examined the building called the new Palace, which is so spacious, that I do not hesitate to give it as my opinion, that there is very sufficient accommodation for one Captain and one Subaltern, in those parts of it which now remain unoccupied by the Paymaster. — There are six good Rooms and three large oblong Chowltries entirely vacant which, with a very trifling Expence, might be made into very commodious Quarters. There are besides four excellent Rooms and a Chowltry in which there is some Grain and Provisions for the use of the Garrison; if these Articles were removed into the upper Fort, which the Honorable Board will perceive by the enclosed Letter might easily be done, convenient Habitations might be made for a larger number of Officers.

The upper part of this Palace is very spacious, and is under-rented by Mr. Vaughan as an Office for his Doctors and Comcopolies, as he seldom resides at Dindigul himself. The apartments would accommodate

Yours &c

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10 a Family very small.

Shall the Honor to be,
&c. &c.

Dindigul
27th November 1791

Signed S Wrangham
Asst to the Collector

To
John Wrangham Esq.
Assistant &c.

Sir

In reply to your Letter respecting the New Palace
Lower Fort - I have to inform you that there is sufficient Room,
in the upper Fort, for all kinds of Stores - and the proper place,
where Stores and Provisions ought to be kept. —

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

Dindigul
November 28th 1791

Signed J Bowser
Captain Commanding Dindigul

To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary Military Department

From the Deputy adjutant General - enclosing Copy of a Letter of orders to the Surgeon General of the Army regulating the Allowance to be granted in future for the Coast Natives sick in the Stationary Hospitals above the Ghauts and of the Proceedings of a Committee ordered to report upon certain Medical Charges made by the Head Surgeons of Hospitals on the Carnatic which the Regimental Surgeons in Camp have objected to - also Copy of the Regulations lately established respecting working Parties in the Field —

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose, by desire of Lord Cornwallis for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of a Letter of Orders lately delivered to Mr Lucas, Surgeon General of the Army in the Field, regulating the Medical Allowance to be granted from the 1st Instant for the Coast Natives sick at the Stationary Hospitals established above the Ghauts, differing in it's general application to Patients only, from the amount of Charges admitted of

for

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10 for the attendance of Native Sick in quarters in the Carnatic by the Orders of Government under date 3d November

Enclosed is also a General Order by His Lordship lately published in Camp, containing Regulations to be observed in future respecting working parties in the Field; the Rules formerly established being found but little applicable to the circumstances of service likely to occur in the Campaigns of this Country.

His Lordship has further directed me to transmit you, to be laid before Government, the accompanying Copy of a Report, delivered in by a Committee of Surgeons, that assembled by Order a few days since, to examine some Medical charges made by Head Surgeons of General Hospitals in the Carnatic, against some of the Regimental Surgeons in Camp, which were objected to; and to decide between the parties. That part of the Committee's report which contains their decision on the matter to be determined, has been published to the Army, and is to be considered as conclusive and binding, however, His Lordship wishes Government to advert to the recommendation of the Committee in relation to the pruning in the Carnatic of two fanams per each Item, for the Articles of Cattle, Bedding and Cloathing, which is deemed highly extravagant, and far exceeding what the Regimental Surgeons can well bear, and which His Lordship would hope might be reduced in the proportion that the Committee of Surgeons, has been induced to recommend.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) B. Close

Dep. Adj. Gen.l

Head Quarters

Bangalore,

on the Chingalam Road

3d December 1795

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To

To C. L. Lucas Esq.

Surgeon General of the Army in the Field.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of the letter covering a Copy of the Government Orders dated 3d Instant, addressed to me under your directions by Mr. Secretary Fitzerald, and having found an occasion to lay the same before the Commander in Chief, have now his Orders to acquaint you in reply, that on the fullest consideration of the different circumstances stated in Mr. Fitzerald's address, and also of the rules established by the Government of Fort St George in their orders aforementioned; he cannot but be of opinion that the allowance therein permitted to be drawn, under certain restrictions, by the Surgeons in charge, for Sepoys sick in quarters in the Carnatic, is sufficient to defray the expences necessary to be incurred for Bazar Medicines and all the other Articles enumerated.

But as none of the Coast native Sick are likely to be thrown into Bangalore, or any Station above the Ghauts, but such as may be suffering from the effects of old wounds or hardships, or be altogether incapable of accompanying the Army from disease of a severe or confirmed nature, and must in consequence stand in need of particular and careful attendance, The Commander in Chief is pleased on this account, to dispense with the restrictions laid down in the Orders of Government, limiting the cases for which charges are to be made, and also the extent of such charges agreeably to circumstances and accordingly regulates that one fanam per Day be allowed at Bangalore to the Surgeon in charge of the Stationary Hospital there, for every Coast sick Sepoy, Lascar, or Pioneer under his care, exclusive of which

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10 no charge is to be made whatever, such Regulation to commence from the 1st of next Month, and to be in force from that date, in all the Posts and Garrisons above the Ghauts where stationary Hospitals may be provided.—

This allowance for the Native Sick in quarters, consi-derably exceeding, from it's general application, what is admitted of by the Orders of Government, the Commander in Chief conceives is fully adequate, and the more especially as all necessary demands for European Medicines are complied with gratis from the Company's Stores.—

In explaining this Sentiment however, the Commander in Chief wishes it to be observed, that neither the Orders of the Madras Government, nor his own intentions, admit of the most distant idea, that any emolument is to accrue to the Surgeons from their attendance of the native Sick, which is but a part of their ordinary duty, the allowance herein granted being meant solely to defray the expences liable to be incurred under the different heads, which the Government Orders have detailed.—

The Commanding Officers of Bangalore will be specially instructed to appoint proper officers to visit, and report the State of the Native Sick daily, in order that they may be suitably accommodated, and reports transmitted to Head Quarters from time to time, of the manner in which they are treated and attended.— And as the Patients may be numerous after the Army advances, His Lordship recommends it to your attention to make an arrangement for furnishing Mr Ferguson, Head Surgeon, the aid of such number of Assistant Surgeons, as the extent of his charge is likely to require.—

I have nothing to add, that what is

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10th regulated above, applies to diseased Patients only and not to the Native wounded, for the attendance of whom, the former allowance of 2 fanams 40 Cash is still granted — Bills for the attendance of the Native wounded in Garrison however, are to be particularly certified by the Officer Commanding on the Spot —

Head Quarters
Camp at Kingery
28th November 1791

Have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed D. Close
Deputy Adjutant Genl

G.O. by Earl Cornwallis Dated Head Quarters Camp at Kingery 1 December 1791

The Regulations respecting working Parties, contained in the General Orders of the 18th August 1790, being found, in greater part, inapplicable to the circumstances of Service likely to occur in this Country. The following Regulations are to be observed in their Stead —

When any Siege is carrying on, and European Soldiers are employed in making, or repairing Works, they are to be paid for every twelve Hours, Days or night, as follows —

	Fan.s	Cash
Serjeants each	11.	—
Corporals D.o	7.	40
Privates & Drummers ea.h	5	40.

Should the Commander in Chief think proper to authorize at any time the delivery of an extra allowance of Liquor, the Indents for it, must be signed by the Engineer on Duty, who must direct at what time, and in what quantities it shall be issued.

When any very dangerous or extraordinary Service is to be undertaken, the Commanding Officer on duty or the Chief Engineer, to state their Opinions to the Commander in Chief, touching

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10th touching the reward that may be deemed adequate for the due performance of it.

Sepoys on service, being employed working in Trenches or Batteries, or on any working parties are to be paid as follows for every day or night of twelve Hours which is reckoned a tour of work, subject however to Stoppages, as well as the Europeans for neglect of duty, or embezzlement of materials.

Pioneers, or occasional Sepoys however are to be paid nothing extraordinary, for working during the day, unless the Commanding Officer on duty, or Chief Engineer, Certifies they deserve it by particular hard, or dangerous duty.

		Pags.	Fs.
Serjeants	each		11. —
Jemidars		11	—
Subidars		5.	40.
Havildars or Naiques		4.	—
Sepoys, and all others in the Company		3	—

Stoppages for Entrenching Tools

Shovel	10.	40.
Cap Hooks	12.	40.
Hand Hatchets	8.	—
Hand Bill	9	—
Pick Axes	2.	20.
Mamotie	7.	16.
Handles for Mamotie	—	60
Helves for Axes	3	—
Rattan Baskets	1.	65.
Spade	18.	40.
Felling Axe	16	—
Iron Crow	22.	40.
Broad Axe	18	—
Pick Iron	13.	40.

The abovementioned Stoppages to be made by the Paymasters from the working Money, who is to carry the amount to the Companys Credit.

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Fort St George, December 1791.

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All Officers Commanding working Parties, on their being relieved, are to deliver to the Senior Engineer on duty, a Return of their People employed agreeably to the accompanying form, to be certified by him, and Countersigned by the Chief Engineer, that mistakes may be avoided, and the Troops immediately receive the reward of their Labor. —

Sir,

Please to pay working Money to be undermentioned employed at the Seige of

Date	Where Employed	Nr of Men: Sepoys	Lascars	Artificers	Drummers	Pioneers &c	Amount: Pagodas	Cash

To George Hoar Esq.
Paymaster —

A. B. Comanding Officer

The Senior Engineer on duty is to Certify on the back of the working Bills, any occurrences that may have arisen in the prosecution of the work, or Loss of materials or entrenching Tools, for which Stoppage should be made, previous to their being presented to the Chief Engineer to be Countersigned. —

A true Copy Signed J. Close Dy. Adt. Genl

Proceedings of a Committee of Surgeons, assembled by Order of the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis Commander in Chief &c. &c. to examine the Charges made by Head Surgeons of Hospitals, in the Carnatic, against some of the Regimental Surgeons in Camp - to which they have objected.

President
Mr Lucas, Surgeon General
Members
Mr Laird, Head Surgeon of the Bengal Detachment, and
Mr Henderson, Surgeon of the Bengal Artillery. — The

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The Committee having duly considered the Charges exhibited against the Regimental Surgeons, by the Head Surgeons of Hospitals in the Carnatic, for Patients belonging to Corps in the Field respectively, are of Opinion that the Sum of five fanams a man p Day, for each Patient in the Hospital, should be paid by the Regimental Surgeons, which, with the Field Batta of the Patient, for where Batta is not allowed, the two fanams granted by the Company, and the Stoppage of one fanam, Fifteen Cash from the Pay of the Soldier, may, with Oeconomy be sufficient to defray the Expences attending a Sick man in the General Hospitals; a greater Sum than this, the Committee are of Opinion, cannot be afforded by the Regimental Surgeons, owing to the numerous Sicks, upon the Returns of their respective Corps; which, are by no means likely to decrease during the ensuing Campaigns.

And the Committee having likewise maturely deliberated on the different Statements laid before them, by the Head Surgeons of Hospitals in the Carnatic, respecting the high Prices of Provisions, and other important requisites for the Sick at their respective Stations, occasioned Chiefly by the present protracted State of Hostilities; are of Opinion, that though the Sum above alluded to, may be sufficient to defray the charges of a Patient in the General Hospitals; yet that it is hardly equal to the actual Expences incurred.

The Committee therefore, after a due consideration of the whole of the circumstances, connected with the present subject, beg leave to remark that the number of Garrisons, where the Sick of the different Corps in Camp have been placed, bear peculiarly hard upon the Regimental Surgeons, as their expences are thereby increased; and the accounts rendered more complex

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10th and multiplied; having to contribute towards a fixed Establishment at each Station.—

And further, the enormous charge of two fanams a Man P Diem, which the Surgeons of Hospitals are held responsible to pay to the purveyor, by order of the Madras Government for the use of the Hospital Stores, appears to the Committee to be highly extravagant, from the great proportion that Sum bears to the other more material expences of a Sick man; They therefore in justice to all parties, strongly recommend a reduction, at least, of this Charge to one fanam a Man P Diem for the use of the Hospital Cloaths, Cots, and Bedding; and, as this alteration may tend to obviate every difficulty, and that no additional expence will be thereby incurred by the Company, The Committee hope, that this reduction may not be deemed unreasonable.—

And in order to afford a mutual convenience to both Parties; The Committee further recommend, that the Surgeons of Hospitals, be instructed to forward to the Paymaster with their respective Bills against the Regimental Surgeons, an exact Return of the Men in their different Hospitals, mentioning the several names of the Patients, the Companies to which they belong, and the Number of days they have been in Hospital.— The whole to be Countersigned by the Officer of the Corps, in whose charge the Men have been placed.—

[signed] C. L. Lucas
Surgeon General
to the Army

Camp at
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[signed] C. L. Lucas
Surgeon General
to the Army

Camp at
Kingery
1 December 1791

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Fort St George December 4th 1791

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
Acting President

Sir,

One of my Hircarrs from Sattimungalum informs me the Mahomedally Sultauk is encamped at that place with one Cafflum of Infantry eight Guns a very large body of horse he supposes five thousand, four thousand Commotty Men, and about the same number of empty Bullocks they all speak of coming to the Carnatic when joined by another Cafflum that was daily expected from Cummumcul deens Camp, they are reported to me as coming for Salt but from the Number of Labourers I suspect if they are coming, to open the Tanks and destroy the Crop, to be their business and probably to Collect Grain I have taken the Liberty of communicating this intelligence to Mr. Flower the Collector that he may be prepared - The two Cafflums mentioned in my Letter of the 29th Ultimo to have gone up the Pazelkutty pass, I understand are joined near Pallamally by two other Cafflums from Seringapatam, three more with Cummumcul deen to & Demaco that who was going to attack Paligautcherry and the other came to Sattimungalum - I have sent more people to watch the motions of this Detachment —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

Signed J. Hunt

Capt Comg

Trichinopoly
5th December 1791

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly giving the Strength of a Detachment formed at Sattimungalum under the Command of Mahomedally Sultauk -

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Fort St George December 1791

To

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President &c in Council

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Commandant at Tiagar representing the Injury done to the Works by the Late heavy Rains proposes a Plan for disposing of the Grain stored in the Lower Granary

I informed the Military Board the 16th of last Month, that Breaches had been made in all parts of the Lower Fort and pettah Walls from the rains, that had then fallen, the Lower Fort is now reduced, to a worse State, than it was in, when the late Enginner, was ordered to rebuild it entirely defenceless. The Pettah Wall, being an object of some consequence from the Inhabitants of the several Districts around taking refuge therein, I have frequently represented to the Nabob's Amuldar, the necessity of repairing it who says he cannot, without an order from the Nabob,

The State of the Lower Granary is so bad, admitting Rain in all parts, and which contains near 4000 Candies of Paddy now so wet, as renders it necessary to dispose of it immediately, to prevent its spoiling; which I propose doing orgiving it, to some ostensible Nattam, to be repaid in the same quantity, and quality as soon as the new Crop is cut, in January or February. I hope this will meet with your approbation.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

Tiagar
6th December 1791

Signed W Flint
Captn Comm^g

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in No. 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

To the Barrack Master in the Centre Division informing him that the affidavit required of him respecting the Cotts furnished for the use of the Recruits of the last Season must be drawn out in the Form prescribed by Government —

To the Barrack Master in the Centre Division

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts - enclosing Copies of such General Orders published by Lord Cornwallis as relate to rates or contingent Expences with the Troops in the Field — The same to the Military Paymaster General —

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts and the Military Pay Master General

To the Pay-master at Arnee - desiring him to enquire and report to the Board the Price at which Grain is sold for at Arcot and Vellore —

To the Paymaster at Arnee

To the Collector at Tinnevelly - communicating the Board's Resolution to pay the amount due to the Natives Claimants to mortgaged Property in the Tinnevelly Country at the Time of the assumption from the Current Revenue of Fusly 1208 with an Interest of 8 P Cent from the time that the Property was taken Possession of by the Company —

To the Collector at Tinnevelly

To the Board of Accounts Revenue - communicating the Resolution above mentioned - and desiring them to draw a Set of Bills on each of the Collectors at Madura and Tinnevelly in favor of Venceta Boobiah for 19000 Pagodas

To the Board of Accounts Revenue

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To Captain Andrew Read — enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Agent for the Proprietors of the Madras Courier, and informing him that if the Paragraph already inserted in the Couriers apologizing for the Introduction of the Extracts complained of by him be not sufficient, the Board will oblige the Editors to make such further Apology as he may require.

To Captain Andrew Read

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

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Head Surgeon at Vellore — enclosing his Bills on account of the Sick Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment placed under his Charge to be countersigned by the Command: ding Officer and Fort Adjutant of the Garrison, and informing him that he will be allowed one Fanam pr Diem for each Man during the Time he remained in the Hospital.

To the Head Surgeon at Vellore

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Sagheir — desiring him to report the State of Captain Sages Bungalo at Condamalee at the time that the Company's Grain was lodged in it, and the Damage that it has sustain:

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Sagheir

To the Military Board — informing them that the Repairs required to the Fortifications at Trichinopoly & and to the Hospital at Wanjore may be executed.

To the Military Board

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — desiring him to sell off the old Grain Stored at Condamalee and Chingleput to the best advantage for the Company.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Sent the following Letters.

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To Mr. George Powney

Resident at Travancore

Sir,

To the Resident at Travancore.
desiring him to apply to the Rajah for Bills upon the Presidency at two or three Months sight to the Amount of half his Subsidy for the Year 1792

The Second Year's Engagement for the Travancore Subsidy being nearly expired the Honorable the Governor in Council desires you to make the necessary representations to his Excellency that he may provide for the payment of the year 1792 - you will observe to him that all his Bills some Months ago payable at Madras for a large Sum remaining of the Subsidy of 1791 yet the long sight at which these drafts were made brings the actual payment of 5 Packs or half the subsidy to the 1st January when another year commences.

As the Rajah discharges his account chiefly by Bills, it is proper that these Bills should be given some time before the payment, for which they are meant, becomes due and the Governor in Council wishes you therefore to apply immediately for the discharge of half the subsidy of 1792 by Bills on Madras payable at two or three months sight as may be convenient to his Excellency - The Charges of the War are so heavy that the Governor in Council assures himself the Raja will comply with the greatest readiness in a proposition so reasonable, — I am, &c.

Fort St. George
17th December 1791.

(signed) W. C. Jackson
Sec.

6277. Fort St George December 8th 1795

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The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

To Lord Cornwallis - Sentiments of the Board upon the Claim of the Prize Agents of the Army to a Commission on the Company's Moiety of the Funds for the first and Second Campaigns - Advising of their having been appointed Agents on the Part of the Company and enclosing Copy of the G.O. respecting the Payment of the Prize Money due to the Army -

My Lord,

We have had the Honor to receive your Lordships Letter of the 29th ultimo, with an Extract of the General Order relative to the Captors Share of the Prize funds. —

Had the Gentlemen appointed to act on behalf of the Army been named at the same time by this Government as agents on the part of the Company, and had they managed the interests of the concern under this joint authority, We should have chearfully assented to an immediate distribution of the same reward on the part of the Company, which has been allotted on the part of the Army - But no such appointment having taken place, we do not feel ourselves warranted in coming to a determination on this subject, tho' we are of opinion that the conduct of the Agents has equally tended to the benefit of both parties and that they have a just Claim upon the Company for a Commission on their moiety of the funds.

Your Lordship will perceive therefore that we are only restrained by the want of that sanction which seems to have become necessary in consequence of the omission above noticed, but we are so well pleased with the attention shewn by the agents to the Common interest on this occasion that we shall mention it in a particular manner to the Court of Directors with a view to obtain their consent to the payment of a commission similar to that which has been drawn on the moiety of the Captors. —

And

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12th And in order to afford these Gentlemen a regular Authority for drawing a Commission on the whole prize funds in future we have resolved to appoint them Agents on the part of the Company in addition to the trust they now hold.—

We are anxious to discharge the well earned Claims of the Army with the least possible delay we have published in General Order for payment of the moiety due to them a Copy of which we have the Honor to enclose for your Lordship's information.

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect and Esteem
Yr Yrs
(Signed) Chas Oakeley
Yr Council

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13th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.S.S. Nos 61-62.

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing three Protests shewing the Condition on which the Liquor shipped on the Hercules, New Triumph, and Fazellum on account of the Company were landed at Madras —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue desiring them to send the most positive Injunctions to all the Collectors under their Board to transmit in future their Monthly Accounts by the 15th of the following Month, and inform them that Government will consider Instances of Neglect or Disobedience in regard to Accounts as a Disqualification

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

Received

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M B. Nos 63. 64. 65.—

From the Resident at Ganjam

From the Resident at Ganjam - requesting that Mr Lennox Paymaster in the Itchapour District may have Permission to visit the Presidency.—

From the acting agent for Spirituous Liquors

From the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors - enclosing three Protests shewing the Condition in which the Liquor shipped on the Hercules, New Triumph, and Fazellum on account of the Company were landed at Madras.—

From Lieutenant Uzuld

From Lieutenant Uzuld - recommending that no more than three or four Months day Provisions may be sent on board the Transports under his Charge for the use of the Hanoverian Troops, and Stating the Number of Water Casks that will be required.—

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

Tuesday 13th December 1791

William Petrie and John Hudleston } Esquires

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.—

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis—

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
&c &c &c

Sir

From Lord Cornwallis advising of the indisposition of Purnaam Bhow - sends the Chief Engineer to survey the Hills South of Seven Drury - Support sent in the Neighbourhood of Shevegunga upon arrival of the Chief Engineer Detachment at Colar

I have this day received information from Captain Little that Purnaam Bhow is so much indisposed that there are no hopes of his being soon able to comply with the request which I had made that he would advance and take a position on our right flank between Sera and Shevegunga.

This unforeseen and critically unfortunate event deranges our immediate measures very much and as it was intended that this Corps should join General Abercromby for the purpose of enabling him to establish himself on the other side of the River, before Seringapatam, the ultimate consequences of it may become very embarrassing, unless the Bhow can be prevailed upon either to give up for a time the Command of the Army to his Son, or to send him forward with the Bombay Battalions and a considerable Corps of Cavalry.

I shall visit Harry Bunt tomorrow, and urge him to join heartily with me in pressing the Bhow to make one or the other of these Steps without loss of time.

The Chief Engineer is gone with a Detachment to reconnoitre the parts of Sevendroog which

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which we had not an opportunity of examining when we were encamped in the neighbourhood of that place in July last, and if from his report I can see any reasonable prospect of success, I shall be the more inclined to attack that tremendous mountain, from the delay that Perseram Bhow's illness must necessarily occasion. —

Tippoo's Son is encamped near Shevagunga with three or four thousand horse, but he has neither infantry nor Guns, and our reports from Seringapatam say that Cummerudden is recalled from the Coimbatore Country.

All our heavy Guns recruits &c. are arrived, and Captain Oliver's valuable Convoy of Grain and Stores will this day reach Colar, but I do not hear that Colonel Floyd is making much progress. —

I am, with much Esteem,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp at Kinghere
December 2d 1791

The Acting President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Powney —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c. Madras

From Mr Powney to the Acting President advising of an action having taken Place between His Majesty's Ship Phoenix under the Command of Sir Richard Strachan and a French Frigate on the Malabar Coast —

Dear Sir,

I have this Instant received a Letter from the Resident at Calicut, an Extract of which, I think it necessary to impart to you without delay —

Extract

"This is purposely to communicate to You, what the Chief at Tellicherry has just written to me. That an unexpected Engagement —

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Engagement had taken place between Sir Richard Strahan in the Phœnix and a French Frigate — the latter upon Sir Richards firing a Shot at two Merchantmen under the French mans Convoy, to bring them to fowred two Broadsides into the Phœnix, before they could return the Compliment, it being so unexpected, — however, Sir Richard got under the French Frigates Stern, and raked her fore and aft with such effect, that she is a perfect Wreck, and has 20 Men killed and a vast number wounded — our loss is 6 killed and a few wounded — During the time of the Engagement the Phœnix's Boat with an Officer on Board who was returning from the French Frigate was cruelly fired upon by her repeatedly, but without effect." —

Mr. Van Angelbeck is not yet arrived here, but all remains quiet between the Dutch and the Royal of Cochin. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
Signed George Powney

Cochin
29th November 1791.

Read the following Letter from the Collector at Tinnevelly —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President in Council

From the Collector at Tinnevelly enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry to the President at Bombay relative to the Engagement between His Majesty's Ship Phœnix and a French Frigate off Cuddalore —

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to inclose you the Copy of a Letter this moment received from the Chief of Anjengo and have only to add, that the same is confirmed by Letters to the same purport from the Resident of Travancore and from

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from Calicut.—

Tinnivelly
S.t December 1791

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &a &a &a
Signed Benjamin Torin.
Collector

To John Hutchenson Esq.re
Resident at Angengo.

Sir,

An Engagement having taken place between his Majestys Ship Phœnix and a French Frigate, near Mangalore with two Merchantmen under her Convoy, in which, after a Conflict of twenty Minutes The French Frigate Struck to the Phœnix — we apprize you thereof, that you may warn such English Merchant Ships as may arrive on the Coast, to be on their Guard against any French Vessels they may meet with.—

We are not advised of the Cause, or the particulars of the Engagement but you may depend upon it as an undoubted Fact.—

We have the honor to be,
Sir &a &a &a
Signed Robert Taylor.
" Lawrence Shaw.
" Samuel Ince.

Tellicherry
22.d November 1791.

A true Copy.
Signed J. Hutchinson.

A true Copy
Signed Benjamin Torin.

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Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Papers be immediately transmitted to Lord Cornwallis the Supreme Council, and to the Commander of his majestys Ship Atalanta now in the Roads —

Minute on the foregoing Letters from the Resident at Tanjore and the Collector of Tinnevelly —

The acting President lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter to him from Lord Cornwallis. —

Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Chas. Oakeley

Dated 6th December 1791.

Henry Dundas, who has himself been so ill — that I could not see him till yesterday, seems to make no doubt that the Rhow will come forward sick or well if I urge him strongly to do it. He says that he knows Poonaan Rhow better than I do, and is clearly of opinion that the expedient of — sending on the Son should only be suggested in the last — extremity —

Henry Dundas — receives Assurances from Henry Dundas that Poonaan Rhow will assume without Delay — under that a sufficient force — would be spared from the Southern Districts to enable Major Cuppage to drive the Enemy out of the conquered Districts —

I have written my Letter according to Henry Dundas's advice but have given a discretionary power to Captain Little to make the proposition about the Son if he finds that the Rhow himself cannot possibly be moved. —

As it is very desirable if we can drive no Troops from the country ourselves to prevent the enemy from doing it, I should recommend it to you to direct Major Cuppage to give them every annoyance in his power, and if he could collect a sufficient force, without endangering any of the principal ports, to endeavour to drive them out of the district. —

Agreed

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Minutes on the foregoing Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis.—

Agreed that Major Cuppage be directed to proceed to the Execution of the Measure recommended by Lord Cornwallis; and authorized, in the Event of the Force under his immediate Command being insufficient to accomplish the object without too much hazard, to draw from Dindigul and Caroor such reinforcement as he may judge necessary, taking especial care to leave sufficient Garrisons for the defence of those Places.—

Agreed also to inform Major Cuppage, that he is to confine his operations to the Expulsion of the Enemy from the Coimbatoor Country, without proceeding to the reduction of Forts, or to the acquisition of Territory beyond that District, unless he should receive any particular orders to that Effect from Earl Cornwallis.—

Agreed that Colonel Bridges be instructed to send immediate Orders to that Officer commanding at Dindegul and Caroor to comply with all written Requisitions from Major Cuppage, and directed, as far as the State of his Garrison will admit to give every assistance to and heartily cooperate with that Officer in the attainment of an object of so much importance, as the Expulsion of the Enemy from the conquered Districts.—

Ordered that Major General Musgrave be made acquainted with the foregoing Instructions to Colonel Bridges and Major Cuppage.—

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows.—→

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Senior Member at the Presidency and the Gentlemen

in Council at Fort S.t George — Madras &.c &.c

Honble Sir and Gentlemen.

I have the honor of yours of the nineteenth

This day, and shall proceed to Bangalore

with the necessity of procuring better security with respect

to Lieutenant Blacker, from Colonel Bruce's report of him;

I think he may with great propriety be suspended from all

rank, pay, and allowances, till the pleasure of the Honorable

the Court of Directors be known, and allowed a small pension,

merely as an act of humanity.—

I have the honor to be,

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

with the highest respect

Esteem and truth

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed Wm. Medows

Presidt &.c &.c

Camp near

Bangalore

27.th of November 1791

Lieutenant Blacker dismissed from all Rank Pay and allowances until the Pleasure of the Court of Directors.—

Resolved, in order to mark the Boards Disapprobation of his Conduct as disgraceful to the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, that Lieutenant Blacker be suspended from all Rank, Pay and allowances until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known

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known.—

A Pension of ten Pagodas p. Mensem granted him.

In order, however, to save Lieutenant Blacker from actual want during his Suspension, it is agreed to allow him a Pension of ten Pagodas p. Mensem, to be paid by the Paymaster at Vellore.—

Read the following Letter from the Register of the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Military Department—

From the Register of the Private Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore stating that the Books showing the amount of the Dividend to be made to the Creditors are duly brought up.—

Sir

I have received your Letters of the 1st and 8th Instant informing me that Government have resolved to Issue a dividend of Pds 31.707.34.20. to the Registered private Creditors of His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore and beg leave to acquaint you that the Dividend Book is prepared in full of Interest to the 12th July 1788 and in part of Interest falling due 12th July 1789.—

I am &c &c

Madras 9th December 1791.

Signed Tho. Cockburn

Register

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Sum due to the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore, amounting with Interest to Pagodas 39,868.12.55. be discharged in Cash, the State of the Treasury admitting thereof, and the Board deeming it preferable to the Issuing of 12 p. Cent Bonds, which bear at this time a Premium of 4 1/2 p. Cent.—

Ordered that the following advertisement be published in the Madras Courier.—

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Fort St. George, December 13th 1791.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Pagodas — a

Advertisement to be published in the Courier notifying the Resolution of Government of making a Dividend to the Registered private — Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore

31,707. 34. 20. being the Amount that was received into the Company's Treasury on account of the Registered Private — Creditors of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore previous to the 7th day of the January 1790. was resolved to be made on the 1st Instant. —

An Interest of Twelve per Cent per annum to be paid from the date upon which the payment of the first years Kists on Account of the Private Creditors was Completed at the Company's Treasury; as well as, upon the proportion of his Excellency's second years Kists paid in previous to the 8th January 1790 to the 1st Instant. —

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council. —

Signed W. C. Jackson Secy.

Read the following Letter from the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations —

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart. —

Governor in Council &c.

From the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations — communicating that the introduction of the Bengal System of Accounts be postponed till the 1st. May next

Honorable Sir,

In our last Letter of the 20th of August, we requested the introduction of the Bengal System of accounts might be postponed, until the 1st of January next, that we might have Copies of the new forms printed and circulated

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circulated, as well to the Officers and Heads of Departments, as to the different Paymasters both in Garrison and in the Field. Since that time we have endeavored to get them all finished by the close of this year, but when your Honorable Board consider the uncommon hurry of business which has prevailed in the Department of every member of this Committee, during the late equipment of the Grand Army; we flatter ourselves You will not be surprised, that we have not been able to get the whole business completed within the time prescribed, — But this first great Object of our attention attained, no time shall be lost in carrying into execution your Orders to us of the 30th. of August. —

It is impossible for us at present to fix on a day within two months, when all the forms will be — completely prepared and circulated; and as some few doubts must necessarily arise amongst so many different Persons, who ought to be conversant in every part of the new — System before it is finally adopted. We beg leave to recommend that the positive adoption of the plan be postponed until the 1st. of May next, at which time the Accounts of the year will be finished, and consequently the annual Books be regularly closed; the change may then take place without the smallest danger of confusion, which by commencing at a broken period from the Numerous adjustments that would become necessary is much to be apprehended, and the — intermediate time may be very usefully employed, viz winding up the old Accounts, and likewise in teaching

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the Native Writers, the Mode to be observed in keeping those
Accts from Bengal—

We trust that the reasons assigned By us, for not having the accounts ready in the Month of January, will be perfectly Satisfactory They have only been postponed, for the — performance of much more Urgent and important Business, and Therefore we hope You will please to postpone the introduction of the new plan to the 1st. day of May ensuing, when all the necessary preparations will be compleated—

We are with great Respect—

Hble Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servants—

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James Capper.
Henry Wm. Roebuck.
Thos. Cockburn

Agreed, for the Reasons assigned by the — Committee, to acquiesce in the Postponement of the Introduction of the Bengal System of Accounts till the first of may next—

Agreed to inform the Supreme Council that the Board are sincerely concerned that other avocations should have intervened to postpone tho' for a few months longer, the — final Execution of their Arrangement—But that when the — Board Consider the important and pressing Business in which their Committee have been by their Offices separately engaged for some time past, they can only regret the Cause for delay, without fixing any Imputation of neglect on the Committee.—

Ordered that the Committee be informed thereof

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that the Board will not upon any account whatsoever consent to a Delay beyond the 1st. May next, and that the Anxiety expressed by the Governor General in Council for the adoption of the Plan renders it indispensably necessary to provide against further disappointment.—

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from Colonel Bridges.—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

From Colonel Bridges enclosing Letter from Lieutenant Jennings and Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Bank of the Causey near the East End of the Island of Seringam.

Sir,

Having just received the accompanying Papers from the Engineer, I have the Honor to transmit them for the — information of the Honorable Board.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
Signed Thos. Bridges—

Trichinopoly
1st. December 1791.

To Colonel Thomas Bridges,
Commanding the Southern Provinces.

Trichinopoly &c.a &c.a

Sir,

Conformable to your Orders of the 25th. Instant, I have — examined the Bank to the westward of Maloore Village on the Island of Seringam, but am sorry to say my Efforts for perfect accuracy were baffled, by the River being full, very rapid, and pressing hard on that part of its Banks, which rendered it absolutely impossible to get its exact depth, the nature of the Bank &c.a

Accompanying I have the Honor to lay before You

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Your an Estimate of the Probable expence it may cost drawn out on the most Economical Plan that Could devise with any certainty of Permanency.

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
Signed Dan.l Jennings
Lieut.t of Engineers.

Tuchirapoly
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Estimate of the probable expence That will attend repairing a Bank near the West end of Seringam Island, ascertained as near as possible. The River being full and the Water deep and rapid in that part, renders it impossible to be so accurate as otherwise might be.

Repairing the North Bank of the Cavery River from Maloor Village Westward to the Anjore Bund, or Nanacane, Distance in all 10,330 Feet.

From opposite the Center of Chinna Tope at Maloor, Westward 3400 Feet. has suffered considerably, in som places from 30 to 70 feet it was[illegible] Annacane, or Anjore bounds East; to near opposite to Vepuri mannin Tope, 2,900 Feet. has been very much washed away This Season & has the Center of this Distance, more than one hundred feet has been washed off and the Bank in these places, between the small Cavery and the Augunda, or Great Cavery, is now hardly 200 feet broad; And to prevent further encroachment it requires an Immediate and thorough Repair;

The Mode which I propose for repairing the parts that have suffered much is to construct in each of

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of these Distances, Four Vagums, or Wears; Projecting a Circular front into the river, To cast off the Force of the Currents; The Vagums to each 60 feet long, and 20 feet broad, Composed of long Cocoanut or other Trees, made into Horses, to be planted with their heads on ends outwards, One, Two, Three or more in height as the — nature of the Bank, and Depth of water requires, all framed together in front, where is also to be drove large stakes, and the all to be wove together with Country sticks &c.a; between and behind the Horses, is to be filled and rammed with Earth Long Grass &c.a / the Earth to be dug up in the nearest places can be taken with safety; The Spaces between these Vagums to have horses planted at every 3, 4, or 5 feet distance, with their ends outwards; Large Stakes is also to be drove, and to be framed and filled in as above, The front to all this to be banked up — with Sand and plenty of Long Grass planted, —

Between the two above Distances is 2550 feet where the Bank is but little damaged, and by Banking a little and Planting Long Grass, would be perfectly secure, as much Long Grass, Rushes &c.a will be wanted in this — Repair Orders ought to be given to prevent its being cut, but for that business /

In the Distance from the Annacarre East, to Vepezinazzeir Tope, 2600 feet, is to be four Vagums, each 60 feet by 20 feet at 140 Pagodas each — — —

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Brought Over Pr 560 " "

The other parts of the Distance, besides
the above Vagues is 7/8 60 feet. The
wooden Horses to be placed with their
heads outwards and framed, together
as mentioned above, with one two, or
three in heights as required at 60 Pagodas
Pr 100 feet in length ..... 1416 " "

The distance from Chunna Obe at
Saloore Westward, where it is
much damaged, is 2400 Feet to have
also four Vagues as above described, 60
feet long and 20 broad, at 130 Pagodas
each ..... 520 " "

The other parts of this distance, which is
3160 feet to have Horses &c as above,
one, two, or three in heights as the Bank
requires, at 5 1/2 Pagodas Pr 100 feet in length 1706 11 40

Banking up and planting with Long
Grass the front of the new fence or Stock-
ading the two above distances making
6000 feet, at 7 Pagodas for every 100 feet
in length ..... 420 " "

The Distance in the Center between the
other two, which is but little damaged,
is 2550 feet which will be secured by
Banking up and Planting plenty of
Long Grass at 17 1/2 Pagodas Pr 100
feet in length 918 31 40

Total Estimate Star Pgs 4941 6 "

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Signed D.e Jennings
Lieut. & Engineer

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Minute on the Enclosures of the foregoing Letter from Colonel Bridges

Resolved that the Repairs be made to the Banks of the Cavery agreeably to the foregoing Eliminate and that the money be disbursed by the Collector, and the Work executed under the Superintendence of the Engineer.—

Read the following Letter from the Town Major.

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

&c.a &c.a &c.a.—

Honorable Sir,

From the Town Major representing the situation of Mr. Charles Tysse an assistant Surgion of the Bengal Establishment and recommending that some Allowance may be granted for his Subsistence—

Permit me to represent to your consideration the situation of Mr. Charles Tysse, who I learn from Major Scott the Deputy Adjutant General of the Bengal Detachment with the Army, is an assistant Surgion upon that Establish= ment this Gentleman arrived here on his return from Camp= to Bengal he is much deranged in his Mind and in a very distressed Situation without money or Friends and unable to provide for or take care of himself, a Small Sum Monthly probably 25. Pagodas advanced on account to any Person you may direct to take care of him would render his Situation more comfortable till an opportunity offers of his being sent to Bengal.—

I have the Honor to be

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

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Signed R. Gomonde.
Town Major.

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Minute thereon — Ordered, that the Military Paymaster General be directed to advance to the Town Major the Sum of twenty five Pagodas ℔ — Mensem for the maintenance and support of Mr Charles Tytler an Assistant Surgeon of the Bengal Establishment That the Town Major be instructed to take the first opportunity of sending Mr Tytler to Bengal, and to lay before the Board an account — Particulars of his Disbursements in order that the Bengal Presidency may be debited the Amount, and furnished with a Copy of the account that the Sum advanced hereon may be deducted from Mr Tytlers Pay —

Read the following Letter from the Collector in the Northern Division of the Sagheir —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Honble Sir,

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Sagheir — stating the Damage done to Captain Pages Bungalo at Ponnamalle by the Grain stored in it —

I have been honored with the Secretarys Letter of the 10th Instant directing me to report the State of Captain Pages Bungalow which was appropriated to the Reception of the Honorable Companys Grain in my Charge and the Damage it has thereby sustained —

In consequence of an order from the Board of Revenue to lodge in Situations of security, the Sagheir Grain of Fasaly 1199, supplied to the Ponamalee Commandant to — point out places for its reception, and among others, the Bungalow of Captain Page was allotted for that — purpose

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purpose.—

When the Paddy was first stowed away the Building appeared to be in good Condition; but is, at present, uninhabitable, the Rain having burst the walls and left it in a ruinous State.

I have the Honor to be,
with Respect.—
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
J. Signd. John Clerke
Collector N. D. J.

Poonamalle
Purgunnah—
12th. December 1791.

Agreed that the Military Paymaster—
Minute Thereon — General be instructed to pay to Captain Pages' Order the Sum of two hundred (200) Pagodas on account of a—Bungaloo purchased from him, and to carry the amount to the Head of War with Tippoo Sultaun.—

The acting President recommends that
A Head to be raised in the General Books of "Cochin Tribute" and Notification thereof to be made to the Accountant General.— the Accountant General be directed to raise a Head in the General Books of "Cochin Tribute", debiting the Rajah as his Kists fall due, and crediting him for the amount received.—

Ordered.

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Ordered accordingly.

Death of Lieutenant and Adjutant Grant of the 2d. Regiment of Native Cavalry.

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant and Adjutant John Grant of the 2d. Regiment of Native Cavalry at Arcot on the 10th. Instant.—

" Chas. Oakeley.

" W. Petrie

" G. Huddlestone

W. Petrie Esq.