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Diary

To the Military Paymaster General. — 4/13

Dispatched Letter to the Military Paymaster General (as entered in Mil. B: N.° 66) desiring him to stop the Payment of any Arrears due to Major Tonyn late of the Company's Service.

Vide further orders

5/14 Sent the following Letters.

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

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

My Lord,

We have the honor to transmit, for your Lordship's Information, Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Factors at Tellecherry to the Resident at Anjingo relative to an Engagement between his Majesty's Ship Thames and a French Frigate off Mangalore; and Copy of an Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Calicut to the Resident at Travancore on the same Subject — Copies of the same Papers have been forwarded to the Council at Calcutta, and to Captain Halsted of his Majesty's Sloop Atalanta now in this Road —

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C. To the Bombay Journal — inclosing Copies of Letters received relative to the Engagement between His Majesty's Ship Thames and a French Frigate off Mangalore — informing him of the Resolution intended to be made to the Private Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore.

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14. In consequence of your Lordship's Letter to us of the 21st ultimo, we have resolved to issue the Sum due to the Private Creditors of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore, amounting, with Interest, to Pagodas 39,868.12.55. as our Funds will enable us to discharge the Amount in Cash, we have thought this mode preferable to the issuing of 12 pr Cent Bonds, which bear at this time a Premium of 1½ pr Cent

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect & Esteem,
My Lord:
Your Lordship's most Obedient
humble Servants

Fort St. George
13th December 1791

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

To Captain Halsted

Commanding his Majesty's Sloop Atalanta

Sir,

To the Commanders of his Majesty's Sloop Atalanta enclosing Copies of the Accounts received relative to the Engagement between his Majesty's Ship Phoenix and a French Frigate off Mangalore.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to enclose, for your Information, Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Factors at Pollichorry to the Resident at Anjengo relative to an Engagement between his Majesty's Ship

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14 Ship Phanix and a French Frigate off Mangalore
and Copy of an Extract of a Letter from the Resident
at Calicut to the Resident at Travancore on
the same Subject

Fort St. George
13th December 1791.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secry.

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal - enclosing copies of the Accounts received relative to the Engagement between His Majesty's Ship Phanix and a French Frigate off Mangalore

We have the honor to enclose, for your Information, Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry to the Resident at Anjengo, relative to an Engagement between his Majesty's Ship Phanix and a French Frigate off Mangalore; and Copy of an Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Calicut to the Resident at Travancore on the same Subject

We also enclose Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley—

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

Fort St. George
13th December 1791.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley.
&c. Council

To,

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

Gentlemen,

To Bengal - adverting of the Necessity which exists of post poning till the 1st Month of May the Adoption of the Bengal System of Accounts.

We have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Gentlemen of the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal System of Accounts.

We are sincerely concerned that other avocations should have intervened to postpone, tho' for a few Months longer, the final execution of your Arrangement but when we consider the important and pressing Business in which the Committee have been, by their Offices, separately engaged for some time past, we can only regret the Cause for delay, without fixing any Imputation of Neglect on the part of those Gentlemen.

We have expressed to the Committee our confident Expectation that the Plan will be ready for Adoption, in all its parts, on the 1st of May next, and we shall take particular Care that it be not protracted beyond that Period.

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

Fort St. George
16th December 1794

(signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c Council

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To Major Cuppage

Commanding at Paligautcherry.

Sir,

To the Commandant at Paligautcherry - Instructions respecting the Priests to be collected for the purpose of endeavouring to drive the Enemy from the Coimbatore Country - expressing the Boards Surprize at his not having communicated to them the account he received of the Action between the English & French Squadrons off Mangalore. —

Lord Cornwallis having expressed to the Board a wish that you should be instructed to give the Enemy stationed in the Coimbatour Country every Annoyance in your Power, and, if possible, without endangering any of the principal Forts, expel them from the District, I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to desire you will proceed to the Execution of the Measure recommended by his Lordship - If the Force under your immediate Command be not sufficient to accomplish the Object without too much hazard, you are authorized to draw from Dindigul and Carroor such Reinforcement as you may judge necessary, taking especial Care that you leave sufficient Garrisons for the defence of those Places. — Colonel Bridges has been directed to send the necessary orders to the Officers Commanding at Dindigul and Carroor, and as far as the State of his own Garrison will admit, to give you every Assistance and heartily to co-operate with you for the attainment of the important object in view. —

It may be necessary to observe that you

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You are to confine your operations to the Expulsion of the Enemy from the Coimbatour Country, without proceeding to the Reduction of Forts or to the acquisition of Territory beyond that District, unless you should receive any particular Orders to that effect from Earl Cornwallis. –

The Governor in Council having been informed that you had received a Letter from the Chief of Tellicherry giving an Account of an Engagement between His Majesty's Ship Phanix and a French Frigate off Mangalore directs me to observe, that he is surprised at your with-holding from Government the Communication of a Circumstance of so much Importance – He desires, in future, you will give the earliest Advice to the Board of any Intelligence which you may receive from Tellicherry or elsewhere. –

Fort St. George
14th. December 1791. –

I am, &c.a &c.a
(Signd) W: C: Jackson Secy

To Colonel Bridges
Commanding at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly
– directing him to obey the instructions given to Major Lushington, & reserving him to instruct the Commanding Officer at Dindigul & Caroor – to comply with the Major's written Requisitions for Military aid.

Sir

Lord Cornwallis having expressed to the Board

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I'll Board a wish that Major Cuppage should be instructed to give the Enemy Stationed in the Coimbatoor Country every annoyance in his Power, and if possible, without endangering any of the principal Ports, expel them from the District, I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inform you that Major Cuppage has been desired to proceed to the Execution of the Measure recommended by his Lordship, 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.—

You will be pleased in consequence to send immediate Orders to the Officers Commanding at Dindigul and Caroor directing them to comply with all written Requisitions from Major Cuppage—and the Board desire, as far as the State of your own Garrison will admit that you will give every Assistance to, and heartily co-operate with, that Officer in the attainment of an Object of so much Importance as the Expulsion of the Enemy from the conquered Districts

I am &c.a &c.a

(Signed) W.C. Jackson Secry

To

Fort St. George
14th December 1791.

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To Major General Musgrave

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

To Major General Musgrave informing him of the Instructions given to Major Cuppage and Colonel Bridges.

Lord Cornwallis having expressed a wish that Major Cuppage should be instructed to give the Enemy Stationed in the Coimbatoor Country every Annoyance in his Power, and, if possible, without endangering any of the principal Ports, expel them from that District, I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inform you that Major Cuppage has been desired to proceed to the Execution of the Measure recommended by his Lordship; 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 Garisons for the Defence of those Places.—

Colonel Bridges has been also instructed to send immediate Orders to the Officers Commanding at Dindigul and Caroor to comply with all written Requisitions from Major Cuppage and directed, as far as the State of his own Garisons

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4/14 will admit, to give every Assistance to, and heartily co-operate with, that Officer in the Attainment of an Object of so much Importance as the Expulsion of the Enemy from the conquered Districts —

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

Fort St. George
14th. December 1791. —

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secry

15. Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 67. 68. —

From the Commandant at Nellore —

enclosing an Estimate for rebuilding and repairing the Barracks &c. and representing the ruinous State of the Fortifications —

From the Commandant at Angole —

advising of his having stationed Lieutenant Soles with 60 Sepoys of the 14th Revenue Battalion at Ardingy at the Requisition of Mr. Erskine. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — desiring him to instruct Mr. Young to serve out Grain to the Troops at Innacondah and Bellumcondah in like Manner as he had been ordered

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9/15 ordered with respect to the Troops in the Palnaud
- enclosing Extract of a Letter from Captain Flint
and desiring him to take such Measures as
may secure the Company from any considerable
Loss in consequence of the damaged Condition of
the Grain in the Granaries of this Lower Fort.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue
- enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Engineer at
Trichinopoly with a probable Estimate of the
Expence of repairing the Banks of the Cauvery
Westward of Mellore and recommending that the
Collector be directed to disburse the Amount
under the Superintendance of the Engineer.

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province

To the Collector in the Northern
Division of the Arcot Province - approving
Proceedings in regard to the Enquiry into the C
preferred against Captain MacKay by the Ja
of Arnee - and informing him of the Steps ta
by Government in consequence. -

To the Paymaster at Chingleput

To the Paymaster at Chinglepu
desiring him to transmit to the Board an
Estimate, made out upon the most econom
Scale, of the Expence that will attend
Repair of the Breaches in the Walls of the Fort of
Chingleput occasioned by the late Rains. -

To

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To the acting Accountant General 4/15.

To the acting accountant General. —

enclosing Extract of the Treaty with the Rajah of Cochin - and desiring him to raise a Head in the General Books of "Cochin Tribute" debiting the Rajah as his Kists fall due, and crediting them for the Amount received. —

To the Resident at Ganjam informing him that Mr. John Lennox has the Permission of the Board to visit the Presidency. —

To the Resident at Ganjam. —

To the Committee for reporting on the Bengal Regulations informing them that for the Reasons assigned in their Letter of the 10th Instant the Board have acquiesced in the Postponement of the Introduction of the Bengal System of Accounts 'till the 1st May next, but that they cannot upon any account whatever admit of any Delay beyond that Period. —

To the Committee for reporting on the Bengal Regulations. —

To the Garrison Storekeeper - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Uzeldo, and desiring him to provide the Articles required by that Officer on account of the Troops to be embarked on the Victuallers for Europe. —

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Clerk of the Treasury - desiring him to issue from the Treasury to Mr. Thomas Cockburn, Register of the Debts of the Rajah of Tanjore, the Sum of

To the Clerk of the Treasury. —

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15 of Pags. 39,268. 12. 55. being the Amount Princ
and Interest due to the Private Creditors to the
Instant and informing him of the Manner in
which the above Sum is to be brought to Acco
16 Received the following Letter

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Commissary General of Grain Provisions with Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Tanjore respecting the Charge made in his Accounts of Interest on Sums advanced for the Purchase of Grain.

Having transmitted to Mr. Stra
the Honble Board's Determination in regard t
Charge of Interest on the Sums advanced for
Purchase of Grain for the Stores at Tanjor
consequence of the Order to complete the Sto
of Paddy with all Expedition - I have the
honor to lay before Government his Answe

To enable the Honble Boar
to judge how far the Price charged by the
Storekeeper may be deemed reasonable I nee
only mention that the Medium Price of Grain
received from the Resident delivered to him by
Rajah amounted to Pags. 30. 30. 9/10 Pr Ga

Madras
16th December 1791.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Tho. Cockburn
Co. G. G. B.

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To

Thomas Cockburn Esqr

Commissary Genl of Grain &c.a

Fort St. George

Sir,—

By a Letter which, some time ago, I had the honor to receive from you, I am informed that Government refuse to allow the Interest charged by me on the Sum which I advanced last Year for the Purchase of Grain by your order, unless I declare that I derived no benefit from the purchase thereof

I will not make any Declaration to that Effect, and yet I shall confidently hope that Government will be pleased to admit my Claim, when, through you, they shall be made acquainted with the Particulars of this Transaction, in which I certainly feel nothing wherewith to reproach myself.—

The following is a short Statement of the average selling Price of the Tumbah & Phishanum Crop at Tanjore.—

	P.	F.	C.
From 1st May to 1st June Pr Garce	29.	39.	43
From 1 June to 1 July Pr Do	34.	41.	
Medium Price Pr Do	32.	19.	21
Price charged by me Pr Do	27.	38.	40.
Difference in Favor of Government	4.	22.	61.

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This simple Statement is One
you will be pleased to observe by it, how larg
a Gain I relinquished by storing the Grain o
account of the Company, rather than by selling
in the Market. If you will be kindenough fo
to contrast the Price I charged, with that for wh
Government are debited by the Rajah, you wil
observe a very essential Saving in favor of my cha

I made Advances to the Country
People for a much larger Quantity, than was
delivered by me - but the difficulty of procuring
Carriage for it, made them fail in their
Engagements - the Consequence is, that, to th
present hour, I have outstanding Balances d
to me on this account, to the Amount of some
Hundred Pagodas; and if any of the Individua
either die, or run away, I have no kind of Secur
whatever for the Recovery thereof -

I trust that what I have here
stated will in Candour be admitted as Satisfactor
support of my Claim - but, if the Interest tha
charge is withheld, I can safely declare I sha
that Case, be a Loser by the Transaction -

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

(Signed) James Strange

Tanjore
1st. December 1791.

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W.m C. Jackson Esq.r

Sir,

From the Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Atalanta acknowledging Receipt of Sec.y Jackson's Letter of the 13th Instant.

I have received your Letter of Yesterday's Date, enclosing the Extracts of two Letters relative to the Action between His Majesty's Ship Phoenix and a French Frigate, for which I am much obliged to the President in Council, and beg you will be pleased to let them know it. and

Am. Sir.

Your most Obt.

Humble Servt.

L.W. Halsted

Atalanta
Madras Roads
14th Decr. 1791

To the Honble. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir.

Encloses the Comptroller General of Army Accounts. inclosing Letter from Lieut. Rose &c. &c. respecting Staff allowances for the Detachment of the 8th Battalion of Native Infantry under his command as Senior Officer there.

Enclosed I have the Honor to submit to your Consideration, an application from Lieutenant Rose Commg at Arnee, respecting Staff allowances for a small Detachment of Native Infantry. Being unacquainted with the destination of the Detachment, I cannot take

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a
16 upon me to judge; whether these appointments are absolutely requisite, but, to similar Detachments, I should think an acting Serjeant Major only can be necessary.—

I am, with great Respect,
Honble Sir.
Your Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Capper
C. G. D.

Fort St. George
14th. December 1791.—

To Coll. Francis Capper.—
Comptroller Genl. &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that about two Months since I marched from Gur. & I am at present encamped at this Place with Five Companies of the 2d. Battalion N. I. — There are some matters relative to the Detachment that I wish to submit to your Consideration, and to request that you will be good enough to represent them to Government when I doubt not their Utility will appear so forcibly as to entitle a Compliance — A Detachment consisting of five Complete Companies, as these (under

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9/16 under my Command are, requires the utmost attention to the Care & Discipline of the Men — as well as to the different other Regt. Duties: and, in fact, without some Staff or appointments it is a matter of no small Difficulty to perform the Duties of the Detachts. Those I look upon as necessary are, a European & a Native Adjt. and a Serjeant Major — the two latter and some subordinate ones I have taken upon me to appoint acting for the time, waiting to judge, from their application & Services, the propriety of soliciting the Allowances — I myself have hitherto done the Duty of Adjt. in addition to my other indispensible avocations, and have not omitted any thing to render the Companies as perfect as possible — I will take it then as a favor your representing to Government the propriety of permitting me to draw the Allowances of Adjt. and the Native Adjt. & Serjeant Major those commonly made to such persons — There is another Remark I wish to make — when I began my March I had not a Black Doctor, but, in a short time, found a person of that Description so absolutely necessary that I have, for some time, entertained one on my account — I have had many Sick at different times; and as I am continually liable to the same Circumstance, would be glad one

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4/16. Should be allowed to the Detachment

I have the honor to be,

Camp near Arnee
25th. November 1791. –

Sir,

Your most obed.t Servant

(Signed) Ross Lang Lieut.t

Comm.d a Detach.t 8 Batt.n N. I.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. –

To the Paymaster at Madura &c.t

To the Paymaster at Madura &c.t desiring him to give up to Captain Bowser, for the use of the Officers of the Garrison, all the lower Part of the new Palace, reserving for himself the upper part and removing all the Provisions and Stores lodged in that Building to the upper Fort.

To the Commandant at Dindegul

To the Commandant at Dindegul informing him of the Orders given to M.r Vaughan

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly informing him that orders have been given for the Execution of the Repairs required to the Banks of the Cauvery and desiring him to instruct the Engineer to superintend the Work. –

To the Town Major

To the Town Major – enclosing an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation – (relative

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9/16. relative to the Provision made for the Subsistence of Mr. Tyffe Assistant Surgeon of the Bengal Establishment.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing a similar Extract to that above transmitted to the Town Major.

To Ditto

To the Military Paymaster General desiring him to advance to the Order of Captain Gage the Sum of 200 Pagodas on account of a Bungalo purchased from him; and carry the Amount to the Head of War with Tippoo Sultaun

To Captain Gage of His Majesty's 76th. Regiment

To Captain Gage informing him that the Military Paymaster has been directed to pay to his Order the Sum of 200 Pagodas on account of his Bungalo, which consequently becomes the Property of the Company.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions communicating the Board's Resolution of discharging the Amount due to Sitteram for Grain seized on account of the Company in the Year 1790, at the Market Price at the Time with Interest at 8 Pr Cent Pr Annum, by a Bill on the Military Paymaster General. and desiring him to instruct Mr. Vaughan to draw out the Accounts and grant the Bills accordingly: informing him

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9/16 That the Bungalo at Pondamalee formerly belonging to Captain Gage may be appropriated in future to the Reception of Grain.—

To acting Ensign William Vaughan.

To Acting Ensign William Vaughan informing him that no Person of this Name has arrived from England with the Appointment of Cadet in the Honble Company's Service.—

To the Hospital Board.

To the Hospital Board. inclosing Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General to the Surgeon General of the Army respecting the Allowance to be granted, from the 1st Instant, for the Cost of Native Sick at the Stationary Hospitals established above the Ghauts; also Copy of a Report delivered in by a Committee of Surgeons assembled by order of Lord Cornwallis to examine some Medical Charges made by Head Surgeons of General Hospitals in the Carnatic against some of the Regimental Surgeons in Camp, and which had been objected to — communicating the Resolutions of Government on the above Subjects.—

To the Military Boards.

To the Military Board inclosing Copy of a General Order lately published by Lord Cornwallis, containing Regulations to be observed in future respecting Working Parties in the Field.—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.—

Sent Letter to the Nabob (as entered in C.C. 1st 267)

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(16. 26.) requesting him to give orders to his Amildar to make the Repairs required to the Pettah Wall of Tiagar without Loss of Time.—

At a Consultation

Present—

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President

William Petrie
&
John Huddleston
} Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General

Friday
16th December 1791.— Medows absent upon Servia.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

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

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

Honble Sir. Upon examination of the Tanjore accounts

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From the Board of Assumed Revenue — recommending that sundry Charges included in the Collector's be transferred to the Paymaster's Accounts — and that a Head of "Mulberry Plantations" be raised in their Books — Observations respecting the Pension granted to Bava —

Accounts we observed and objected to a Charge of Chuckrums 113. 12 for "Coolys employed in Landing Stores &c" as not belonging to the Revenue Department. In reply, the Collectors have informed us "that the articles landed were Stores for the Army; that application for assistance had always been made to them; and that without they had taken considerable trouble, these Stores could hardly have been landed or at least not without great delay. Neither Boats, Rafts, nor Coolies were to be procured, but by the activity of the Amildars, Monigars &c. and by small advances of Cash made by them which the Collectors found it necessary to reimburse to prevent their charging these expences in abatement of their Payment. The Stores not being consigned to the Charge of the Tanjour Storekeeper nor any Orders sent to him relative to them, the Collectors thought References might be attended with delay. As this is entirely a Military Charge we take the liberty of recommending that the Paymaster at Tanjour be directed to reimburse the Revenue to the amount, and that all Disbursements on the like account be made by him, in future, and not by the Collectors. —

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We objected also to the Resident's civil charges being included in the Revenue Accounts: in answer to this, the Collectors refer us to a Letter from the Military Secretary, "wherein Government gave permission" that the Sums advanced by the Resident "may be made good to him by the Collectors". The same explanation has been given upon our objection to include "Mr. Swartz's allowances" and in the Revenue Accounts.

These charges ought not, in justice, in our opinion to be put on the Revenue: for instance one of the Payments made to Mr. Swartz is for a Christian School at Ramnaut poram which is even not connected with Tanjour. The allowance to him also as Resident at Tanjour is properly a Government charge, and has heretofore ever been paid by the Company. We take the liberty of suggesting that Mr. Ram and Mr. Swartz be permitted to draw Bills upon the Civil Paymaster by which the Amount may be regularly brought back to the credit of the Revenue.

We objected likewise to the Payment of Pag.s 150. to Mr. Fallofield, and to an allowance to Bava. In explanation of the first the Collectors inform us that "the Charge was permitted by Government "in consideration of Mr. Fallofield's expences at "Tanjour

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"Tanjour when employed there near two Months
"previous to the assumption" — In reply to the last,
the Collectors inform us that in a Letter from them
to the Military Secretary there is the following
expression of their intention towards Bava — "It
"was not our intention to give any Employment to
"him (Bava) out of the Fort or to invest him with
"authority; but to make him an allowance sufficient
"for his Maintenance." In the answer from the
Military Secretary dated 24th. September is the
following Passage — "With regard to the employing
"Bava they (the Honble Board) are of opinion that
"the mode proposed by you was exceedingly improper
"proper; and it was certainly the intention of
"Government that Bava should be employed —
This the Collectors say, we considered as authorizing
us to make some allowance to Bava." The
Collectors seem to be justified by the orders of
Government in making these Disbursements,
but we have the same objection to those being
considered as Revenue Charges as to those
above mentioned.

Mr. Falloseild was appointed to
investigate some Proceedings quite foreign to the

Revenue

Revenue, which had even happened before the Assumption of the Country: whatever charge was incurred on that account cannot, with any propriety, be paid from the Tanjore Revenue — With regard to the Pension allowed Bava, we are of opinion that if the Rajah's consent cannot be obtained to include it in his proportion it should be paid at the expence of Government. but, for the Reasons above mentioned, it cannot with propriety be inserted amongst the charges of Collection which should be confined to such alone as are unavoidably incurred on that account.—

When the Honble Board were pleased to authorize the expenditure of certain Sums for the Cultivation of Mulberries, you were pleased to direct that the Sums should be brought to account under the Head of "Charges extraordinary" as this Money, which is a Government Disbursement, will be brought to account under this indefinite Head with some actual Charges of Collection, and as it is likely to amount to a considerable Sum, We take this opportunity of recommending that a Head of Mulberry

Plantations

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Plantations" be raised in our Books for the
sake of Distinction

We have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants,

(Signed) Wm Petrie.

" David Haliburton

" Wm Balfour

Fort St George
13th December 1791

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

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Orders under date 12th Inst. and but
we venture to delay their final execution
we lay before you our Sentiments upon the
Subject. When the assumption took place, it
was, for obvious Reasons, our anxious wish that
the Collectors should send in their Accounts as
early as it was possible; and we intended to have
confined them to the 15th of the following Month;

From the Board of Revenue recommending that the Collectors be limited only to the 25th of the succeeding Month for sending in their accounts enclosing Bills on the Collectors at Madura and Tinnivelly for Pags. 10,000 each payable in February next

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but as the late Mr. Maxwell, to whose Opinions on Revenue Matters of still greater importance, the highest Respect is due, asserted from practical experience that it would be impossible for the Collectors to comply with such a Regulation, We found ourselves under the Necessity of extending the period to the 25th and we can assure the Honble Board that the Gentlemen under us, whose Regularity are least to be questioned, have often found it impracticable strictly to adhere even to that order. — Under this conviction we feel it a justice due to the Collectors to recommend that they be only limited to the 25th of the succeeding Month for sending in their Accounts, especially when so heavy a Penalty as Disqualification for Office is annexed to any Deviation from the Rule. and it is a Duty to the Honble Board to represent the Matter, in order to prevent disappointment, and the issue of an order which, in our Opinion, cannot be carried into Execution.

In compliance with your Commands of 11th Instant We enclose Bills on the Collectors of Madura and Tinnevelly in part of his Highness the Nabob's Proportion of the Current Revenues payable 28th February 1792.

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We have communicated your Resolution respecting ~~.....~~ orespecting the mortgaged Property in Tinnevelly to Mr. Swan, and think it necessary to prepare the Honble Board for applications, founded upon similar Claims from other parts of the Nabob's Territories - espe-cially from Vellour and Ongole.-

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
15th December 1791.-

Sr. Sr. Sr.

(Signed) Wm. Petrie

" David Haliburton

" Wm. Balfour

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Board of Revenue

Resolved, that the Sum of Chuck-rams 113. 12 included in the Collectors Accounts, being for Coolies employed in landing Stores for the use of the army, be reimbursed by the Paymaster, and that in future he disburse all Sums on a similar Account.-

That the Amount of Civil Charges to the late Resident - of the Allowances to Mr. Swartz - and of the Expences incurred by Mr. Fallofield during his Investigation at Tanjore be

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be brought to the Debit of the Civil Paymaster in the Collectors' Accounts, and the Revenue credited for the same — and that in future the Allowances to Mr. Swartz be paid by the Civil Paymaster. —

That Mr. Swartz be desired to inform the Board of the Principle upon which the allowance to Bava is granted, stating whether the Country or the Company derive any Benefit from the assistance of this Man, either by the way of employment, or by his Information and advice to the Collectors or to Mr. Swartz

That a Head of "Mulberry Plantations" be raised in the Books of the Assumed Revenue, under which all Sums expended on account of the Cultivation of Mulberries be brought —

As the Board of Assumed Revenue are of Opinion that the Collectors should be only limited to the 25th of the succeeding Month for sending in their Accounts, it is Resolved to acquiesce therein — but it must be understood by the Collectors that if a Necessity at any time exist for prolonging that period satisfactory Reasons are to be given. —

Ordered that the Bills on the Collectors at Madura and Tinnevelly be sent to his Highness

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Highness the Nabob.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.—

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

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Travancore inclosing his Accounts Current for the Months of October and November 1791.—

I do myself the Honor to transmit you my Accounts Current for the Months of October and November —

The Balance to be compleated by the Rajah of Travancore is 95,000 Rupees which I expect to receive in a few days — I have informed General Abercromby's Paymaster that I should be prepared to answer his Drafts on me to the Amount which is appropriated for the Bombay Army. —

I have the honor to be,
most respectfully,
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
George Powney Resident

Cochin
1st December 1791. —

Dr. The Honble Company in Account Current with Mr. Geo. Powney Cr.

1791		Rs.	1791		Rs.
Octr 8.	To Bill remitted & payable to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart acting President in Council at Fort St George on Bowance Sunkra Putter at 90 Days sight	5,00,000.-	Octr 8.	By Balance brought from last Acct	9438.11.
	To Balance	9438.11.		By Rajah of Travancore received of him a Bill on Bowance Sunkra Putter in full of the last six Months of his Subsidy towards the expences of the War for the current Year 1791.	5,00,000.-
	Rupees	5,09,438.11.		Rupees	5,09,438.11.

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Errors Excepted

(Signd) George Powney

Resident.

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Dr. The Honble Company in account Current with Wm. George Lonney Esq.r Cr.

1791.			Rs. f.	1791.		Rs. f.
Novr. 10	To Cash remitted to Mr. Corbett acting Paymaster at Palghautcherry	1,00,000..		Novr. 1	By Balance brought from last Account	9438. 11.
17	To Bill remitted & payable to the Honble Major General Abercromby on Soubiah Chitty at 12 Days sight	20,000..		"	By Travancore Rajah cash received of him	1,35,000..
21	To Bill remitted & payable to the Honble Major General Abercromby on Mopla Mouse at 10 days sight	15,000..		19	By Cochin Rajah Cash received of him on account of his fourth Kist for 1791	17,500..
		1,35,000..				
	To Balance	26938.11.				
	Rupees	1,61,938.11.			Rupees	1,61,938.11.

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Errors Excepted.

(Signed) George Lonney
Resident.

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Minute thereon —

Ordered that Copies of the Accounts Current be sent to the Accountant General. —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Samuel Johnston. —

William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary &c.a
Fort St. George

Sir.

I am honored with your's of the 26th Sept.r in answer to mine of the 11th addressed to the acting President in obedience to the orders of Government I transmitted for payment my Notes to the 28th Oct.r 1790 the date of my suspension but as I conceive myself fully entitled to the same Allowance until I received your final Minute so I beg to submit my Claim for the Remainder to the ultimate Determination of the Hon.ble Court. For I have proved to you that from Dec.r 1790 until the 5th May 1791. the Box containing my Vouchers, had not been opened, (altho' it had been pretended I was indebted to the Company in the Amount of P.s 83,000) and therefore this delay was not imputable to me. —

You are pleased to tell me in answer (to

From Mr Samuel Johnston remarks on the Board's refusal to grant him any Allowances subsequent to the Date of his Suspension any Compensation for Repairs made to the House inhabited by him & Stipend to Complains of his not having been furnished with Copies of the proceedings against him Vouchers to the Account transmitted by him in which he makes the Company his Debtors in a considerable Amount & makes his Claim to a Sworty Gold Grain in the Tinnevelly District — Requests that the Notes deposited by him to stand the Issue of the Investigation of his Accounts may be delivered up and offers to abide the Decision that may be passed upon a General Examination and Adjustment of his Accounts in England.

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to my Claim for Repairs done to the House on Trichinopoly Plain, "that it is totally inadmissible "for that if it were private Property the Company "cannot surely be liable for any expence of Repairs. If the Company takes from me my House, and gives it to another to reside in, are they not liable to pay me for that House? Your second position is "That it was my duty to have obtained the "Sanction of Government for such Repairs" I know of no Regulation of the Company's which goes to restricting their Servants from making Repairs to houses for which, for their own accommodation they pay an annual Rent. I never demanded from the Company a Cash on that Account, until the Board ordered my house to be delivered to their Collector, I called it my House, because, it was so, in as much as I paid Rent for it, and so situated, I think myself entitled to the Amount I have claimed, and, in this Belief, I shall also beg your permission to have the Matters laid before the Hon.ble Court.

I had the Honor to transmit an Account Current the 15th July last, making a Balance in my Favor of P.s 54051.22.10 and on the 7th Sept.r I forwarded to you my Explanation in

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diminution of the Claim made upon me by the Government last July of Pr. 19,500. to neither of which have I been honored with a Reply.—

You was pleased to inform me the whole of the Proceedings have been referred to the ultimate Determination of the Hon.ble Court, and, at the same time, you acquainted me that I should be furnished with Copies of them; I have waited near five Months in this Expectation, but I have never received them, I should have been glad to have been placed by the Hon: Board in a Situation to avail myself of the Course of Justice, which they tell me they have taken, and I lament very much, for my own sake, that it has not been convenient to furnish me with these Copies, for I expect no other than to stand acquitted or condemned upon the Grounds of the Proceedings against me.—

I am told that the Opinion of the hon: Board, in consequence of the Reports from the Trichinopoly and Madras Committees, having confirmed their former Judgment it was not possible for them to propose any Alteration in my Circumstances, I did flatter myself that when the Moment should arrive when I had

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an opportunity of bringing home to the Conviction of the Hon.ble Board, that nothing but the most dangerous Illness, could have obliged me to leave my Station, under the express Leave of the Governor of Madras, that when, upon the most cautious Investigation of near twelve Months I had made it appear I did not owe the Company P. 83,000 but that the Company is indebted to me at this instant, about P. 66,000 with an unascertained Claim against me of P. 19,500 that when for ten Years I had discharged my Duty with more than common Satisfaction to my Superiors, from whom I have very flattering Marks of Approbation in my Possession, and particularly one which will be cause of Pride to me, now in the hands of the Governor of Madras; I say I did not think it presuming too much on my part to hope, that, when the hon. Board had dispassionately recollected these Circumstances they would not have not persisted in my Suspension, for Ills have followed it up with such a mortifying Observation. — My duty & Respect for the Board call upon me to acquiesce without a Murmur in their Sentence, and under the dictates of these Feelings I shall remain

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Under the confirmed displeasure of the Hon:. Board, it ill becomes me to give them further trouble, I shall therefore intrude but little on their Time; I should have considered it an indulgence to have been permitted an opportunity of asking the Gentlemen who had the trouble of a tedious Investigation, either jointly or separately, whether the subsequent Proceedings had either confirmed original appearances or their former judgements and I should have been very much gratified, if these Gentlemen, who all fill Departments of Consequence, had been asked where the instances of Neglect or Misconduct, had been so pointedly demostrated, or wherein I have so egregiously failed in my Duty; I have scru=pulously examined the Reports, and have fairly put these Questions to my own Conscience in every Shape, and, at this Moment, I cannot discover that uncommon culpability which has led the hon:. Board to a Confirmation of their

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former judgment, and in consequence thereof to ruin and disgrace me, as if I had been guilty of Crimes, black as those for which my Successor was arraigned at the Bar of your Quarter Sessions; —

I confess it gives me the greatest uneasiness to be told that it was not possible for the Board to propose any Alteration in my Circumstances. When I entered upon the investigation, it was with a certainty that I should prove, as I trust I have done, that I had committed no fault, unless such as from corporal & mental infirmity, I might have expected was venial, and in the fullest conviction that I should have prevailed upon the hon: Board, to have shewn me a humane Lenity, which all the Company's Servants confide in, and that they would have suspended their Vote instead of suspending me, (at least during the time of the Proceedings of the Committee) untile a Question, deeply involving the dearest Interests of me and my Family, had been fairly investigated & perfectly understood. —

Overwhelmed as I am with your disapprobation, my fortunes ruined, my

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Character impeached, under the presume of extreme bad
health, and suffering every sort of personal inconveni-
-ence, I intreated permission to proceed to Europe, and the
answer I received in yours of the 17th August is "That as soon
"as I have discharged the balance due by me to the hon.
"Company, and delivered in the Certificate of the Ac-
"Accountant General, Comptroller General, & Civil
"Auditor that the Company have no pecuniary
"Claim on any account upon me, or give undeniable
"Security for the payment of the Balance, within
"two Months, I shall have the Board's permission
"to return to Europe, but until then, I am not to
"consider myself as having their Leave, or Sanction
"for quitting the Country" allow me, Sir, to observe
This is telling me, in direct terms, that I shall not
have the Board's permission, because you know,
from the Situation into which I am forced, that my
Compliance becomes an absolute impossibility; in
this View I am persuaded Government will recon-
-sider the Subject, and that they will act with
their usual Temper & Moderation upon the
occasion; their dignity will prevent them from
throwing unnecessary embarrassments in my way,
and, if the Case is fairly considered, I am persuaded
it will be found, that the Orders you have quoted
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to me for the purpose of detention, cannot attach in my Situation with the Company;— it appears to me the Question lies in a very small compass, and that the only one before you is, can the Company be damnified by permitting me to proceed to Europe having an eventual Claim upon me for P. 19500? Surely they cannot, nor is it in the power of Events, that they can be Sufferers by your Compliance with my Request; for it must be admitted, however much we may differ in general opinions, that I have a Claim upon the Company, partly ascertained upon oath, and the remainder ready to be so, to the Amount of P 54,000, besides a Sum of about P. 12000, in the hands of Mr. Torin the Collector of Tinnevelly, which he will acknowledge; both these Sums amounting to P. 66,000 are withheld from me, whether it is pro tempore, or whether an absolute Sequestration of my property is intended, shall not now be discussed, to me it is immaterial, for take it in either way, the consequences bear equally hard upon me; I do not desire to blink the Question, on the contrary, I desire to meet it in any form in which it can be put upon these facts, and it will not be difficult for any one to draw the Conclusion—

Seeing then that I have Claims upon the Hon.

hon: Company not trumpt up for idle purposes
or for the sake of delay, but solemnly ascertained, to the
Amount of more than three times the Demand,
rummaged with a malevolent industry out of
pre audited Accounts, you will pardon the Terms,
which eventually, tho' not probably, may be
established upon me; knowing, I say, that such
is the fact, am I to suppose the Hon.ble Board
will think it consistent either with their Duty,
their Honor, or their Candor to refuse me
permission to proceed to Europe? I think I
may answer they will not, but that they will
feel as I do, and go along with me in my
Request, and I shall anxiously hope you will
do me the honor to communicate to me, the
compliance of the hon: Board; and if it shall
still be thought, that the order quoted to me of
the 17th Aug.t is at all applicable, may I hope
it shall be so modelled, that a contingent Relief,
under particular Circumstances like the present,
may be extended to my Case. —

It will occur to the hon.ble Board that
the Bond for 83,000 Pagodas which I signed, ought
to be cancelled, and also my Dubash's Security
for 20,000 Pag.s because it is evident I owe
neither

neither of these Sums, but if it is the pleasure of Government still to require an obligation, I will grant such a one as shall bind me to be accountable to them for whatever Balance shall appear due by me to them upon a fair and general adjustment of Accounts in England.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your very obed.t humble Servt.
Signed Sam.l Johnston.

Tranquebar
10.th Dec.r 1791.

Minute of the Board upon the foregoing Letter from Mr. Johnston

It is not possible for the Board to admit Mr. Johnston's Claim to Pay and Allowances from the Date of his suspension the 26.th October 1790. to his Receipt of the final Minute in July 1791. The Advantages arising from the Office of Paymaster at Trichinopoly had been conferred on another, in consequence of the Neglects, Irregularities, and Overcharges, which had been proved against Mr. Johnston in the Conduct of his Department and the Note of Suspension, which was afterwards confirmed, clearly meant to deprive him of all Benefit from the Service, until the Determination of the

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Honorable Court of Directors were known. —

With respect to Mr. Johnston's Claim for House Rent, the Board will shew that he has put a wrong Construction on their Meaning, as conveyed to him in the Secretary's Letter of the 26th. September last —

Mr. Johnston says — "Your second position is, "that it was my Duty to "have obtained the Sanction "of Government for such "Repairs" — I know of no "Regulation of the Company's "which goes to restricting "their Servants from making "Repairs to Houses for which, "for their own accommodation, "they pay an annual Rent &c" —

The Letter to which Mr. Johnston refers, has the following Words. —

"If the House were "private Property as you state, "and that you paid an "annual Rent for it, the "Company surely cannot "be liable to any Expense for "Repairs while you were "allowed one of their own Houses "as Paymaster, in which "you might have resided "if you had thought proper "besides, it was your Duty "to have obtained the "Sanction of Government "for such Repairs even if "the House had belonged "to the Company, so that

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"in either point of View
"your Claim must be
"rejected" —

Hence, it is evident, that the Position applied by Mr. Johnston, could not have been taken from the Board's Observations — The House being "private Property" and appropriated to Mr. Johnston's accommodation, apart from his Station as Paymaster, in which Station he was provided with a House, the Expence of repairing it could not fall, with any Justice, upon the Company — It was therefore only to enforce the Argument that the Board said, that even if the House were the Property of the Company, it was Mr. Johnston's Duty, to have obtained the "Sanction of Government for repairing it."

The following Passage in Mr. Johnston's Letter is wholly unintelligible to the Board — By contrasting it with what had really passed, it will appear with how little Justice Mr. Johnston can complain of not having been furnished with Copies of the Proceedings against him —

Extract of the Secretary's Letter to Mr. Johnston — 26th Sept. 1791.

"I am further directed to inform
"you

Mr. Johnston's Reply —
16th December 1791 —

"You was pleased to inform
"me

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"you, that the acting President "me, the whole of the Proceed-
"perfectly recollects his- "ings have been referred to
"promise of making a "the ultimate Determination
"favorable mention of you "of the Honorable Court, and at
"to the Court of Directors, in "the same time you acquainted
"case the final Reports upon "me, that I should be furnished
"your Accounts were such as to "with Copies of them. — I have
"justify the Recommendation "waited near five Months in
"but the Opinion of the Board "this Expectation, but I have
"in consequence of the Reports "never received them. I should
"from the Trichinopoly and "have been glad to have been
"Madras Committees having "placed by the Honorable Board
"confirmed their former Judg- "in a situation to avail my-
"ment, it was was not "self of the Course of Justice,
"possible for them to propose "which they tell me they have
"any alteration in your "taken, and I lament very much
"Circumstances — The whole "for my own sake that it has not
"Proceedings have been referred "been convenient to furnish
"to the ultimate Determination "me with those Copies, for I
"of the Honorable Court." "expect no other than to stand
— and here ends the Letter, "acquitted or condemned upon the
but not by Johnston's "Grounds of the Proceedings
account. — "against me."

Extracts of a Letter to
M. Johnston, the 2d October 1790
in

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in consequence of the Committee's
first Report.—

"The Board think they
"should be wanting in their
"Duty to the Company if they
"were not to mark their
"disapprobation in strong
"and pointed Terms— they
"have accordingly passed
"the following Resolution" &c.

"A Copy of the Committee's
"Report is enclosed for your
"Information".—

Extract of another Letter
to Mr. Johnston in consequence
of the Committee's final Report.

"I am directed by
"the Honorable the President in
"Council to enclose Copy of
"the final Report of the Committee
on your Accounts with a
"Copy of the Minutes of the
"Board, containing their
"ultimate Opinions and
"Determinations in regard

"To

Mr. Johnston's Reply
dated the 7th September

I am honored with
"yours, with sundry
"Enclosures amongst which
"is an Account Current &c.

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"to the Adjustment of the
"Balance between the
"Honorable Company and
"you"

"I am also directed
"to enclose an Account Current,
"and to call upon you for
"the Payment of the Balance
&c.a—

To what purpose Mr. Johnston could assert that he had not been furnished with the Proceedings against him, when he well knew that the Board had given him Copies of all the Papers, and for what purpose he could subjoin words of his own to the Secretary's Letter of the 26th. September, and then comment upon them as if a glaring Injustice had been done him, must be best known to himself— The Board will rest satisfied in their own Conviction of having acted between the Company and Mr. Johnston with the strictest Justice to to both Parties.—

Resolved, that a Copy of these Observations be transmitted, with Mr. Johnston's Letter, a Number in the next Packet to England.

Read the following Letter from the

Register

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Register of the Nabob's Debts.

To W.C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Register of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob forwarding the Books and Papers which his Highness has applied for.

I received your Letter of the 12th October last conveying the Honble Board's Directions to lay before Government the following Books &c that they may be transmitted to his Highness the Nabob

Dividend Books and the Bonds of the Circar

Do. of the old Consolidated Debt

Do. of the Cavalry Loan for Principal & Interest

Do. for the Interest paid on the new Consolidated Debt

I have in consequence the honor to transmit to you certified Copies of the Dividend Books since the Establishment of the Register's Office as p List enclosed, together with the discharged Bonds of the old Consolidated Debt; as p List, for which I request your Receipt

I am

Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant

(Signed) Tho: Cockburn

Register &c.

Register's Office

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List of Dividend Books comprehending all the Dividends made to the Consolidated Creditors of his Highness Re Nabob of the Carnatick since the Establishment of the Register's Office - Laid before the Hon'ble Board for His Highness's information as per order dated 12th October 1791.—

Old Consolidated Debt of 1767.

N.1	a dividend Book for Principal	Issued the 12 Decem.r 1786		101,362.32.9	
2	do	do	5 June 1787	151,541.22.39	
3	do	do	25 October do	79,238.25.7	
4	do	do	28 March 1788	130,912.26.15	
5	do in full of	do	15 June do	134,129.9.53	597,285.2.15
A	a dividend Book for 6 M.s Interest to 1st July 1786.				
		Issued the 5th June 1787		38,742.16.73	
B	do	for 3 M.s do to 30th Sept.r 86	do 25 Oct.r do	15,803.11.79	
C	do	for 3 M.s do to 31 Dec.r do	do 28 M.ch 88	14,526.28.51	
D	do	for 17.8.15 in full of Interest to 15 June 1788.			
		Issued 15 June 1788		148,779.22.22	
				137,852.7.65	715,137.15.78

Old Cavalry Debt.—

N.1	a dividend Book for balance of 1 Years Interest to 31st December 1785	Issued 12 December 1786		24,171.29.70	
2	do	for 6 M.s Interest to 30th June 1786	do 5 June 87	41,437.17.34	
3	do	for 3 M.s do to 30 Sept.r	do do 25 Oct.r do	20,718.26.57	
4	do	for 3 M.s do to 31 Dec.r	do do 28 March 88	20,718.26.57	
5	do	for 6 M.s do to 30 June 87	do 15 June do	41,437.17.34	
6	do	for 6 M.s do to 31 Dec.r	do do 15 Decem.r do	41,437.17.34	
7	do	for 3 M.s do to 31 March 88	do 1 Decem.r 89	20,134.33.35	
8	do	for 152 Days to 30 August	do 1 January 91	34,172.23.12	2,44,529.12.2
A	a dividend Book for Principal	Issued 15 June 1788		135,943.1.42½	
B	do	do	15 Dec.r do	176,085.—.6½	
C	do	do	1st Dec.r 1789	38,326.11.32½	
D	do	do	1st January 1791 —		
	but which to be considered a Payment made on the 1st Decem.r 1789 the Company having ceased Interest from that date			1,16,155.25.38¾	4,24,461.33.34
					6,68,991.9.36½

New Consolidated Debt of 1777 —

N.1	a dividend Book for balance of 1 Years Interest to 31st Dec.r 85	Issued 12 dec.r 86		96,223.7.—	
2	do	for 6 M.s do to 30th June 1786	Issued 5 June 1787	164,954.35.51	
3	do	for 3 M.s do to 30 Sept.r	do do 25 Oct.r do	82,477.17.65½	
4	do	for 3 M.s do to 31 Dec.r	do do 28 March 1788	82,477.17.65.	
5	do	for 6 M.s do to 30 June 1787	do 15 June do	164,954.35.51	
6	do	for 6 M.s do to 31st Dec.r	do do 15 Decem.r do	164,954.35.51	
7	do	for 3 M.s do to 31 March 88	do 1 Decem.r 89	82,477.17.65½	
8	do	of Pd. 2,17,34.2/16 P Cent being in further part of Interest for the Year 1788	Issued the 1st January 1791	136,976.36.44½	
		Carried over	Pagodas		975,492.17.3½
					23,59,626.27.28

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Fort St. George 16th December 1791.

Brought over ..... Pagodas ..... 7735.6.26.27.28.

New Cavalry Debt.

No. 1 — do Cavalry Dividend Book 1 Years Interest to 31 Dec. 1785 Issued on the 12th December 1786 (included in the do Cavalry Book since separated) ..... 26,872.22.7.

2 — do. ..... do. 6 Mts Interest to 30 June 86. Issued on the 5th June 1787 ..... 13,439.12.10.

3 — do. ..... do. 3 Mts do. to 30 Sept. do. Issued on the 25th October 1787 ..... 6,719.24.5.

1 — a Dividend Book for this Debt for 3 Mts Interest to 31st December 1786. Issued 28th March 1788. 6,719.24.5.

2 — do ..... do for 6 Mts do. to 30 June 87 — do. 15 June 1788 — 13,439.12.10.

4 — do. ..... do. for 6 Mts do. to 31 Dec. 87 — do. 15 Dec. 1788 — 13,439.12.10.

B. Dividend Book of Principal in this Debt Issued to Coll. Burrowes &c. Claims admitted to the Dividends already made being 6 Dividends in full of Interest to 31st December 1787 ..... 44,986.19.7.

C. Do. ..... do. 3 Mts Interest to 31st March 1788 — Issued to Do. — Do. } 5,371.10.11. — 50,357.30.3.

5 — a Dividend Book for 152 Days Interest to 30 August 1788 including Coll. Burrowes &c. Claims Issued the 1st January 1791. — 20,065.19.25. — 157,686.2.31.

A — a Dividend Book for Principal Issued the 15th June 1788. — do. — do. — 15 Dec. Do. — 44,149.7.16.

B. — do. — do. — do. Issued to Coll. Burrowes &c. 2 Dividends of 15 June & 15 Dec. 88 inserted in this Book amounting to Do. — 5,710.9.30.

C — a Dividend Book for Principal Issued 1st Dec. 1789 ..... 59,725.1.31.

" — Do. ..... Do. Issued to Coll. Burrowes &c. ..... 28,646.22.17.

D — do. ..... do. including Coll. Burrowes &c. Issued 1st January 1791. but which to be considered a Payment made on the 9th Dec. 89. the Company having allowed Interest from that date ..... 27,578.25.61.

93,222.19.6. — 27,197.16.61.

Pagodas 7,87,311.-.40.

Registers Office
15th December 1791.

CC

Tho: Cockburn
Register Gen.

Agreed

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Fort St. George 16th December 1794.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Register of the Nabobs Debts.—

Agreed that the Nabob be informed that the — a Dividend Books since the Establishment of the Registers Office, together with the discharged Bonds of the old Consolidated Debt are ready to be delivered at the Military Secretarys Office to any person whom His Highness may think proper to send for them, and for which a Receipt must be given.—

The acting President recommends that the following advertisement be published in the Madras Couriers.—

Unclaimed Dividends in the Old Consolidated Debt of 1767 of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick.—

Advertisement to be published in the Madras Courier respecting four unclaimed Dividends in the old consolidated Debt of 1767 of His Highness the Nabob.—

The following Bonds in the above debt not having been presented for payment The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to give Notice, that, if the same are not produced at the Registers Office on or before the 1st day of January of the year 1795 the Amount thereof shall be considered the — property of His Highness the Nabob.—

Bond No 34 in the Name of Simon Cosher for the Principal Sum due 31st December 1784	P— 339— 33. 60
Bond No 42 Registered in the Name of Captain John Cooper for Do	935. 30. 48
Bond No 99 in the Name of David Kellican for Do	1603. 27. 72
Bond No 156 in the Name of Robert Stoney for Do	253. 14. 32
Pagodas	3,232. 34. 32

Ordered Accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave.—

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Fort St. George 16th December 1791.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Honorable Sir.

From Major General Musgrave inclosing a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Durand

I have the honor to lay before the Board the accompanying memorials transmitted by desire of Lieutenant Colonel Durand.

I have the Honor to be with respect.

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient

and most humble Servant

(signed) Thomas Musgrave.

December 15th 1791

To the Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George &c &c &c

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Lieutenant Colo Durand inclosing a Memorial addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors which he requests may be forwarded by the first Dispatch.

Permit me most respectfully to lay before your Honorable Board the accompanying papers &c to entreat You to be so gracious as to do me the Kindness to make them a Number in your next Packet for Europe.

I rely entirely on their contents and your benign influence for success in the request I mean them to appear in favour of, and pray earnestly for your Kind support therein, resting assured that you ever are pleased to shew attention to such a wold Servant as I have the Honor of being Worthy

Yours

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Fort St. George 16th. December 1791.

Years continual Service I hope will appologize for what might be thought otherwise presumptions, when I ask also, that you would be graciously pleased to allow that only Son, whom I anxiously seek to provide for, to do his duty as an Ensign in the Service, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors Shall be known, with respect to my prayer to them.

My Case and situation is of that peculiar Nature which can hardly ever again occur and perhaps never did, there=fore I hope it may have just influence on your kind deli=berations and prove a sufficient Ground for Justifying — what perhaps might be, without it, considered Innovation, and in that confidence it is I trust in the known Benevo=lence of your Honorable Board -

Having the Honor to remain, as I ever have been, with the Utmost Respect and Consideration -

Your most Devoted obedient

and humble Servant -

Signed J. Durand

Lt. C.

Fort St. George.

the 17th. December 1791

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Durands

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Durand -

memorial be transmitted a Number in the next Packet to England -

The Hanoverian Invalids Stationed at Arnee to be ordered to the Presidency -

The acting President recommends that the Hanoverian Invalids Stationed at Arnee be ordered to the Presidency that they may be in readiness to Embark for Europe with the rest of the 14th. Hanoverian Regiment on the Transports daily expected at Madras.

Ordered

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Ordered accordingly

Death of Lieutenant Foster Dogherty of the Infantry.—

The acting President reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Foster Dogherty of the 22.d Battalion native Infantry at Bancoote on the Malabar Coast on the 16.th November last.—

Instructions to be given to the Companys Solicitor respecting the Balance due by Major Tonyn.—

as Major Tonyn has not replied to the Letter addressed to him on the 1.st Instant. it is resolved that the Companys' Solicitor be directed to call upon him for the Payment of the Balance due by him, and, in case he should not comply therewith, to commence a Prosecution immediately against him.—

" Chas Oakeley.

" Wm Petrie

" Hudleston

George Parry Esqr.

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Diary

Received the following Letters.

Hospital Board

December 16th 1791.

The Hospital Board have the Honor of enclosing to Government a Copy of the Correspondence of the Purveyor General with Mr. Kenneid Surgeon on the subject of Stores purchased for the use of the Sick at Poonamallee.

It is appears that these Stores have been paid for, agreeably to a fair Valuation, and that it is only on the old Stores, that the Purveyor General has any difference of opinion with Mr. Kenneid — The Hospital Board Recommend that the additional Charge of 15 ℘ Cent on the Valuation of the old Stores be admitted for that use, from the 1st of August, that the Field arrangement took place, to the 20th of September that the Stores were purchased, as they think it will reimburse the Honble Company for any difference

From the Hospital Board opinion respecting the Values to be affixed to the Stores supplied for the use of the Hospital at Poonamalee recommending that Mr. Samuel be stationed at the General Hospital at the Presidency and Mr. Hawksley with the 16th Battalion Native Infantry; and that a Bill presented by Mr. Betty for Instruments purchased in Camp be discharged. ——

approved

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difference of Values during that
period.

Mr. Samuel, assistant
Surgeon to the 16th Battalion
of Sepoys at Paliguatchery
at present on leave at the Pondoy,
having stated to the Hospital Board
how much his health has been
benefitted by coming to the Coast,
and having Requested to be stationed
at the Presidency – they Recommend,
that Government will be pleased
to appoint him to the General
Hospital, and Mr. Hutchensby, at
present at Paliguatchery, to the
16th Battalion there.

Approved

The Hospital Board have
the Honor to forward to Government
a Bill amounting to Pagodas sixty
five for Instruments for the use of
the 3d Regiment of Native
Cavalry, from Mr. Batty assistant
Surgeon dated the 20th February
1791 which they Recommend
may be ordered to be paid as
the Necessity of the purchase
appears.

Approved

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appears, from the declaration of the Surgeon General, that there were no Instruments at that time in Store to Supply the exigencies of the Service.

[signed] Jas Anderson
Physician General

W: Raine
acting Chief Surgeon

Wm Duffin
Head Surgeon

To W. C. Jackson Esq.r

Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter of the 20th Ultimo, returning the obligation for the Sum advanced by me to forward the Public Service, during the time I was with the army in the Field.—

From Lieutenant Tyrrel—requesting that he may not be held responsible for Cash Items as he may not be able to recover from the Bazar People in Camp ——

I am extremely concerned that the Honble Board should conceive I meant to tender an obligation, negatory on its tenor, and defective in its condition; nothing was further from my intent but I wished to express the nature of the obligation, as widely differing from a debt actually incurred by a private individual, and, in order that the motives for which it had been granted, and the purpose to which it was applied, might be clearly and positively explained.

I owe implicit obedience to the order.

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of the Honble Board, and if it is their Command that an Obligation should be given unconditionally, I certainly shall obey, in the Confidence that, from the reasons stated in my letter of the 20th of September last, that they will be pleased to give me an assurance that I shall not be charged with responsibility for such Sums as I may, after using every exertion, be unable to collect: of the reasonableness of this Request I trust the Honble Board will be fully sensible, as no man could safely undertake a publick trust who should be obliged ultimately to answer, in his private capacity, for the defalcation of others.

I have the Honor to be,
with Respect &c &c
/Signed/ Mich.l Symes
late Supt. of Bazars.

12th December 1791.

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Governor in Council
Military Department
Fort St. George.

From the Resident at Hydrabad - with Copies of his Correspondence with Captain Andrew Read respecting the provision of Carriage and Stock of Rice for his Detachment

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose, for the information of the Board, Extract of a Letter I have received from Captain Andrew Read under date the 23d with the Enclosures contained in it, and also copy of my reply dated the 24th Instant.

I have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ John Kennaway
Resident

Camps at Cherlapilly
26th November 1791

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Captain Andrew Read to Sir John Kennaway under date the 23d November 1791.

I have the Honor to enclose copies of Letters that have passed between Mr. Brown and me, relative to laying in Rice for the Detachment, by which you will observe the Difficulties Mr. Brown has met with, and the quantity, with carriage, he has been able to provide."

A true Extract

(Signed) Graeme Mercer

Actg Assistant

William Brown Esqr.

Paymaster to the Detachment

Sir;

I have the pleasure to enclose Extract of a Letter to me from Sir John Kennaway, dated 6th Instant: agreable to which I request you will lose no time in providing the quantity of Rice specified including the Stock you formerly laid in. — You will be pleased to furnish the Carriage for it in the Cheapest manner and on the best conditions you can; paying, at the same time, every possible attention to what Sir John Kennaway says on that head.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) And.w Read

Captain Comg.

Camp before Gurramcoondah 8.th November 1791

A true Copy

(Signed) Alex.r Orr

actg. A.D.C.

Captain

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Captain Andrew Read.

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 8th. Instant with the Inclosed Extract of one addressed to you by Sir John Kennaway — and beg leave to inform you, that I have been as expeditious as the nature of a most unfavorable Season would permit in complying with the Instructions contained in the same — Sir John Kennaways observations, in respect to the Carriage meerly to be provided on the Occasion, are certainly not applicable to what has been found to be the practice with this — Detachment since my knowledge of it, neither in what regards the Rate of hire, nor least of all in the expectation of having Rice bags provided under the same terms of agreement, were the terms infinitely more favorable than Sir John Kennaway has stated them

Having received information, on very good Authority, that the Contract for providing Bullocks is actually dissolved, and the Different Departments with the Grand Army, at this Moment, furnish their necessary proportion of Carriage at a Certain rate lately established by Government, I may presume that the arrangements ordered in Consequence will, ere long, be sent for your information; and the terms admitted

of

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16. advertised of in such case must of Course serve to regulate the Department under my charge, in common with every other Department of the Detachment - I may, in the mean-time, observe, that it would naturally be my object, under any circumstances, to endeavor to obtain the Carriage on the cheapest and most favorable Terms; and have not failed to pay particular attention to this point. In respect to the Bags for which it is as necessary to purchase the materials as it is to buy the Rice they are intended for, the Prices of these articles are established in the Public Bazar - on which Subject it is encumbent on me to say that the period chosen by Sir John Kennaway for ordering the present Supplies to be provided, has been every way unfavorable and replete with Difficulties, for, besides the Scarcity of every article in the Bazars for some Weeks past and their very enhanced price, the Rains have contributed to throw additional interruption in the way of my exertions in Collecting them.

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

signed Wm Brown Payr

Camp before
Gurramconda
19th November 1791.

true Copy
signed Alex. Orr
Actg Adjt

William Brown Esqr.
Paymaster to the Detachment

Sir

I was honored this morning with your Letter

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16. Letter, and in consequence of one received today from Sir John Kennaway by which I am given to understand the Detachment may shortly be expected to move from this, I have to Request you will inform me what quantity of Rice you have already laid in, and what proportion of Carriage you have provided for it — Should the Quantity ordered and Carriage for it be not yet Ready, I request you will let me know in what time you think it likely will be so.

Camp before
Gurramcoondah
22d. November 1791.

I have the honor to be, &c. &c.
(signed) Andrew Read
Capt. Commanding.

true Copy
(signed) Alex. Orr
Adj. & D.C.

Captain Andrew Read.

Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I have delayed a few hours in doing myself the honor to reply to your favor dated and Received Yesterday, in order to afford you the more certain and conclusive information on the Subject, on a circumstance the nature of your application to be, and essential as it may be considered, to call to the Recollection of Sir John Kennaway how impossible it would be to order things with that expedition which he is pleased to expect for this purpose, I would take the Liberty of

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of recommending that a Copy of the letter you received from me yesterday may be submitted for his information, as explanatory of the Circumstances of extraordinary — & difficulty under which his instructions were received by me; from which, I am persuaded, it will also appear evident to him, that a reasonable period has in no shape been allowed me for Carrying them into effect — In addition to which, Sir, I beg leave more particularly to inform you, that the whole quantity of Rice ordered is, in a manner, entirely provided; such small part of it as may remain to be collected and brought into Store, being fully and Securely engaged, and but a very few days likely to be delayed in receiving it compleate from the Merchants — under this General Stock I have also conceived it intended to make a provision for the Europeans of the Detachment; on the Supposition that the mode adopted with the Grand Army should be held in view on this occasion, a certain proportion of a better sort of Rice is therefore lain in that Account. But whatever satisfaction I may afford in replying to this point, it will wear a very different appearance when I inform you that, to the present period, it has not been in my power to procure the means of Carriage for

more

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16 more than one Sixth part of the above Stock

The fact is, that I have not more than 170 Bullocks in readiness at this moment, and only 130 Rice Bags; and that, with every possible exertion on my part, I cannot therefore take on my self to specify a shorter period than 20 days from this date when I conceive it may be very likely that the whole of my Department will be in readiness to move with the Detachment

Camp before
Gurramcondah
23d November 1791

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed / Wm Brown
Paym.r

true Copy
Signed / Alex.r Orr.
Actg. A. D. C.

true Copies
Signed / Graeme Mercer
actg. Assist

Captain Andrew Read
Commanding the Ellore Detachment

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of Yesterday's date, and am concerned to find, by Mr. Paymaster Brown's Letter to you of the 23d Instant, that, with every possible exertion on his part, he cannot take upon himself to specify a shorter period than twenty days for the whole of his Department being

16 being in readiness to move; alluding I conclude to that particular part which relates to the provision of Carriage and Stock of Rice, which, by my Letters of the 15th Ultimo and 6th Instant, I requested might be held ready: as the junction of your Detachment with this Army can on no account be delayed beyond the period which shall be signified to me by the minister for it, I have only to recommend your adopting such Measures on the occasion as the exigency of the case requires, submitting to your wisdom, as the Sixth part of the Carriage for the Rice purchased is ready, as a certain quantity of it can be carried by the Sepoys, and as the whole is intended to be reserved till we move forward from Bangalore, the most advisable and indeed the only way left is not to direct the Paymaster to bring up what may remain in as short a time as possible he being furnished with a proper guard for the purpose. I expect we shall march to Meandalleem to morrow and have the honor to be,

Sr. &c.

John Kennaway

Camp at Rockody
24th November 1791

Signed

A true Copy
Signed Graeme Mercer
Adjt. Genl.

W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the Information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Detachment under my Command marched yesterday

From Captain Cadenhead moves with the Detachment from Gummeondah and joins the Nizam's Army under Command of his Son Secunder Jahe

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16 yesterday from Gurramcundah and joined his Highness the Nizam's Army under his Son Secunder Jah and the Minister — We march again to day towards Colar Hafiz Jee, with his force, is left in the lower Forts of Gurramcundah.

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

Camp at Mudwair
9 Miles S.W. of Gurramcundah
1st December 1791.

Capt.n Comm.g
Ellore Detachment

Sent the following Letter to the Honble Company's Solicitor

To Mr. Stephen Popham

Solicitor to the Honorable Company.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying account current against Major Tonyn, with the copies of the Receipts passed by Cornet Kyffin to the Paymaster of Vellore, and an Extract from Major John Murray's Letter respecting three horses detained by him, and to desire you will immediately call upon Major Tonyn for Payment and, should he not comply, that you commence Prosecution against him for the recovery thereof.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient, Servant.
(Signed) W. B. Jackson,
Secy.

To the Honorable Company's Solicitor with a Statement of Major Tonyn's account Current desiring him to call upon him for Payment of the Balance and, in the event of non-compliance, to commence a Prosecution against him —

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John

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Dr. John Colyn Tonyn Esq.r to the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Cr.

		Pagodas	f.	6.	
1790.					
November 30th	To Cash advanced by Mr. William Harcourt Triem Paymaster at Vellore to Cornet George Kippen on account of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry then under your Command, as by his Receipt of the above date	200.	"	"	
December 31.	To Do. Do. Do. Do.	200.	"	"	
1791 December	To the Value of three Horses belonging to the above regiment, which Major Murray now Commanding the above Regiment, declared to be the three best Horses in the Regiment at 150 Pagodas each Horse	150.	"	"	
	Star Pagodas.	850.	"	"	

		Pagodas	f.	6.	
By the amount of Gratuity due you for 275 Days		273.	4	15.	
By Balance		576.	37	65.	
	Star Pagodas	850.	"	"	

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E.E. Signed W.C. Jackson Esq.r Sent

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17. Sent Letter to the Nabob (as inland in 66 to 268) inclosing Bills on the Collectors at Madura and Tinnevelly for 20,000 Pagodas payable in the month of February, and informing him that the Books and Papers applied for by Wynne's are ready to be delivered to any Person authorized to receive them

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob ——

18 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mss Nos 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97.

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - informing him that in Consequence of Mr Strange's Representation which accompanied his Letter of the 16th Instant, the Board admit his Charge of Interest on the Sums advanced for the purchase of Grain for the Store at Tanjore.

To Major General Musgrave ——

To Major General Musgrave requesting him to give the necessary orders for the March to the Presidency of the Hannoverian Invalids stationed at Arnee.

To the Paymaster at Ongole ——

To the Paymaster at Ongole - inclosing an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Rebuilding and Repairing the Barracks &c in the Garrison of Nellore and desiring them to execute the Work under the Inspection of the Commanding Officer.

To the Commandant at Nellore ——

To the Commandant at Nellore - informing him of the orders given to the Paymaster at Ongole.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To the Commissary and Comptroller General

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18 of army accounts - informing him that the Board will not allow any other staff for Lieutenant Ross Langs Detachment than an acting Serjeant Major

To the Paymaster at Tanjore - informing

To the Paymaster at Tanjore

him that all Disbursements unconnected with the Revenue are to be made by him - desiring him in future to advance Mr. Swartz his monthly allowances - bringing the Amount under the head of "Civil Charges" and to carry to the same account, and take Credit in his accounts with the Presidency for, the Sums already paid on that account as well as to Mr. Ram the late Resident, and to Mr. Fallofield on account of the Expences incurred by him during his Investigation at Tanjore

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz - informing

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

him that his allowances will be in future paid him by the Paymaster - and requesting him to inform the Board of the Principle upon which the monthly allowance of forty Chuckrums is granted to Baba.

To the Board of Ajumed Revenue

To the Board of Ajumed Revenue

commencating the Resolutions of Government respecting the Charges hitherto included in the Collectors' Accounts that are in future to be disbursed by the Paymaster - informing them of the Reference made to the Reverend Mr. Swartz respecting Bava's Monthly allowance, and desiring them to raise a Head of "Mulberry Plantations" in the Books of the Ajumed Revenue.

To Do. informing them that if a Necessity

To Do.

18. necessity should at any time exist for prolonging the Transmission of the Collectors Accounts beyond the 25th. of the Succeeding Month, satisfactory reasons must be given to them for the Information of Government.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

Received Letter from the Nabob (as entered in C. C. No. 269) advising of his having given the necessary orders for the immediate Execution of the Repairs required to the Pettah Walls of Tiagar.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MCB Nos. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103.

From the Paymaster at Arnee

From the Paymaster at Arnee Requesting Permission to visit the Presidency.

From the Commandant at Amboor

From the Commandant at Amboor reporting the Damages done to the Works by the late heavy Rain and requesting that the Paymaster may be instructed to advance him 200 Pagodas on account of their Repairs.

From the Commandant at Tiagar

From the Commandant at Tiagar stating the Sum that will be required for the Repairs of the Walls and Officers Quarters, and offering to superintend the Execution of the Work.

From Colonel Floyd at Amboor

From Colonel Floyd advising of the arrival of Henry Ram and Asha Ram with Treasure for Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell's Detachment.

From the Paymaster at Vellore

From the Paymaster at Vellore requesting to be furnished with Instructions respecting a Bill presented to him by Lieutenant Baillie for Contingent Charges

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18 on Account of the Prisoners of War.

From the Commandant at Angole representing

From the Commandant at Angole —— his Inability to comply, from the Stores in that Garrison, with an Indent transmitted by Lieutenant Lawrence, for Serviceable Arms and Accoutrements.—

Received the following Letters

19. To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c. of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

My Brother Avadanum Paupiah

From A Ramasawmy requesting to be favord with a Reply to a memorial addressed to Government by his Brother A Paupiah Brahmin, respecting his Claim to mortgaged Grain in the Tinnivelly District ——

Brahminy about the time he left Madras to go to Vencatagerry, of which he informed your Honor &c., took the liberty of addressing to your Honorable Board a Memorial, stating his claim of 50,000 Pagodas, with Interest, upon His Highness the Nabobs assigned Revenue. Having Lately received a Letter from him in which he expresses great Anxiety to know the Result thereof, I humbly take the Liberty of Requesting that you will be pleased to Communicate to me any answer that you may think proper to give, that I may transmit it to my Brother — he is very anxious from the Largeness of the Sum to hear your Honors determination — he fully trusts, from the plain Manner he stated his claim and the proof he produced of its being Mortgaged property, that your Honble Board will be pleased to

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grant his Request.

Madras

19th December 1791

I have the honor to be, &c &c

(Signed) A Ramaswamy Braminy

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley bart.

acting Governor and Council

Honble Sir,

From the Commandant at Dendigul the Enmy retire from the Coimbatore and adjacent Countries requests Permission to execute sundry Repairs required to the Works.

The enemy have intirely quitted the Coimbatore and other Countries Adjoining - Leaving only small Garrisons of Peons, at Sattimungulum and Dennaig Cotah a Onongar of them is now, I believe, at Darapooram, and others in different head Villages - but, as they have no Forces, they might be easily routed, either from Hosur or Karroor - by that means, the Collection, would be made in favor of the Company.

From the incessant Rains, the Gate-ways of the Lower Fort, have been so much injured as to require immediate repair, which may be easily done by the Artificers of the Garrison, without incurring but little expence, and having a sufficiency of wood and Iron in Garrison for that purpose - nothing will then be wanting but Bricks and Chunam.

I have made many necessary Repairs &c. Works of the lower Fort, with the Lascars of the Garrison, they having no other employ, so that I have had no occasion to incur any expence; and, as the weather seems now, to be taken up, I shall continue to employ them

and

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and wait your answer relative to the Gateways.

I am, with the Greatest Respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Bowen
Capt.n Commanding.

Dindigul
December 12.th 1791.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting President &c.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Tiagar Commer.d Dind.l Detachment ordered to Seringapatam – a Party of Horse remain in the Neighbourhood of Great Salem

A deserter from Commer.d Cadien informs me, Tippoo directed all the Troops in the Coimbatore Country to march with the greatest expedition to Seringapatam – and that Commer.d Cadien had ordered the detached Cafoons to join him on his march to the Capital –

The party of horse that was lately in the Carnatic never went beyond Ankle droog, they were, five days ago, in the neighbourhood of Great Salem, waiting for orders from Tippoo; they talk as expecting to be ordered again to this Country.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Flint
Capt.n Com.g

Tiagar
13.th December 1791.

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

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Madras
19th December 1791

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and wait your answer relative to the Gateways.

I am, with the Greatest Respect,
&c. &c.
Signed Tho.s Bowen
Capt.n Commanding -

Dindigul
Decembr 12.th 1791.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
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Signed Wm. Flint
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Camp at Medwar
30th November 1791

I have the honor to be, &c &c
Signed John Kennaway

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President
William Petrie
and
John Huddleston } Esqrs

Tuesday
20th December 1791

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation Read an approved.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

X Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President &c &c &c

Gentlemen,

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You are already fully acquainted, from my former Letters, of the insufficiency of the means adopted by the

X From Lord Cornwallis ordering Copies of his Instructions to the Principal and Subordinate Agents for furnishing Cattle &c in Camp, and in the Carnatic - Observations on the Benefits to be expected from the new Arrangement - makes favourable Mention of the Assistance received from Sir Thomas Cockburn

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the Contractors in Camp, for supplying the cattle indispensibly necessary even for the purpose of moving with the Army towards Bangalore, after the severe mortality among the Bullocks which we had experienced, at, and near, Serengapatam, and of the necessity I was under, in consequence of adopting, as a temporary expedient, the measure of appointing an Agent to purchase Cattle from the Mahratta Camps.

Since that time the Contractors having expressed a wish to your Honorable Board of relinquishing the Contract, and that desire having been complied with, a general System of Agency has been adopted, as the only Plan that could be resorted to, when time could not be afforded to settle the terms of a future Contract, without risking, altogether, the means of our Requisitment.

While a Partial Agency was necessary and that Probably to be, I short duration, I had selected Mr. Thos. Kingscote, the Commissary of Provisions, as a Person who was well qualified to conduct it, and the small Charge he had to attend to in his own Department, at a time when no material operations were likely to occupy the Army, afforded him sufficient Leisure to execute it, but since the Agency is become General, and preparations are carrying on for the ensuing Campaign, which makes the Charge on the Department of Commissary of Provisions very extensive and of Sufficient Magnitude to engage the attention of one person to that Branch only, it has become necessary

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To annul Mr. Kingscotes former appointment of Agent, and to make use of his Services, in a Subsidiary degree, in consequence of a particular part of the new System, which is calculated to annex a greater portion of authority, and, with it, of Responsibility, to the Station of the Commissaries at the head of Departments, in order to secure the Company from the loss of Stores, and the Public from the inconveniences which has too often resulted therefrom. Invention these Circumstances, in justice to Mr. Kingscote, whose Conduct, in his capacity of agent, I have had every reason to be satisfied with, and to obviate any Idea, that has Removal has proceeded from any exception to his former Management

I now do myself the honor to transmit to the Board, a Copy of the Instructions under which Mr. Kingscote the former agent acted, and of those which have been delivered to the Principal Agents, in Camp, and in the Carnatic, as well as to the Subordinate Agents and as your Honble Board will have before you, in these Instructions, as full a discription as I can possibly give you, of the plan upon which the Agency is proposed to be conducted, I shall confine myself, in this Address, to a few general Remarks applicable to the Subject.

A Complete Change of System from a Contract to an Agency, taking place in the midst of a War, and when the Army in the Field required little short of an entire compliment of fresh Cattle for its

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Re-equipment, may Reasonably be supposed to
preclude so perfect and methodical an arrangement,
as might have been framed in times of peace - in
some instances this may have proved the case, but there
are others, in which the recent experience of existing —
Defects, has pointed out, so obviously, where they have arisen,
and the Remedies necessary to be applied to them, that
I much doubt whether the period, has not, upon the whole,
been favorable to the Change; the business of the Departments
have certainly gone on with more apparent Regularity, and
with infinite less Loss, under the Agency, since it was —
first established; and the different descriptions of people
employed, express a satisfaction, and testify a willingness
to perform their Duties very different from any thing —
evinced by them formerly, there is much encouragement, —
therefore to hope for the most beneficial Consequences, from
a System which unites the advantages of affording more
Security to the Public, and more content and Satisfaction
to those who are employed in executing it — + The Duties —
both of the Principal and Subordinate Agents, in Camp,
are capable of being much more precisely defined, than
those of the Principal Agent in the Carnatic, and hes
Instructions, of course, contain little more than General
Outlines of the Duties he will have to attend to; and
these must necessarily remain to be filled up, by —
specific directions, arising out of the Circumstances of the

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times, either as they occur in the Field, and require to be immediately provided for by Orders from Camp; or as connected with plans originating from the Board for the future Supply of the Army, and for the arrangement of which, the Agent must receive his Instructions from the Presidency, some what more of discretion, also, must be entrusted to the Agent in the Carnatic, than can be necessary for the Agent in Camp, in proportion as the duties of the former have a more extensive Range, and embrace a much greater variety of objects.

It must be evident, that a Plan of Agency, involves in it a certain Degree of confidence on the Zeal, the Honor, and Integrity of those who are superintend it. the General Character of Men are, of Course, to be attended to in the Selection of Agents; but Experience and Common Sense, equally point out the Policy and necessity of placing Them, in whose fedility you are to rely upon, on a respectable footing in point of allowances. Those to whom the Execution and superintendence of the Agency, in any of its Branches is entrusted, should accordingly be paid by a liberal and avowed Allowance for their Services, and be strictly prohibited from deriving any other advantage from it. it is upon this Principle that the allow=ances of the agents have been Regulated, and ulte=mately, I can have no doubt it must prove a

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System of Economy to the Public.

I should be sorr from thinking the Expen-
ces of the Agency ill applied, even as an additional
Charge upon the Public, if the benefits of good Manage-
ment, which have been experienced in the Grain —
Department, are equally felt, when the Army moves
forward, in other Departments, but it is a satisfaction to me
to add, that this Expence is likely to be more than —
provided for, by the difference of Rate at which the Cattle
are paid for under the Agency and the Rates of Hire under
the former Contract.

I cannot conclude this Letter without
expressing to the Board, how very sensible I am, of the
important benefits the Servic has derived from the Zeal,
and well Conducted Arrangements of Mr. Cockburn, in
getting forward the Equipments for the Army - The Long
connection subsisting between the owners and Proprietors
of Cattle and Mr. Cockburn, and the influence he may justly
have among them, pointed him out to me, as the fittest person
to be selected, to act as an agent, either with the Army, or
in the Carnatic, and I have since been throughly satisfied,
that, in the Change from one System to the other, nothing
but Mr. Cockburn's abilities, unceasing Zeal, and Earnest
Cooperation in the Business could have accomplished those
objects, towards the Equipment of the Army, which I
hope shortly to see completed.

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Upon the whole, I hope, that your Honble Board will find the new System as well arranged, as the Situation of affairs would admit, that its benefits will become more and more apparent, and that, with the Sanction of your Government, it will receive every necessary degree of Support.

Camp at Kenghiri
30th November 1791.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(signed) Cornwallis

Tho. Cockburn Esqr.
Agent for furnishing Cattle &c. in the Carnatic.

Sir,

In consequence of the General orders of the 23d. September 1791, Copy of which are enclosed, and by which you was appointed "the Principal Agent in the Carnatic, "for the purchase of Cattle, providing Drivers, and for the General "Superintendence of the Business, and adjustment of the "Accounts, below the Ghauts." You are to entry upon the Duties of the Principal agency from the 1st Instant.

In the extensive department which will devolve to your management, it will not be practicable to lay down precise Rules, before hand, for your conduct, all I shall attempt therefore, at present, will be to furnish you with a General outline of those objects which will require your immediate attention, and you will receive, from time to time, such Instructions upon specific points, either from the Madras Government or from Camp, as may

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may become necessary, from the nature of the Service, to be provided for.

As the Requipment of the Army for the ensuing Campaign is first to be attended to, you will proceed from Camp to Amboor, with as little delay as possible, taking with you as many of the Maistrees and Proprietors of Cattle as the different Departments can spare, in order to distribute among them for the Service of the Departments, as many of the Serviceable Draft and Carriage Cattle which have been collected below the Ghauts, as they are willing to take charge of; and Continue, from time to time, to increase the means of Carriage and Draft, until the Army is fully and Completely equipped; and, to this end, you will endeavor to prevail on other Maistrees and Owners to undertake, for a Regular Supply of Cattle for the Army, letting it be generally known, among that description of People, that you are authorized, on the part of Government, to enter into Engagements with them for the hire of Cattle, at the Rate of 2 Pagodas and 8 Fanms ₱ Month for each Draft Bullock, and 1 Pagodas 24 Fanams for each Carriage Bullock, such allowances to include the Provision of Pack Saddles for the Carriage Cattle, and of attendants, in the Proportion of one Driver to every three Carriage Bullocks, and one Driver to every pair of Draft Bullocks—

You will Regularly advise the —V—

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Principal Agent in Camp, of the Amount due from the Maistries and owners respectively, on account of advances, whether of Money or Cattle, that the same may be stopt from the Sums becoming due to them for the hire of Cattle.

You are to use every exertion in your Power, either by the employment of the Company's Cattle with hired Drivers, hired Cattle provided with Drivers, or by hired Country Carts, to get forward the Supplies from Madras and other Garrisons and depots in the Carnatic which are intended for the Army.

When the whole of the Supplies intended for the Army, have been dispatched from the Carnatic, you will advise me of the Number of Cattle that may be remaining below the Ghauts, unprovided with owners and drivers, and the Probable Number that could be completed with Drivers to be employed either in transporting Stores to the Frontier Garrisons, or in bringing forward further supplies of Grain to Bangalore, when the Army advances westward, keeping in mind that, without further instructions, it will be desirable, if the Communication remains open that you should endeavor to advance 10,000 Bags of Rice to Bangalore, effecting it by degrees, and Concerting with Captain Read, the time and opportunities of doing it when the Troops under his Command, in the Colar and Oyoottah Districts, can escort it, in Probable Safety, from Post to Post.

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It will be advisable, also, that Gunnies should be prepared, and that a timely communication should be had with the Collectors of the Southern Districts, to try if some arrangement may not be made, with the proprietors of Cattle, to induce them to engage (when the Army lays before Seringapatam, and provided the Guzzlehatty Pass is open to us) to bring forward Supplies of Grain either to Ardenelli at the Head, or to Denigencotta at the Bottom of the Pass.

Accompanying you will receive Copies of the Instructions which have been given to the Principal Agent in Camp, and to the Subordinate Agents, the inspection of which will make you acquainted with the Principle on which the Agency is proposed to be carried on, and point out where your co-operation and communication with them will be requisite.

The Accounts of the People and Cattle serving with the Army, or with Corps that may only be detached for a short time, and are destined to join the Army again, will be adjusted by the Principal Agent in Camp, but you will concert the Means of Supplying other Detachments and Stations, as well as of adjusting the Accounts, conformable to the General Principles of the agency, and the existing Regulations of the Service in Regard to the establishment of Cattle to be kept up at the Different Garrisons & Stations dependent

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on the Madras Government, or varying that Establishment according to the orders you may receive from this Board.

The Agency is to be conducted upon Honor; that is to say, the strictest Oeconomy is to be observed in all the expences attending it, consistent with the good of the Service, and the Sums only that may be advanced or disbursed for the Public, are to be charged in your Accounts, which are to be allowed in the form the Government of Madras may prescribe, and, after undergoing such an examination as the Board may direct, are to be subject to their final Approval.

Your own allowance for discharging the General Agency in the Carnatic is to be fixed at 600 Pagodas per Month including all Charges of writers and Stationary, and, as it is the principle of the present System of Agency, by Liberal and avowed Allowances, to place those who are employed on it upon a respectable footing in point of Allowances, you are not, on any account, directly or indirectly, to derive any advantage or Emolument from it than your Salary

I repose the fullest Confidence in your Zeal and ability, to provide for the Service in the best manner that may be practicable and while much must necessarily devolve on your discretion, both in point of Expence and arrangement, I shall earnestly recommend it to you to attend to Oeconomy, as far as it may be consistent with the main object of forwarding, without delay, the Supplies for the Army which are necessary for its

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Jam. &c. &c.
Signed Cornwallis

Camp near Bangalore
1st October 1791.

A true Copy
Signed Geo. Robinson
A. D. C.

To Captain Edmund Wells

Agent for furnishing Cattle in Camp.

Sir,

In consequence of the General orders of the 22d September 1791, Copy of which is enclosed, and by which you was appointed the principal agent to accompany the Army, and, in that Capacity, to undertake the General Superintendance of all the draught and Carriage Cattle engaged by the Public for the Service of the Army, and to adjust the accounts thereof in Camp, the following are the instructions under which you are to act, and to which you will pay the utmost attention.

You will receive from Mr. Kingsgate, the late agent in Camp, an account of all the Balances which are outstanding, on the score of advances formerly made by the Company, either to enable the Maistries to purchase Cattle themselves, or for Cattle procured by other means and delivered over to the Maistries, and you will continue, from time to time, to realize such Balances, by deducting from the sums becoming due to the Maistries for the Monthly hire of Cattle until the whole is realized.

You will receive, from time to time,

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from Mr Cockburn the other principal agent, who is to remain in the Carnatic for the purpose of providing Cattle, engaging Drivers &c. an account of all the Cattle delivered by him to the Different Maistries and proprietors of Cattle attached to the army, and of the Sums due from them respectively for such Cattle; and it will be your Duty to realize the same, thereafter, by Stoppages from the Monthly hire of the Cattle which such Proprietors may have in the Service -

And should Cattle, at any time, be sent to Camp which have not already been delivered over to Owners and Maistries, you are to endeavor, as soon as possible, to get owners for them, as the preservation of the Cattle is most likely to be secured by their becoming the property of individuals interested therein.

Under the present wants of the Army when the former Agency was established for a temporary Supply of Cattle, it became indispensibly necessary for the Company to employ the Agent in Camp and other Persons to Purchase Cattle, and to deliver them over, at a reduced price, to the proprietors, by which the Company sustained some loss. - The Sources for the Supply of Cattle are now however so much encreased, that it is hoped the necessary Establishments for the Army will be kept up hereafter without much difficulty; but to enable proprietors of Cattle to engage, in the first instance, in the Service, it may be necessary, occasionally, to make them some advances

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which you are accordingly authorized to do, as your own discretion may direct you, taking engagements from them for the full repayment thereof, by monthly stoppages from the hire of the Cattle they provide in Consequence.

You are to have the first selection of all prize Cattle, and the Choice of such as the Masters are willing to receive for the Service either for Carriage or Draught, passing your Receipts to the Prize Agents for such Cattle, and distributing them to the different Masters, from whom you are to recover the Value which the Company become responsible for to the Prize Fund, by stoppages from the monthly hire as in the case of Cattle provided and delivered by the agent in the Carnatic or in Camp.

As the interior detail and due execution of the Service and duties which are to be performed, as well by the Cattle as by the People attached to them, cannot possibly be attended to with effect by the principal agent, whose business should be that of General Superintendancy, Subordinate agents have been appointed for the internal Regulation of each Department, and the Commissaries of the several Departments have been directed to hold the Subordinate Agencies, in order that the Responsibility for the Care of the Provisions and Stores may be attached to them at all times, and these Subordinate Agents are accordingly to be held answerable to the Public for the Provisions and Stores in their Charge, and to be subject to Repayment of the Value of Stores or Provisions lost, as well as to removal from their Offices,

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when any losses occur from their own negligence or that of the People under them, and which they shall not make clearly appear to have proceeded from causes, which it was obviously not in their power to prevent; and, in consequence of such responsibility, the Proprietors and Masters should look to the Subordinate Agents as the Persons whom only they are immediately under, and whose directions they are bound to obey, that it may not happen, as it has done heretofore, that the responsibility for the loss of provisions and Stores shall be disavowed, from the time they are moving from one ground to another, both by the Commissary and the Contractors owing to the former not professing the necessary authority over the Servants of the Cattle. It is on these Accounts desireable, that the Masters and Proprietors of Cattle should be taught to consider themselves strictly accountable to the Heads of their several Departments, and that the Payments due to them should pass from you, thro' that medium; and while they feel that degree of dependance on the Subordinate Agents which is likely to secure their attention to their duty, that they should also know there is a general Superintendant established in Camp over the different Departments, thro' whom they may apply to Head Quarters for the redress of any grievance they may suffer.

The general Rates of hire for all Cattle

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engaged for the public Service under the agency, is to be regulated at 2 Pagodas & Fanams ₱ Month for each draught Bullock, and one Pagoda and a half ₱ month for each Carriage Bullock, except the Carriage Cattle employed in the Conveyance of Camp Equipage under the Subordinate Agency of Lieutenant Sandys, who is authorized to allow 1 Pag and ¾ ₱ Month for the hire of each Bullock, in consideration of the Nature of their Loads, the greater number of casualties that Depart ment is liable to, and the superior strength and quality of the Cattle requisite for the performance of that Branch of the Service

You are to Superintend, with great vigilance, the execution of the Contract which was entered into by Mr Uhlthoff with Gunidear Sircar for three hundred draught Bullocks, for the use of General Abercromby's Army, and which has since been increased to 400, and also a Contract for 500 Draught Bullocks which Captain Thompson of the Bombay Artillery entered into with Lalla Gantham, the terms of which have since been altered to conform to those of Gunidear Sircar's Contract – Copies of all the Papers Relating to those Contracts will be delivered to you by Mr Kingsale.

Whenever it may be deemed expedient to make advances of Cash, to enable the Masisties

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to encrease their number of Bullocks in the Public employ, such Cattle, when Purchased, are, in the first instance, to be presented to you, and, if approved, you will cause them to be branded in your presence, with the mark of the Department, for which they are designed and transfer them accordingly).

But Bullocks provided by the Maistries, to replace casualties shall be presented to the Subordinate Agent, under whose immediate authority they are employed, and he will, after approval, cause them to be branded with the Mark of his Department, noting in a Register Book, which he will be directed to keep for that purpose, the dates of such admissions, to enable him, at the expiration of each month to — Regulate his Certificates in Respect to Casualties.

And, to that end, all Casualties as they occur, shall in Likemanner be registered by the Sub Agents who will be strictly enjoined to require such reports regularly from the Maistries, and to incite them as much as possible to exert themselves in Replacing such Casualties.

It will be your Duty, as agent, to take frequent Musters of all Bullocks and drivers that may be entrusted to your superintendance; in order to check and controul all failures of engagements, and to prevent all imposition upon the Public,

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or neglect in executing the business of the Army: and to effect these purposes with the more certainty, it will be incumbent on you to examine upon marches, the appearance and numbers of the Bullocks and Drivers of different discriptions that are under your management.

The Certificates of the Heads of Departments, checked by frequent Musters, as beforementioned, are to be your Vouchers for all payments for the Monthly hire of Bullocks, which Certificates are to express the precise dates of all casual-ties; But with a view to afford every possible encouragement to the Maistries to replace all casualties that may happen, as early as possible, they will be allowed to receive hire, for half a month for every Bullock dying between the 1st and 15th provided the Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before the 15th and so likewise shall hire be paid for a whole month, for Cattle dying and replaced between the 15th and end of a Month; but for every Casualty that is not replaced within the period above specified, hire shall only be paid to the date of such Casualty

Whenever Musters of Cattle are ordered you will be accompanied by the Muster Master of the Army, with whom the power of rejecting unserviceable Cattle is vested; but it will be your province, as Genral Agent, to point out any Causes which may arise from unfavorable Seasons, or temporary hard Services to entitle the Proprietors of Cattle to the indulgence of time, to restore them to a fit Condition for Service, uniting your endeavors however with the Muster Master to relieve

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the Public from the expence of any Cattle which are without hope of recovering and prospect of becoming serviceable to the Public, and if, notwithstanding such representations on your part, the Muster Master should deem it his Duty to reject the Cattle in question, you are to furnish him with your reasons for differing in opinion, which he is to transmit, with his Muster Return, to the Commander in Chief, for his ultimate decision.

You will be furnished by each Subordinate Agent with Weekly Reports, specifying the number of Cattle in the several Departments, all Casualties that have occurred in the course of the preceding Week, the degree in which they have been Replaced, and the extent to which their means of Carriage have been increased, and these Reports are likewise to specify the Number of loads carried, or Carriages drawn, in each Department.

The agency is to be conducted upon honor, that is to say, the strictest Economy is to be observed in all the expences attending it, and only the precise sums that may be advanced or disbursed on Account of the Public, are to be charged in your Accounts, which are to be attested in the following form

"I do hereby solemnly declare, upon my honor, "that these Accounts contain nothing, to the best of my know-"ledge, but bonâ fide transactions between the Honble Company "and the Individuals respectively concerned, that I have "endeavored, in the adjustment of them, to see strict Justice

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" done between the Company and the proprietors who furnish
" the Cattle, and that no item of expense is included in this
" Account which I do not think has been necessarily and
" exclusively incurred for the Public Service."

Your Accounts are to be made up — "—
Monthly, and to be delivered, on or before the 10th of each
Month, to Captain Robinson, Aide Camp, who will lay
them before me, after which they are to be forwarded to
the Principal Agent in the Carnatic — and you will be
allowed to charge in those accounts for such proportion of
Head Maistries, Conicopolis or other public Servants
as are indispensibly necessary for conducting the business
of the Agency - but you are directed to keep this Establishment
as low as possible, and no Account to admit, in the
different departments, any charge for Maistries, that shall
exceed the proportion of one Maistry to every fifty Bullocks
Draught or Carriage, or one Head Maistry to every 200 Bullocks
the Monthly Pay of the former to be 2 Pagodas and of the
latter 10 Pagodas.

You will, upon requisition, receive from the
Paymaster, during the Course of each Month, such sums
as you may want for carrying on the Service, such —"—
Requisitions being Countersigned by Captain Robinson.

The two Subordinate Agents who have the
charge of the extensive Departments of Commy. of Grain
and Commissary of Stores are to be allowed to draw 1/2

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Madras fanams 4 month on each Bullocks employed in their respective Departments for the publick Service, provided such calculation does not exceed, for any month, the sum of 500 Pagodas; and as the number of Bullocks in in the employ of the Company must fluctuate continually, from Casualties and other causes, this allowance is to be drawn upon the Number of Cattle which shall be in the Pay of the Company on the last day of each Month, but this allowance is not to be drawn upon Cattle provided by the Agent in the Carnatic, prior to the month in which they were actually delivered over to the charge and Superintendance of the Subordinate Agent, and when Cattle are at any time, lent by one Department, to assist in the Conveyance of Stores belonging to the other, this allowance shall only be drawn by the Agent of that Department to which the Cattle properly belong

The Department of the Commissary of Provisions and of Lieutenant Sandys for the conveyance of Camp Equipage, requiring comparatively with the other Department, but a small Number of Cattle, any allowance to them in the foregoing principle must either be considerably increased in the Rate, or else would fall greatly short of an adequate Recompence for the trouble and responsibility of their several Agencies—

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It is on that account directed, that they shall be respectively paid by a fixed Salary of 150 Pagodas P Month each, for the execution of their duties of Agency in their Departments to which they have been appointed.

Your allowance for discharging the General Superintending Agency in Camp, as well as the allowance of the Principal agent in the Carnatic, are to be fixed at 600 Pagodas P Month each, including all charges of Writers and Stationary. And as it is the principle of the present System of Agency, by liberal and avowed allowances, to place all who are employed in it upon a respectable footing, and beyond any — temptation to seek for an authorized advantages, I shall naturally expect from all parties, a hearty cooperation to promote the objects of the public Service, in which I trust I shall not be disappointed.

Such are the outlines of the Duties which I shall expect to be performed by you, but as it would not be easy to frame Instructions so perfectly comprehensive, as to include every particular duty required of you, you are to take into consideration the general scope and object of your — appointment, which is to secure, in the most — effectual manner, the due and full performance

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of the Public Service, and you are accordingly to exercise your own discretion when necessary, in order to provide for it in the compleatest manner; and above all things to watch over the Public; and to take care that individuals shall neither be suffered to sacrifice them to their own private advantage, nor to fail in any respect in a due attention to them— It will accordingly be made a part of the Instructions to the Subordinate agents that no Cattle in the Pay of the Public shall be employed but for public Services, and you are to Report every — instance that may come to your knowledge, or fall within your own observation, of any neglect or evasion of this Order.

Camp near Bangalore
1.st October 1791.

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

A true Copy.
Signed) G. Robinson
A. de C.

To Lieutenant Alex.r Morison
Commissary of Grain, and Subordinate agent for Cattle employed in that Department.

Sir,

The following are the Instructions for your — Guidance in the Duties of Subordinate Agent, to which you are appointed under the General orders of the 28.th of September last.

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and annexing them to the Heads of Departments, has
been adopted With a View to Correct a Defect attending
the late Contract, which was so often experienced to the
detriment of the public Service, I allude to the occasional
Loses on marches, of Grain Salt and Stores, and the
difficulty of affixing any Responsibility upon the Com=
=missaries while the Instruments they employed were
the Servants of the Contractor and could never be brought
sufficiently under due Control or Subordination to the
Commissary. By the adoption of the present System, and
by giving you a full and Compleat Authority over
the Maistries and proprietors of Bullocks, and, above all,
making you the Medium through which they are to be
paid for the hire of their Cattle, and securing the Payment
of their Demand, at Regular and Stated Periods, it is
expected that you will be able to establish such an
authority over them, as to secure a due Care and attention
to the Articles delivered to their Charge, for which, the
Public will, in the first Instance, hold you responsible.
except in Cases where it may be made to appear, that
the Loses have proceeded from Causes which are obviously
not imputable to the Negligence or want of attention
either of yourself or the People employed under you.

You are accordingly authorized to make
agreements with the Maistries whom you may
employ

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employ, for the Provision of such a number of Carriage Cattle, as the Conveyance of the Stores in your Department may require, engaging, on the part of the Publick that they shall receive the monthly hire of one Pagoda twenty one fanams for each Carriage Bullock; which allow-ance is to include the Provision of Pack Saddles, and attendants, in the proportion of one Driver to every three Carriage Bullocks.

Should it, at any time, be found expedi-ent to make advance of Cash to enable the Maistries in your Department, to increase the number of their Cattle, application is to be made to the principal Agent in Camp for such advance, and the Cattle-s provided in Consequence are, in the first Instance, to be presented to the principal Agent in Camp; and, if ap-proved, he will cause them to be branded in his presence with the Mark of your Department, and transfer them accordingly; but Bullocks provided occasionally by the Maistries to replace Casualties are to be presented to you for approval, and, if you shall deem them fit for the Service, you are to cause them to be branded with the mark of the Department without further Reference.

You are desired to require Daily Reports from the Maistries, of all Casualties among the Cattle of your Department, and to impress them strongly with the necessity of making correct Reports; using every means in

in your Power to detect and punish them, if they fail therein. you are directed also to keep a Regista Book in which it is to be noted the Dates of all Casualties of Cattle in your Department, and of the admission of new ones, whether to supply Casualties or to encrease the Establishment, to enable you, therefrom, to make out your monthly Certificates with the greater Degree of Precision, as will as to form the Weekly Reports which will hereafter be mentioned.

At the beginning of each month you are to furnish the principal Agent in Camp with an Account of what is due to the Maistries for the hire of Cattle in your Department, for the preceding month, and this Account is to be accompanied by a Certificate which is to express the precise Dates of all Casualties

But with a view to afford every possible Encouragement to the Maistries to replace the Casualties that may happen, as early as possible, you are duly authorized to make out the Account of what is due to the Maistries for the monthly Hire of Cattle upon the following Principle, Viz.t Charging half a Months hire for every Bullock dying between the 1.st & 15.th provided the Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before the 15.th and charging Hire for an entire month, for Cattle dying and replaced between the

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16.th and end of a Month.— But for every Casualty that is not replaced within the Period above specified, Hire is only to be charged to the date of such Casualty

Weekly Reports are to be made every monday morning for my Information, through the Principal Agent in Camp, specifying the number of Cattle in your Department, all Casualties that have occured in the Course of the preceding Week, the Degree in which they have been replaced, or the extent to which your means of Carriage may have been increased.— And these Reports are likewise to specify the Number of Loads then carried in your Department.

The only Charge to be admitted in your monthly Account, over and above the stated hire of the Cattle, and the Salary hereafter mentioned, will be for the Maistries; but this charge is not to exceed the Proportion of one Maistry to every fifty Bullocks, and one Head Maistry to every two thousand Bullocks. The monthly Pay of the former to be two Pagodas, and of the latter Ten Pagodas.

Your Accounts for each month are to be Signed and attested in the following Words.

"I do hereby solemnly declare, that, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, the hire of the Cattle charged "for in this Account, is justly due from the Company "to the Maistries and owners of Cattle employed in

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"my Department, that I have no Interest directly
"or indirectly therein, and that the whole Sum shall be
"disbursed to the Parties as soon as received, allowing for
the stoppages made by the Principal Agent on account
"of advances formerly made."

You are to be allowed to draw, as a
Salary for executing the Duties of the Agency, one ~~a~~
Madras fanam and an Half ℔ Month, on each
Bullock employed in your Department for the Public
Service, provided such Calculation does not exceed, in
any one month, the Sum of Five hundred Pagodas;
and as the Number of Bullocks employed must
fluctuate continually from Casualties and ..... other
causes, this allowance is to be drawn upon the Number
of Cattle which they shall be actually delivered
+ upon Cattle procured by the Principal Agents prior to the 1st month &c
which shall be on the Pay of the Company on the last Day of each Month. But it is not to be drawn
over to your Charge and Superintendance. This Salary
is to include all charges of Writers, Stationary &c and
I shall expect, in Consideration of so liberal an allowance,
that you will watch over the Interests of the Public ~~a~~
effectually; that you will take care the Duties of the
People in your Department are properly executed, that
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employed, but for public Services, and that
you will use your best Endeavours to promote
the object I have in view, which is to render the
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present System of agency efficacious, and conducive to the end of providing properly for the Public Service.

Camp near Bangalore
1st October 1791

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

A true Copy.
Signed / G. Robinson
Sec. to G.

To Lieutenant William Sandys.
Subordinate Agent for the Cattle employed in Carriage of Camp Equipage.

Sir,

The following are the Instructions for your Guidance in the Duties of Subordinate Agent, to which you are appointed under the General orders of the 28th of September last.

The Establishment of subordinate Agents and annexing them to the Heads of Departments has been adopted with a View to Correct a Defect attending the late Contract, which was so often experienced to the detriment of the Public Service, I allude to the occasional Losses on marches, of Grain, Salt and Stores; and the difficulty of affixing any Responsibility upon the Commissaries, while the Instruments they employed were the Servants of the Contractor, and could never be brought sufficiently under due Control or Subordination to the Commissary.—By the Adoption of the present

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present System, and by giving you a full and compleat authority over the maistries and Proprietors of Bullocks, and above all, making you the Medium through which they are to be paid for the hire of their Cattle, and Securing the Payment of their Demands, at regular and Stated Periods, it is expected that you will be able to establish such an authority over them, as to secure a due Care and attention to the Articles delivered to their Charge, for which the Public will, in the first Instance, hold you responsible, except in Cases where it may be made to appear, that the Losses have proceeded from Causes, which are obviously not imputable to the Negligence or want of attention either of yourself or the people employed under you.

you are accordingly authorized to make agreements with the Maistries whom you may employ, for the Provision of such a number of Carriage Cattle, as the Conveyance of the Stores in your Department may require, engaging, on the Part of the Public, that they shall receive the Monthly Hire of one Pagoda and three Quarters /1 3/4/ Pag.s for each Carriage Bullock, which allowance is to include the Provision of Pack Saddles and attendants, in the Proportion of one Driver to every three Carriage Bullocks — Should it any time be found

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found expedient to make Advances of Cash to enable the Masters, in your Department, to increase the number of their Cattle, application is to be made to the Principal Agent in Camp for such advance, and the Cattle provided in consequence, are, in the first Instance, to be presented to the Principal Agent in Camp, and if approved, he will cause them to be branded in his presence with the mark of your Department and transfer them accordingly: But Bullocks provided occasionally by the Masters to replace Casualties are to be presented to you for approval; and, if you shall deem them fit for the Service, you are to cause them to be branded with the mark of the Department without further Reference.

You are desired to require daily Reports from the Masters, of all Casualties among the Cattle of your Department, and to impress them strongly with the necessity of making Correct Reports, using all means in your power to detect and punish them if they fail therein.—You are directed also to keep a Register Book, in which is to be noted the dates of all Casualties of Cattle in your Department, and of the admission of new ones, whether to supply Casualties or to increase the Establishment, to enable you therefrom, to make out your monthly Certificates with the greater Degree of Precision, as well as to form the weekly Reports which will

will hereafter be mentioned.

At the beginning of each month you are to furnish the Principal Agent in camp with an Account of what is due to the Maistries for the hire of Cattle in your Department, for the preceding month; and this Account is to be accompanied by a Certificate which is to express the precise Dates of all Casualties.

But, with a view to afford every possible Encouragement to the Maistries to replace the Casualties that may happen, as early as possible, you are hereby authorized to make out the Amount of what is due to the Maistries for the monthly Hire of Cattle upon the following Principle, Viz.t charging half a Months Hire for every Bullock dying between the 1st and 15th provided the Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before the 15th and charging Hire for an entire Month, for Cattle dying and replaced between the 16th and end of a Month. But for every Casualty that is not replaced within the Period above specified hire is only to be charged to the date of such Casualty.

Weekly Reports are to be made every Monday morning, for my information, through the Principal Agent in Camp, specifying the Number of Cattle in your Department; all Casualties that have occurred in the course of the preceding Week, the Degree in which they have been Replaced; or the Extent to which your means of Carriage may have been increased.— and these

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Reports are likewise to specify the number of Loads thus carried in your Department.—

The only Charge to be admitted in your monthly account, over and above the stated hire of the Cattle, and the Salary hereafter mentioned, will be for Maistries: but this Charge is not to exceed the Proportion of one Maistry to every Fifty Bullocks, and one Head Maistry to every two thousand Bullocks, the Monthly Pay of the former to be two Pagodas, and of the Latter Ten Pagodas.

Your Accounts for each Month are to be signed and attested in the following Words,

"I do hereby solemnly declare, that, to the best "of my knowledge and belief, the Hire of the Cattle "charged for in this Account, is justly due from the Company "to the Maistries and Owners of Cattle imployed in "my Department; that I have no interest directly or in- "directly therein, and that the Whole Sum shall be "disbursed to the Parties as soon as received, allowing for the "Stoppages made by the principal Agent on account of "advances formerly made."

You are to be allowed to draw Salary of one hundred and fifty Pagodas pr Month from the 1st. of October, for executing the Duties of the Agency, which is to include all Charges of written Stationary &c.— One Hundred Pagodas of which is to be charged at

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as heretofore in your Account for the Subsistance of the Elephants under your Charge, and the additional Fifty is to be brought in for your monthly Account for the Hire of Bullocks; and I shall expect, in Consideration of this allowance, that you will watch over the Interests of the Public effectually, that you will take care the Duties of the People in your Department are properly executed; that the Cattle in the Pay of the Company are never employed not for Public Service, and that you will use your best Endeavours to promote the object I have in View, which is, to render the present System of agency efficacious, and conducive to the end of providing properly for the Public Service.

I am &c. &c.
Signed Cornwallis

Camp near Bangalore
1st October 1791.

A true Copy
Signed G Robinson
A.D.C.

To Lieutenant A. Morris.
Commissary of Stores, and Subordinate Agent for Cattle employed in that Department

Sir,

The following are the Instructions for your Guidance in the Duties of Subordinate agent, to which you are appointed under the General Orders of the 28th of September last.

The Establishment of Subordinate agents and

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them to be branded with the mark of the Department without further reference.

You are desired to require daily Reports from the Masitries, of all Casualties among the Cattle of your Department, and to impress them strongly with the necessity of making correct Reports, using every means in your Power to detect and punish them, if they fail therein— You are directed also to keep a Register Book in which is to be noted the dates of all Casualties of Cattle in your Department, and of the adoption of new ones whether to supply Casualties or to encrease the Establishment, to enable you therefrom, to make out your Monthly Certificates with the greater Degree of Precision, as well as to form the Weekly Reports which will hereafter be mentioned.

At the begening of each month you are to furnish the Principal agent in Camp with an account of what is due to the Masitries for the Hire of Cattle in your Department, for the preceding Month, and this account is to be accompanied by a Certificate which is to express the precise Dates of all Casualties.

But with a View to afford every possible Encouragement to the Masitries to replace the Casualties that may happen, as early as possible, you are hereby

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hereby Authorized to make out the Amount of what is due to the Maistries for the Monthly hire of Cattle upon the following Principle. Viz.t Charging half a Months hire for every Bullock dying between the 1st and 15th, provided the Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before the 15th — And Charging Hire for an entire month, for Cattle dying and replaced between the 16th end of a month — But for every Casualty that is not replaced within the Periods above specified, Hire is only to be charged to the date of such Casualty.

Weekly Reports are to be made every Monday morning, for my information, through the Principal Agent in Camp specifying the number of Cattle in your Depart=ment, all Casualties that have occurred in the Course of the preceding Week, the Degree in which they have been replaced, or the extent to which your means of Carriage may have been encreased — And these Reports are likewise to specify the number of Loads then carried, or Carriage drawn in your Department.

The only charge to be admitted in your monthly Account, over and above the stated hire of the Cattle, and Salary hereafter mentioned, will be for Maistries, but this charge is not to exceed the Proportion of one Maistry to every fifty Bullocks draught or Carriage, and one Head Maistry to every Two thousand Bullocks — the Monthly Pay of the former to be two Pagodas, and of the latter Ten Pagodas; But altho' the Number of Cattle

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employed in your Department should fall short of Two thousand draft or Carriage, still one Head Maistoy for each Discription of Cattle is to be allowed for.

Your accounts for each Month are to be signed and attested in the following words—

"I do hereby Solemnly Declare, that to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, the Hire of the Cattle charged for in this Account, is justly due from the Company to the Maistries and Owners of Cattle employed in my Department, that I have no Interest directly or indirectly therein, and that the whole Sum shall be disbursed to the Parties as soon as received, allowing for the Stoppages made by the Principal agent on account of advances formerly made"

You are to be allowed to draw as a Salary for executing the Duties of this agency, one Madras Fanam and an half P Month, on each Bullock employed in your Department for the Public Service, provided such Calculation does not exceed in any one Month the Sum of Five Hundred Pagodas: and the Number of Bullocks employed must fluctuate continually from Casualties and other Causes, this allowance is to be drawn upon the Number of Cattle which shall be in the Pay of the Company on the last day of each month But it is not to be drawn upon Cattle provided by the

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the Principal agents prior to the Month in which they shall be actually delivered over to your charge and Superintendance. This Salary is to include all charges of Writing Stationary &c. and I shall expect, in Consideration of so liberal an allowance, that you will watch over the Intrests of the Public effectually, that you will take Care the Duties of the People in your Department are properly executed, that the Cattle in the Pay of the —— Company are never employed, but for Public Services, and that you will use your best Endeavours to promote the Object I have in View, which is to render the present System of agency efficacious, and conducive to the end of providing properly for the Public Service,-

Sam &c &c

signed/ Cornwallis

Camp near Bangalore
1st October 1791.

A true Copy.

signed/ G Robertson
A. D. C.

To
Thomas Kingscote Esqr

Sir,

In Consequence of the General orders of the 1st Instant by which you are appointed Agent on the part of the Company "to purchase Draught and Carriage "Cattle for the use of the Army and to Superintend the "execution of such private Contracts as may be found

necessary

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"necessary to enter into for the purpose of supplying the
"deficiencies in the cattle of the Different Departments that
"shall not be replaced by the General Bullock Contractors
"for the Army," the following are the Instructions under
which you are to act, and to which you will pay the
utmost attention.

The agency is to be conducted upon honor,
That is to say, the strictest Economy is to be observed
in all expenditures whatever, and only the pecuniary sums
that may be advanced or disbursed on account of the
Public are to be charged in your Accounts, which are to
be attested in the following form.

"I do hereby solemnly declare upon
"my honor that these Accounts contain nothing but bonâ fide
"transactions between the Honble Company and the Individu-
"als respectively Concerned; that all the Disbursements have
"been made with fidelity and Economy to the best of my
"judgement, and that no Item of expence is included
"in this Account which has not been incurred exclusively
"for the Public Service."

You are to be allowed for your trouble
in discharging the Duties of Agent, and for the expence
of Writers and Stationary 3 Madras Fanams ₰ Month
upon each Draught or Carriage Bullock which it
provided through the Medium of your own agency,

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& through any agency agreement or Contract whereof the superintendance, inspection and adjustment of the accounts is Committed to your Direction; but as the number of Bullocks in the employ of the Company must fluctuate Continually from Casualties and other causes, this — allowance is to be drawn upon the number of Cattle which shall be in the pay of the Company on the last day of each month, and which are furnished or paid for under the agency — this allowance is to be the avowed and sole Reward for your trouble in executing the Duties you have undertaken, and you are not directly or indirectly to derive any other profit or emolument whatever from the Agency.

It will be your Duty as agent to exert yourself in making purchases at the lowest rates that may be possible of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, to Supply the Demands of the different Departments of the Army, whenever there may be any means of Providing them. But as the Preservation of the Cattle is most likely to be secured by their becoming the property of Individuals interested therein, you are to make agreements with the Bullock Masters to receive the Bullocks so provided as their own property either at prime Cost or as near to it as they will consent to, observing that no Carriage Bullock is ever to be valued at less than 2 7/2 Pagodas

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or any Draught Bullock, at less than three Pagodas, taking engagements from them to make good the price by certain monthly Stoppages from their hire, or to repay such part of it as may not have been Refunded by Stoppages — previous to the death of Bullocks, their becoming unfit, or their being discharged from the Service —

To agree with the Masters for the future hire of the Cattle so provided at Rates not exceeding one Pagoda and twenty one fanams Pr. Month for each Carriage Bullock including the provision of Pack Saddles and Drivers at the rate of one Driver for every three Bullocks; and not exceeding two Pagodas and eight fanams P. Month for each Draught Bullock for which one Driver for every two Bullocks shall also be furnished

You are to receive all Bullocks fit for the Service of which you are to be the judge, that may be sent to you by other persons who on account of the Expences of the Army, have also been, or may hereafter be employed to make purchases, and, after receiving the Account and settling for the prices that may have been paid for them, to dispose of the Cattle in the different Departments in the same Manner as those that may be purchased by yourself

You are also to receive, and dispose in the same manner of, all the Cattle fit for the Service which

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which shall come into the possession of the Prize Agents, taking care, in the Distribution thereof, to give a due proportion of them at Reasonable prices to the different Masters who supply Cattle under any of the Agencies where of you have the Superintendance: Both Contractors have no Claim to share in those Distributions.

You are to Superintend with great Vigilance the execution of the Contract which was entered into by Mr. Ulrthoff with Gunidas Sircar for 300 Draught Bullocks for the use of General Abercromby's Army, and which has since been encreased to 400, and also the Contract which Captain Thompson of the Bombay Artillery entered into with Latta Magustam for 500 Draught Bullocks for the use of this Army. Copies of both which Contracts have been delivered to you.

You are to inspect, previous to their being Received in the employ of the Company, all Cattle which shall be tendered by the proprietors of Bullocks under agreements which Captain Wells and Lieut. A Morrison have been authorized to enter into for the Supply of Cattle to be attached to the Grain Depart=ment, taking special care that none are admitted which are not fit for the Service; and particularly that no Cattle are brought into the Company's Employ, under these or any other agreements, which have been withdrawn

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withdrawn from the Service under the Annual Bullock Contractors of the Army.

I must particularly recommended to you to try the effects of Agreements similar to those which Captain Wells and Lieutenant Morrison have been authorized to enter into as a probable and more advantageous means, than that of the Company becoming the purchasers of Cattle, for increasing the Supplies of Cattle for all the Departments of the Army, and you are authorized to make advances accordingly, taking care to obtain sufficient security for such advances

It will be your duty as agent to take frequent Musters of all Bullocks and Drivers that may be entrusted to your superintendance, in order to check and controul all failures of engagement, and to prevent all imposicions upon the public or — neglect in executing the busings of the Army; and to effect these purposes with more certainty it will be incumbent on you to examine, upon Marches, the appearance and numbers of the Bullocks and Drivers of different descriptions that are under your Management.

The Cattle furnished for the Depart-

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=ment of the Commissary of Grain being provided upon agreements, which the Commissary and Lieutenant Morrison have been authorized to Contract as agents for the Company in that Department, it will be your Duty to make the — necessary monthly payments, thro' the Medium of the Commissary and Lieutenant Morrison, for the hire of those Bullocks — Regulating your payments by the Commissary's Certificates, which are to be checked however by Musters, taken, before yourself whenever you think proper, or, before the muster Master of the Army when ordered - And, exclusive of any other Muster, I must require of you to take muster yourself, at least once in every Month, of all the Cattle in the Grain Department.

Your accounts are to be made up monthly and to be delivered on or before the 10th of each Month to Captain Robinson, Aid de Camp, who will lay them before me, and you will be allowed to charge in those accounts for such a proportion of Head Maistries, Conicopolies or other public Servants as are indispensibly necessary for conducting the business of the Agency, but you are directed to keep this Establishment as low as possible, and on no account to admit, in the different Departments, any charge for — Maistries that shall exceed the proportion of one Maistry to every fifty Bullocks Draught or Carriage, or one Head Maistry to every 2000 Bullocks

You will, upon Requesition, receive from the Paymaster, during the course of each Month, such Sums

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Sums as you may want for carrying on the Servie, such requisi-
-tions being Countersigned by Captain Robinson.

The Certificates of the Heads of Departments,
checked by frequent Musters as beforementioned, are to be
your Vouchers for all Payments for the Monthly hire of
Bullocks, which Certificates are to express the precise dates
of all Casualties, but with a view to afford every possible
incouragement to the Masistries to Replace all casualties
that may happen as early as possible, they will be
allowed to receive hire for half a Month for every
Bullock dying between the 1st and 15th provided the
Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before
the 15th; and so likewise shall hire be paid for a
whole Month for Cattle dying, and Replaced between
the 16th and end of a Month but for every Casualty that
is not replaced within the period above specified
hire shall only be paid to the date of such Casualty.

Such are the outlines of the Duties
which I shall expect to be performed by you; but as
it would not be easy to frame Instructions so
perfectly Comprehensive as to include every particular
duty required of you, you are to take into Consi-
-deration the general scope and object of your
appointment; which is to secure, in the most effectu
-al manner, the due and full performance of the
public Service, and you are accordingly to exercise
your own discretion where necessary, in order to
provide for it in the compleatest manner; and
above all things to watch over the interests of the

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public and to take care that Individuals shall neither
be suffered to sacrifice them to their own private advantage,
nor to fail, in any respect, in a due attention to them.

I am &c &c
(signd) Cornwallis

Camp at Maggeri
29th June 1791.

A true Copy
(signd) G: Robinson
A. D. C.

To Thomas Kingscote Esqr.
Commissary of Provisions, and Subordinate agent for
the Cattle Employed in that Department.

Sir,

When your nomination as Agent for the
Supply of Cattle for the Service of the Army took place
in June last, it was adopted as a Measure of necessity
to procure that temporary aid of Cattle for the public
Service, which the army then stood so much in need
of, and which there was no prospect of obtaining from the
Contractor in Campaigning that time the Contractor have
Signified, to the Government of Madras, their desire to
relinquish the Contract, and their Resignation of it
has Accordingly been accepted.

A general Agency becoming necessary
in Consequence, instead of the partial one executed by
you, and the Duties of this General Agency being of them-
selves sufficiently extensive to occupy the whole time

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and attention of one Person, distinct from the duties of that important Department which is under your Charge as Commissary of Provisions, It has been thought necessary, on this account, to Annul your former Appointment from the 1st. October, and to nominate Captain Wells to execute the Duties of the Principal Agent in Camp; at the same time, I wish to express to you my perfect Satisfaction with your Conduct, while the Principal agency continued under your Direction, and that your Removal has not taken place upon any other Grounds than the expediency of Keeping the Genral agency distinct from the duties and annexing those of a Subordinate Agency, to the Several Departments of the Commissary of Grain, the Commissary of Provisions, and the Commissary of Stores.

You will accordingly, in your Capacity of Commissary of Provisions, and in conformity to the Genral orders of the 28th. of September last, succeed to the Subordinate agency of your own Department

The establishment of Subordinate Agencies, and annexing them to the Heads of Departments, has been adopted with a view to correct a defect attending the late Contract, which was so often experienced, to the Detriment of the Public Service, I allude to the occasional losses, on Marches, of Grain, Salt, and Flour, and the difficulty of affixing any Responsibility upon the

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Commissaries, while the Instruments they employed were the Servants of the Contractor and could never be brought sufficiently under due Control or Subordination to the Commissary -By the adoption of the Present System, and by giving you a full and Compleat Authority over the Maistries and Proprietors of Bullocks, and, above all, making you the Medium thro' which they are to be paid for the hire of their Cattle, and Securing the Payment of their Demands, at Regular and Stated Periods, it is expected that you will be able to establish, and enforce such an authority over them, as to Secure a due Care and attention to the Articles delivered to their Charge, for which the Public will, in the first Instance, hold you responsible, except in Cases, where it may be made to appear, that the Losses have proceeded from Causes, which are obviously not imputable to the Negligence, or want of attention, either of yourself, or the people employed under you.

You are accordingly Authorized to make Agreements, with the Maistries whom you may employ, for the Provision of such a Number of Draft and Carriage Cattle, as the Conveyance of the Stores in your Department may Require, engaging, on the part of the Public, that they shall receive the monthly hire of 2 Pagodas. 8 Fanams, for each Draught Bullock,

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and 1 Pagoda 21 fanams for each Carriage Bullock, which allowances are to include the Provision of Pack Saddles for the Carriage Bullocks, and attendants in the proportion of one Driver to every three Carriage — Bullocks, and one Driver to every pair of Draft Bullocks.

Should it, at any time, be found expedient to make advances of Cash, to enable the Maistries, in your Department to increase the Number of their Cattle — application is to be made to the Principal Agent in Camp* and, if approved, he will cause them to be branded, in his presence, with the mark of your Department, and transfer them accordingly, but Bullocks provided, — Occasionally by the Maistries, to replace Casualties, are to be presented to you for approval, and, if you shall deem them fit for the Service, you are to cause them to be branded with the mark of the Department, without further Reference.

* for such advance & the Cattle provided in consequence, are, in the first Instance to be presented to the Principal Agent in Camp —

You are desired to require Daily Reports, from the Maistries, of all Casualties among the Cattle of your Department, and to impress them strongly with the necessity of making Correct Reports using every means in your power to detect and punish them if they fail therein — You are directed also to keep a Register Book, in which is to be noted the dates of all Casualties of Cattle in your Department, and of the admission of new ones, whether to supply Casualties

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or to encrease the Establishment, to enable you therefrom to make out your monthly Certificates with the greater Degree of Precision, as well as to form the weekly Reports which will hereafter be mentioned.

At the beginning of each month you are to furnish the principal Agent in Camp with an account of what is due to the Maistries for the hire of Cattle in your Department for the preceding Month, and this account is to be Accompanied by a Certificate + which is to express the precise dates of all Casualties.

But with a view to afford every — possible encouragement to the Maistries to replace the Casualties that may happen, as early as — possible, you are hereby authorized to make out the account of what is due to the Maistries for the monthly hire of Cattle upon the following principle Viz.t Charging half a month hire for every Bullock dying between the 1st and 15th provided the Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before the 15th and charging hire for an entire month, for Cattle dying and replaced between the 16th and end of a Month— but for every Casualty that is not replaced within the Periods above specified, Hire is only to be charged to the date of such Casualty.

Weekly.

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Weekly Reports are to be made every Monday Morning, for my information, thro' the Principal agent in Camp, specifying the — Number of Cattle in your Department — all Casualties that have occurred in the Course of the preceding Week. the degree in which they have been replaced. or the Extent to which your Means of Carriage may have been encreased, and their Reports are likewise to specify the Number of Loads then Carried, or Carriages drawn, in your Department

The only charge to be admitted in your Monthly Account, over and above the stated hire of Cattle and the Salary hereby mentioned, will be for Maistries, but this Charge is never to exceed the Proportion of one Maistry to every fifty Bullocks, Draft or Carriage: and one Head Maistry for every 2000 Bullocks, the Monthly Pay of the former to be 2 Pagodas, and of the Latter 10 Pagodas: but altho' the Number of Cattle employed in your

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your Department should fall short of 2000.

Draft or Carriage, still one Head Maistry for each Discription of Cattle is to be allowed for.

Your Accounts, for each month, are to Signed and attested in the following Words.

"I do hereby solemnly declare, that, "to the best of my knowledge and belief, the hire "of the Cattle charged for in this account, is justly "due, from the Company, to the Maistries and — "Owners of Cattle employed in my Depart- "-ment; that I have no Interest directly "or indirectly therein, and that the whole "Sum shall be disbursed to the parties as "soon as received, allowing for the Stoppages "made by the Principal Agent on account "of advances formerly made."

You are to be allowed to draw a Salary of 150 Pagodas pr. Month, from the

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the 1st of October for executing the duties of this Agency, which is to include all Charges of Writers Stationary &c and I shall expect, in consideration of this liberal allowance, that you will watch over the Interest of the Public effectually, that you will take care the duties of the People in your Department are properly executed, that the Cattle in the Pay of the Company are never employed but for Public Services, and that you will use your best endeavors to promote the object I have in view, which is to render the present System of Agency efficacious, and conducive to the end of providing properly for the Public Service.

I am,

Sir,

Camp near Bangalore
1st October 1791

your most obedient Servant.

Signed / Cornwallis.

A true Copy
G Robinson
A. D. C.

Resolved

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Resolved to inform Lord Cornwallis that the Board will give their best support to the Plan which his Lordship has thought it necessary to adopt for the Conduct of the Bullock Department. That they can readily perceive the Advantages which the Agency obtains over the Contract, and that while the former holds out so fair a Prospect of ensuring to the Army an adequate supply of Cattle during the ensuing Campaign, upon which the Success of the war so materially depends, they think the expences attending it's Execution can stand in no Competition with the Benefits to be derived from it, nor the Public Money be expended on a better occasion.—

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis -

The Board entirely concur with his Lordship in the Sentiments which he has expressed in regard to Mr. Cockburn, of whose merits and services they have a high opinion.— Resolved that Copies of the Papers received from Lord Cornwallis be transmitted to that Gentleman, and that he be desired to draw out such regulations for the Approbation of the Board as may be requisite to complete the Plan, as far as it regards the Carnatic; the outlines of which have been already given.—

As the Mode of Arrangement of Mr. Cockburn's accounts is left to the Determination of Government it is resolved that they be delivered upon Honor, in the manner required from the Principal Agent in Camp.—

Read

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Read the following Letters from Lord Cornwallis. –

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

From Lord Cornwallis Lieutenant Colonel Stuart proceeds to join the detachment before Severndroog. Arrival of Captain Oliver's Detachment with Postal-Burroom Bhaoo objects to the Sera Road. –

Sir,

Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Marched on the 10th to the Camp from whence it is intended he should carry on the attack of Severndroog: and his Pioneers yesterday cut a road, above two miles through a jungle, to the place where our batteries are to be erected. –

Captain Oliver's convoy arrived this day at Bangalore, and will join me on the 15th, when I shall proceed to Postal – within five miles of Colonel Stuart's Camp. –

I have taken such precautions as will, I trust, when my detachments have all arrived at their Stations, effectually secure our communication with Bangalore and the Carnatic, which would be an difficult task if our allies, with their numerous Cavalry, would give me more active assistance in the execution of it. I was however sorry to learn that about thirty horsemen, who I believe had got round by Amnicul, had attacked a Thousand Bullock Carries close to Bangalore. For altho they were repulsed without taking a single bullock the Attempt will I am afraid

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Afraid alarm the Binjarries that are following them, and, on account of the delays which the late heavy rains have occasioned in their progress, our followers, as well as the troops of the Marattas and the Nyam, now stand in the greatest need of them. —

We have had fine weather since the 12th; but as no Madras Dappal has arrived of later date than the 2d, I am apprehensive that the rains have continued much longer in the Carnatic. —

I have just received a letter from Captain Little, informing me that Perseram Bhow has declared that altho' he disapproves of the Sera road on account of the probable scarcity of forage, he will, as soon as he learns that Murry Punt joins with me in the requisition, either march himself, or, if he should be unable to move, detach his son, with a Considerable force, to the station — I recommended. —

The dread of want of forage is not I believe the true reason for the Bhow's objecting to my Route — but rather his unwillingness to march through a Country which has been already plundered: but as I cannot doubt the truth of Murry Punt's assurances that he has pressed him to comply with my request, all that business will I am persuaded be ultimately settled to my wishes. —

I am, with much Esteem. —
Yr. Obt. & Hble Servt.
Signed Cornwallis

Camp at Tonherry
11 miles from Severndroog Decr. 12th 1791

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Yrs Yrs Yrs

Sir

From Lieut Colonel Stewart with Copy of a Letter from Major Asgage expressing his Wish to dislodge the Enemy from Errode, Sattimungalum, and Damiacollah

I inclose to you a copy of a Letter which I have received from Major Gilkrage

In a former letter I expressed to you my wish that the enemy might be driven out of the Coimbatore Country if it could be done without endangering any of our Garrisons. It would no doubt be very desirable, if it can be effected, to dislodge the enemy from Errode, Sattimungalum, and Damiacollah; but I think it would be very imprudent to fix posts so much within the enemy's reach as either of these places, until a body of our Troops shall have established themselves on the south side of the Cavery opposite to Seringapatam. —

This morning visited Colonel Stewart where our preparations for the attack are going on with great alacrity - the rock is a tremendous one, but if it is possible to get up I trust our troops will do it.

I am, with much Esteem, —

Yrs Yrs

/Signed/ Cornwallis

Camp at Tonkerry
December 13th 1791

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.B.

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

My Lord,

I had the honor to inform your Lordship on the 8th that the Enemy had destroyed the Fort of Coimbatore Cummer ul deen Cawn marched on the 7th with his Army, leaving about 200 Armatics at Coimbatore — as soon as I have certain intelligence of his having ascended the Ghauts I shall dispossess them and drive them out of the Southern parts of the Coimbatore 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 Sattimungu-lum and Damie Collah — and beg leave to observe to your Lordship that the Enemy have drawn large supplies from the Districts of Erode and Sattimungulum; and the Crop, at this Season, is just cutting. —

I hope will have sufficient employment to defend his Capital a Considerable Reinforcement might be spared out of the Garrisons of Dindigul and Carrore, so as to form a handsome Detachment in the Coimbatore Country — and if the Collectors in these two Districts were ordered to assemble their Polygars they might be of great service in clearing the Country and collecting Cattle from the Enemy on the North side of the Cavary for the use of your Lordship's

Army

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Army. —

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

Yr. Yr.

/ Signed / J. Cuppage.

Major Genl.

Palg hautcherry
14th November 1791

a true Copy

/ Signed / A. Read
Mily Secy.

Memoir on the two foregoing Letters. —

The Board are happy to observe that the Preparations for the attack of Severndroog are going on with so much alacrity, and Sincerely hope they will soon have the pleasing Intelligence from his Lordship of the Reduction of that important Fortress. —

Resolved that Major Cuppage be directed to endeavour to dislodge the Enemy from Ende Settemungulum and Damiacoolah in the manner Recommended by Lord Cornwallis. —

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be transmitted to Bengal. —

Read the following Letters from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakely Baronet —

Acting President in Council, —

Sir,

From the Military Board with Sundry Statements shewing the Manner in which the Ground in the Black Town purchased by the Company has been distributed & the Quantity still required — and the persons who have and have not received Grounds in lieu of those taken from them — and stating their intention to deliver very shortly a Statement shewing the Sum due to each individual Claimant — and Recommending that Certificates be granted them. —

Major Maule, the Superintendant of the

/ Mint

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Honble Company's Grounds, having, at our request, laid before us Statements of the different lots of Ground of each description already appropriated, remaining &c., We beg leave to submit copies thereof, and to inform you, that We have, in consequence of your orders, brought the whole of the Subject of the respective Claimants under our Consideration. —

And first, to bring the Subject of the Ground before you in a more compressed point of View, we have selected from these Statements the following particulars. —

It appears Ground was purchased from several of the Inhabitants, as per List N°. 1, for the purpose of making Compensation for Ground taken on Pog Mile. —

That 506-3/16 Lots 108 3/4 Sq. Feet of this Ground — including Streets so purchased, was distributed by Mr. — Maxwell, as per Lists N°. 2 and 3.

That 135 11/16 Lots 33 Sq. Feet from the Grounds purchased, were ordered by Government, on the 25th November 1788, to be kept for the purpose of Sepoy Barracks as per List N°. 3.

That 54 1/4 Lots remain from the Grounds purchased exclusive of the 135 11/16 Lots 33 Sq. Feet abovementioned as per List N°. 3. —

That 493 13/16 Lots 186 11/16 Sq. Feet of Ground, including streets already belonging to the Company in the Black Town, were distributed for the same purpose by Mr. Maxwell as per List N°. 2. and 3. —

That

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That 66 3/16 : 121 1/2 Remain of the Company's Ground, making, with the 54 1/2 of the purchased Ground, a Total of Ground remaining of 120 1/2 125 1/2 per List No 3. That Ground to the Quantum of Lots 216 3/4 73. exclusive of streets, as per List No 4, is required to give the unsatisfied Claimants. Mr Maxwell calculating the Quantity requisite at 2/4 Lots which will be Necessary to allow for Streets in the same proportion as the Grounds already allotted for use.—

That if the 135 lots are to be retained there will require 154 lots to compleat the Claims but if the purpose of the Barracks is waved, and the 130 lots are given to this use, 39 lots only will be requisite—

We have the Honor to inform you that the principal Sum for Compensation, with the — Interest calculated to the 31st of the present month amounts to Pagodas 1,00,615 f. 43. and that the prices of the purchased and not paid for, with Interest calculated to the same period, amount to Pagodas 62,705. 8.3. — our Secretary is preparing, by our Directions, the Sum due to each Individual Claimant which shall be laid before you as speedily as possible — and, consistently with the former resolution of Government, We trust you will permit us to issue Certificates agreeably to such Account. —

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With respect to the Compensation, we find that, in consequence of the orders of Government under date the 17th August 1787, the then Committee of Works directed their Clerk to make up the amount due to each Claimant, and that on the 26th November 1788 he laid before the Committee the account of the 40 per Cent Compensation to the Inhabitants of Hog Hill on the value of their Houses demolished, conformable to Mr. Hugh Maxwell's Report, made up, as directed by Government, with Interest upon each separate Claim to the 31st August 1787 that the Committee ordered, agreeably to the Commands of the Governor in Council, that the Clerk should issue Certificates to the several Claimants according to the account then delivered in; and that, to prevent mistake, if any difficulty should occur in identifying the rightful Claimants that Israpah, the Company's Ground Master, who attended Mr. Maxwell at the time of the Survey, should attend to give the necessary explanation in this respect.—

From what cause we know not, as none appears upon the proceedings of the Committee of Works, these orders were never carried into effect, and consequently the Claimants have not, to this day, received their Certificates nor have those persons as per list No. 6, still possessing Claims for Ground in lieu of that taken from them, received any in Compensation.—

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Whatever may have operated to retard the good Intentions of Government towards these poor people, We, on the present occasion, beg leave to second that principle which has renewed the enquiry into their Situation, and to express our hopes that Government will be pleased to apportion to them such Grounds as remain, and to make such Provision as shall appear expedient for Supplying the Deficiency of Ground, whether by purchasing for that purpose, or affording an Equitable Sum according to the Quantity of Ground they formerly possessed.—

We have the Honor to be.—

Y.ca o.ed.t

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(Signed)

Thos. Musgrave
J. Capper
Geo. Maule
R.t Tod
Geo. Hall

To Sir Charles Oakely Baronet.
acting President in Council.

Sir.

We have the Honor to Submit to you Copy of a Minute, and its References, delivered in by Major Maule relative to the Bridge leading from the Island to the Governor's Garden House, and the Considerable Encrease of Injury it has

Received.

From the Military Board enclosing Major Maules letter respecting the State of the Bridge leading from the Island to the Governor's Garden House—and his Report of the Settlee in the Works at the Presidency occasioned by the late Rains—Recommendation Respecting repairs required to the Fortifications at Chingleput. Mr. Topping applies for some Lascars to assist in the ordnance Department and attends the observatory thereon—orders required respecting the execution of the Repairs wanting to the large House and vaulted Granary at Trichinopoly.—

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Received by the late heavy Rains, —

under the present Exigencies of Government

We feel a Difficulty in suggesting any measure the adoption of which might be productive of any considerable Expense — but, upon the present occasion and under the Circumstances detailed by Major Maule, We trust we shall stand excused when we offer it as our decided Opinion that the Building of a new Bridge is the most Expedient when it is considered that such an undertaking must in a very short period be inevitable, and that the expense of a partial Repair of the old Bridge will, in that case, be lost. —

In regard to the expence attending the Measure We have ventured to propose, we entirely concur With Major Maule in the Equity and propriety of the Community, which would derive so much advantage and Convenience therefrom, bearing a reasonable proportion of it - however, as the mode of such Alleviation is not for us to decide upon, we beg leave only to refer it to the Consideration of your Honble Board

We have the honor to Submit to you Major Maule's Report of the Settles in the different Works of the Fort occasioned by the late heavy rains - and, as it is a Subject that requires immediate attention, we request to be honored with your Commands in consequence. —

The Committee of Works at Chengalpat has also reported to us that the Works of that Fort have sustained

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Various Damages from the above cause, and particularly the West curtain of the Inner Fort - in which there is a practicable Breach - this circumstance we beg leave to mention as an additional Inducement to recommend that an Engineer may be ordered to Tiagar that that opportunity may be embraced for examining and reporting upon the Damages at Chingleput. —

We have received an application from Mr Michael Topping that some Lascars may be attached to him for the purpose of assisting in the Ordnance Branch, and the Establishment of an astronomical observatory - on the first point We beg leave to remark that, in the proposed Contract, there is an express stipulation which renders such assistance inadmissible and with respect to the latter, as we do not know what may be your Intentions on the Subject of an Establishment of Servants for an observatory, We request to be favored with your Commands. —

Having transmitted your Directions of the 9th ultimo to the Committee at Trichinopoly they have informed us that Public Advertisements were affixed to the Gates of that Fort - inviting Proposals for executing the Repairs required to the large House - but, as no tenders were received in consequence; we request your further Instructions upon the subject. —

We have the honor to be.
&c. &c. &c.
Thos Musgrave.
J. Capper.
Geo. Maule.
George Wall.

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/ Signed /

/ Minute

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Minute of Major Maule.

In Compliance with the desire of the Board, expressed at their last meeting, I have the Honor to Submit to them the following Particulars relative to the Bridge leading from the Island towards the Governor's Garden.

The General Decay of this Bridge is a Circumstance that has, for many years past, been well known but it has received a Considerable Increase of Injury by the late heavy Rains —

On the 17th of last month a Considerable Portion of Masonry near the N. E. End was washed down by the Violence of the Current which was such as would speedily have made an entire opening through the Body of the Bridge, but for the timely repair by Piling, Planking, and Facinage.

On the 20th following the Weight of the Water and the Rapidity of the Stream were so increased by the heavy Fall from the Westward as to occasion the extreme Pier of the five I.W. Arches to sink about a foot and a half-part of the Arch which it sustained breaking therefrom at the Springing-level, and was longitudenally rent along the Crown, to the Breadth of 12. Inches. It much excited my Surprize on this Occasion, that so ruinous a Fabric, supported, as it is, the Violence of the Torrent occasioned by the Insufficiency of Water Ways. the Body of the Water being higher, by more than

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four Feet, above the Bridge than below it - and the Stream
running at the Rate of Near 5 yards per Second. -

I examined the Bridge as carefully as
was possible at that Time with all the Artificers in the
Department who were able to form a Judgement upon it -
and they were of opinion, with me, that the Sinking of the Pier
had proceeded from a Part of the Ground under its Foundation
having been carried away - and that as it had not entirely failed
at this Moment it had come to a Bearing, which it would
probably remain at for some time - I therefore determined,
as the Bridge was so essential to the Communication with
the Fort, during such a Depth of Water in the River, to lay
bare and examine more Minutely the Rent in the Arch and to
cover it with Strong Shumbeam Plank, which should have
a good Bond upon the Two Piers of the Ruined Arch - that,
in the Event of it's falling entirely from the Piers, and these
remaining, the Passage over the Bridge might not be impeded

This was effected, and it has remained
without further accident ever since, and may continue firm
for some time to come: but as the whole of the Structure is
damaged the alternative may, at all times, be apprehended. -

I have therefore the Honor to Submit
to the Board two Designs for the Repairing this part of the
Bridge as in the most immediate Danger - the one for executing
the Work with the Masonry and Timber - and the other of timber
only

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only. By the first method I propose to rebuild the Piers from the level of their upper Bases, which I think are sufficiently sound to bear the Superstructure, excepting perhaps that of the Pier which has recently sunk; and this it may probably be requisite to rebuild from its Foundation The 2d. Design is entirely of Timber, which I have formed only as such a mode presented itself; but do, in my own Mind, much prefer the former - the Expence of both being nearly equal. —

I have detailed this much in Explanation of what has been done to the Bridge and what may be carried into Effect as a partial Repair of this very ruinous Work, but I now beg leave to Submit the following Considerations to the Board, in Consequence of their suggesting that it might be proper to bring this matter more at length, under the Eye of Government —

The General Decay of the Bridge being allowed, it is well worthy of Consideration whether even the Exigencies of the Moment should encourage the thought of only a partial Repair, since it is obvious that any such repair must occasion an Expence that will be lost to what must be incurred on the undertaking an entire new Bridge, which must be ultimately carried into effect - and that, at so very Instant Period, which, under the present Posture of public affairs, I am extremely unwilling to suggest even the Idea of - but, as the necessity of the Case has appeared equally strong to

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the Board as to myself I do it with the less Reluctance, more especially as my Reflexions on this Subject have always presented to me the Equity and Propriety of the Community which derives so much advantage and convenience therefrom bearing a Portion of the Expence of a New Bridge — Whenever it shall be determined to erect one and in this Idea I hope I shall meet as well with the Concurrence of the Board, as in their agreeing to Submit to the Consideration of Government some mode of Alleviating this Expence to the Company, whether by Assessment, Subscription, or any other they may think proper to Adopt: and if I shall, by this Suggestion, in any Degree, eventually tend to throw from the Company a reasonable proportion of the Expence I conceive I shall be highly gratified —

I have been employed lately in ascertaining the several Requisites / by Surveys of the Fore-soundings and trials of the Ground &c. / Necessary to the forming a plan and Estimate of a New Bridge in the Alignment of the avenue and the Consideration how far this may be more eligible or otherways than the Site of the present Bridge - and shall, if it is the Board's pleasure, have the honor of laying before them such Plans estimates and Observations which they may Submit to the Mature Consideration of Government, as well for their Determination on the measure itself, as to the adoption of some mode on the Point I have ventured to

Suggest.

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Suggest of causing the Inhabitants to pay their Quota of Expence for what is equally to them as to Government an object of so much utility and Convenience.—

/Signed/ Geo: Maule.—

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Since writing the above Minute a part of the Arch, as I suspected it would, fell from the Pier: the latter has not however in the least altered its Situation.—

/Signed/ Geo: Maule.—

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a true Copy
Signed Danl Ince
Secty Mily Board.

Estimate of Expence for
Design N° 1

Brick Work in Chunam	6 Peers		
Cub feet 4664 @ 2 35 ℔ foot		270.	28. 40.
6 Teak Beam Cub feet 144. @ 30 ℔ foot		102.	36.
Joist 3 209. @ 36.	℔	57	6.
Planking 3. Inches thick 1875. Sup. feet with Nails @ 11 32 ℔ foot		508.	39.
Parapet 120 feet long 3 feet high and 1. 6		31.	14. 20.
	Pagodas	1092.	39. 60.

Bailing Water Damming and
Lascars' Work not included —

/Signed/ J. Maule.
C. Engineer

a true Copy
/Signed/ Danl Ince
Secy Mily Bd

/Estimate

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Estimate Expence

for Design N°2.

20 Teak Poles - Cubfeet 334 @ 36/40 Pr Foot			286	12
7 Beams	Nos 168 @ 30	Ds	120	
Joists	Ds 209 @ 36	Ds	179	6
Planking 3 Inches thick 8875 Sqr Feet With Nails &c. at 11/32 Pr Foot			502	39
Railing 820 Feet long			80	
		Pagodas	1174	15

Bailing Water and Lascars' Work
Not included. —

Signed G. Maule
Chief Engr

A true Copy.

/Signed/ Danl Since
Secretary to the Bd

Settles in the different Works of the Fort occasioned by the late heavy Rains. —

South East Counter guard

South Face — One Settle about 12 feet from the Reverse of the Work from Top to Bottom. —

The other — About 20 feet from the Saliant Angle from Top to Bottom. —

/Two

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Two other Settles on the East Face from Top to Bottom.—

The arches of the Bombproofs are all given way the Inside Parapet Sunk and in other places tumbled down the Earth Sunk and the Guns on the plat forms are likewise Sunk.—

South Front.

South East Lunette. East Face one Settle 6 feet from the Saliant Angle continueing from Top to Bottom and about 100 feet of the Inside Parapet fallen down— another Settle along the Gallery to the East of the Lunette. South Ravelin 20 feet Inside Parapet fallen down. The Redoubt 120 feet Inside Parapet fallen down. West Lunette Inside Parapet 60 feet fallen down and the Ditch to the East of the Gate way filled with Sand from the Ditch.—

North Front.

North Lunette. North Face one Settle 7 feet from the East end of the North right across in a South Direction and continuing from Top to Bottom. another 16 feet from the East end and terminating in the first Settle near the South Face of the Work, but continues to the North along the Gallery, and across the Traverse 150 feet. the Brick in Chunam arches of the Lunettes and Gallery are all Sunk down and given way. The Wall of the Ditch to the East of the Lunettes.

/and

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and Gallery has likewise given way / by the Weight of the Earth / 200 feet. —

North East Blind - 50 feet of Inside Parapet fallen down and the Drain in the North Caponier broke down. —

The Bridges of Communication of the South East Countergaurd North Lunettee and North East Countergaurd has been lifted from their Piers, and Several of their Braces washed away and are damaged in other Respects. Railing &c. —

/ Signed / George Maule.
Commanding Engineer —

A true Copy.

/ Signed / Dan.l Ince
Sec.y to the B.d

Resolved to postpone that part of the Military Board's Report respecting the Hog Hill Claimants which relates to the Sum due to them and to the Issue of Certificates until the receipt of the Statement which is preparing — That in the mean time the Ground mentioned in List No 3 including that which had been reserved for the purpose of Sepoy Barracks be distributed among the unsatisfied Claimants and that Enquiry be made whether there be any land belonging to the Company within the Walls of the Black Town that could be conveniently appropriated to complete the Claims to Ground. —

/ Agreed.

...inates on the Two
...going Letters from the
...retary Board —

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Agreed to inform the Military Board that in the Statement which their Secretary is preparing the Board wish, if it be practicable, that the Names of the respective Claimants may appear in separate Columns - shewing in the one Column the original Claimants still entitled to Compensation, and in the other the Names of those claiming as Purchasers and from whom and for what Consideration purchased. -

The Board have perused with much attention the Minute delivered by Major Maule relative to the Bridge leading from the Island, and Noticed the clear and distinct manner in which he has brought the Subject forward - The Information which he has given will be of great use hereafter when the Situation of Affairs will render it less inexpedient than at present to undertake a work which involves so considerable an Expence. -

The Board do not, at this time, think it proper even to disburse the money necessary for the execution of either of the designs submitted by Major Maule; for it seems probable that the Pier since it has come to a Bearing will remain so for a Considerable time and that the Planks which supply the place of the Arch will answer every purpose for the present. —

As Major Maule in his report of "Settles" in the different works of the Fort has only stated the damage without any observation either in regard to the Repair

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Repairs immediately Necessary or to the Expence to be incurred thereby the Board can give no Instructions until they are informed upon those points.—

Agreed that Mr. Topping be allowed four Lascars for the Service of the observatory.—

Resolved that the Repairs required to the Large House at Trichinopoly, and to the Vaulted Granary at that place, be conducted under the Superintendence of the Engineer, and that the Expence, stated in the Estimate to amount to Seven Hundred and Nineteen Pagodas Fifteen Fanams and Sixty Cash, be disbursed by the Paymaster.—

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

To W. C. Jackson Esqre.
Secretary—

To from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General requesting that a handsome Gold Snuff Box, intended as a present for Mawry Purl may be purchased and sent to Cuddapah—

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I troubled you with a public Letter relative to some Presents for the Nizams Son and Minister and have had the pleasure to receive your Answer—

What I have to trouble you for does not deserve a public Letter at the same time Lord Cornwallis desired I would write to you and I trust that a private Letter will do—

Suffice, Sir, to request you will procure for me as handsome a Gold Snuff Box as you can get, and pack it up to send by

Tappal

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Tappal when it will reach me safe and quickly. His Lordship wishes to present it to Harry Peart - should any public Letter be necessary I will write one, but I hope that so so trifling an Addition to my former Letter it will not be deemed of Sufficient Value to render a public Letter at all requisite. —

I am

&c.a &c.a

Camp
11th December 1791.

/Signed/ G. T. Cherry. —

The Secretary lays before the Board the only Gold Snuff Box he has been able to procure - the Price demanded for it by the Owner is one hundred and Twenty /120/ Pagodas. —

Minute thereon —

Ordered that the Box be purchased and Sent to Camp by the Tappal. —

Read the following Letter from the Company's Stewards. —

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

From the Company's Stewards - enclosing a Bill for a small Sword and an enamelled Gold Repeater and Chain, sent to Camp addressed to Lord Cornwallis —

Sir,

Agreeably to your directions I have this day forwarded a small case directed to Earl Cornwallis Camp containing a Small Sword, an enamelled Gold Repeater, and an enamelled Gold Chain - with a Letter to the Commanding officer

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at Amboor desiring him to forward it by the first safe — opportunity — I enclose a Bill for the cost of them which I request you will obtain payment of — Pagodas 267. 11. 20.

I have the Honor to be,

Gent. &c.

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Signed / Joseph Garrow
Steward.

Minute thereon —

Ordered that the Bill be paid and the Amount carried to the Head of account Presents.

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave. —

To the Honble the Governor in Council

Gent. &c. &c.

From Major General Musgrave - enclosing a Memorial respecting his allowances; addressed to the Court of Directors; and requesting that Government will be pleased to cause their order for the same until the Pleasure of the Honble Court shall be known —

Honble Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter of the 12th Ultimo and delayed thus long to acknowledge it from a desire of refering the Subject to the Consideration of the Honble Court of Directors which I have the Honor to do in the enclosed address, and request that it may make a number in the Next General Letter. —

I am highly sensible of the liberality of the Board in the wish they express to have granted me the three additional Pagodas per day without any further reference to the Honble Court of Directors, and am perfectly

I also put

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Satisfied with the reasons assigned for its being submitted to their determination - but, as I cannot Consider either my present allowed pay or the proportion of advance allotted to me at all adequate to my rank and Situation I hope the Board will pardon my declining to accept the 3 pagodas per day which they have been pleased to offer - and agree with me in the propriety of refering the whole of my claims to that Quarter where alone they can be ultimately decided on. —

I have therefore to request of the Board that they will be so good as to Suspend the order for refund untill the further pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors be known; and, in the mean while, I wave my claim to any additional Gratuity for the time Acted with the Army in the Field. —

I have the honor to be with respect —

Yr. & Yr.

/Signed/ Tho. Musgrave.

27th December 1791

Ordered that Major General Musgrave's Memorial be transmitted a Number in the Next Packet to England. —

Minute thereon —

Resolved to acquiesce in the General's Request for Suspending the order for refund until the further Pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors be known —

Do —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Samuel Johnston

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Johnston —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary &c.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Mr Samuel Johnston respecting the Bonds Call upon him to discharge the Balance due to the Company — intends sending the Certificates and Register Books to Trichinopoly as soonas the Roads are passable —

I am this day honored with yours of the 4th Instant, and in Answer thereto, I request the Honble Board will be pleased to refer to mine of the 10th Instant answering yours of the 23d July and 27th August in hopes I should have been honored with an Acknowledgement of the Receipt of Mine of the 15th July and 7th Septr. and Trust when my last shall be laid before the Honble Board it will be found that there is no occasion to the Recourse to the Measure alluded to in yours. —

A Box of papers was Sent to me from Trichinopoly along with some of my baggage and contains half Balla Chitts: Since my last of the 20th October, it has been constant Rain, and the Roads have been almost impassable; but Now the Box shall be dispatched. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your &c.

(Signed) Samuel Johnston

As Resident Row the Durbar of the Rajah of Tanjore

Tranquebar
12th December 1791

Minute thereon —

Mr. Johnston has given Security in the Amount of Twenty Thousand (20,000) Pagodas to answer any Balance which might

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Might stand to Mr. Johnstons Debit on the final adjustment of his accounts with the Company, it is resolved to direct the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to call upon him / Kistna Rom / to make good the Sum due by Mr. Johnston amounting to Pagodas 19516. 11. 6.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General. —

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

From the Military Paymaster General - with a Statement shewing the time that the several Officers of his Majesty's Navy served on their respective Ships in the East Indies, and the amount due to them on account of Batta-

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose you the Statement ordered to be made out by the Honble Court of Directors, which I believe is perfectly correct. —

Upon examining the Accounts I do not find that Sir Richard King received any other allowances as Commodore except a Palanquin at this place, and House Rent at Bombay; which latter circumstance he has stated in his Letter of the 25th February 1790. —

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir

Your most obedient

Fort St. George
12th September 1791.

/Signed/ Benjn Roebuck
Cols P.P.G.l

List.

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	"	Active	From 1st January	83 to 22d Dec. 83	356				1219	7	38	
	"	Lizard	From 25th October	82 to 31st Dec. 82	68	769	@ 250	Zff D	116	18	33	2587 5 13
Samuel Mackenzie	"	Isis	From 13th	to 22d Dec. 82	10		@ 500		34	10	28	
"	"	Active	From 23d December	83 to 10 Janr. 86	750		@		2568	20	57	
"	"	Combustion	From 6th February	83 to 12 Decr. 83	319	1070	@ 250	D	530	34	10	3193 23 15
George Murry	"	Inflexible	From 28th August	83 to 1 Octr. 83	35		@ 500	D	119	36	20	
"	"	Sambacles	From 25th October	82 to 27 Augt. 83	307	342	@		1051	15	13	1571 9 63
William White	"	Sambacles	From 28th August	83 to 1st Octr. 83	35		@		119	36	20	
"	"	Wound	From 28th April	83 to 27 Augt. 83	122	157	@ 250	D	208	37	18	328 32 18
Lt. Richd. John Strahan Bl.	"	Naiade	From 26 April	83 to 1st Octr. 83	159		@ 500	D	544	26	69	
"	"	Lizard	From 1st January	83 to 25th April 83	115	274	@ 250	D	196	38	44	741 18 33
Robert Lebrt. Fancourt	"	Substitute	From 17th Decr.	82 to 19 Janr. 83	"	34	@	D	"	"	"	58 9 16
John Williamson	"	Crocodile	From 30th August	83 to 12 Janr. 84	"	136	@ 500	D	"	"	"	465 31 53
Gde. Wm. Augustus Courtney	"	Eurydice	From 15th April	84 to 1 Decr. 84	"	231	@	D	"	"	"	791 4 2
William Taylor	"	Cygnet	From 22d May	85 to 15 Janr. 86	"	233	@ 250	D	"	"	"	398 40 67
William Wollamby	"	Combustion	From 13th December	83 to 12 Janr. 84	"	31	@	D	"	"	"	53 3 36
Edward Butler	"	Chaser	From 26th April	83 to 12 Janr. 84	"	262	@	D	"	"	"	448 26 36
Wm. Robt. Augustus Vn. Fitzroy	"	Lizard	From 24th January	85 to 11 July 85	"	172	@	D	"	"	"	294 21 69
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Bills at 365 days Sight to be drawn out in favor of the above Named Persons for the Sums respectively due to them, and to be presented to the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors conformably to their Orders—

/Signed/ Benjamin Roebuck
C. P. G.

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Extract of the foregoing Letter from the Military Paymaster General —

Agreed that Bills be drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at 365 days Sight for the sums respectively due to the Captains of his Majesty Navy agreeably to the orders of the Honble Court —

Read the following Letter from Major General Musgrave —

To the Honble the Governor in Council —

Honble Sir,

From Major General Musgrave recommending that Lieutenant Fowles be permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his Health — and that Six Months Subsistence be advanced him — also that Lieutenant Delmonte be appointed Adjutant of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry vice Grant deceased —

I have the honor to lay before the Board an application from Lieutenant Fowles for permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually from thence to Europe in case, his state of Health should render it Necessary — he has obtained the proper certificate from the Medical Board —

Lieutenant Fowles's Sufferings from a tedious imprisonment during the late War, and his respectable Character render him an object deserving every proper indulgence of the Board — I therefore beg leave to recommend that his request for 6 Months pay in advance, if at all admissible, may be complied with —

Major Paber, Commanding the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry, has reported to me the death of Lieutenant Grant Adjutant of the Regiment and proposed Lieutenant Delmonte for the Succession — In compliance

with

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With Major Paters wish I have the Honor to recommend Lieutenant Delmonte to the Board. —

And am, with great respect, —

Y.ca V.ca

/Signed/ Tho.s Musgrave.

December 18th 1791

Major General Musgrave

Commanding on the Coast V.a V.a

Sir, —

A long series of bad health having reduced me to the Necessity of taking a voyage to Sea, as will appear from the Certificate of the Medical Board which I have the Honour to inclose, I request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of Government for my proceeding, by the earliest conveyance, to the Cape of Good Hope, and eventually from thence to England should it be found Necessary. —

After a service of 15. years, which have afforded me opportunity of providing against contingencys of this expensive nature, I trust in your liberality for a recommendation to Government that I may be allowed the indulgence of six months pay in advance usually granted to officers in my situation. —

Lest any obstacle should arrise from my holding the Fort adjutancy of Vellore, I beg leave to inform

/ You

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You that my resignation of that Appointment was forwarded some time ago, through the Medium of Colonel Bruce my Commanding Officer. —

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

Yr. Yr.

/Signed/ R. Foulis
Lieut. 49th B.N.I.
and Fort Adjt. of Vellore —

Fort St. George
December 27th 1791.

This is to Certify that Lieutenant Foulis, Fort Adjutant of the Garrison of Vellore, has long laboured under a very infirm state of health from bad treatment while a Prisoner during the last war. —

We do therefore declare it as our opinion that it is absolutely Necessary for Lieutenant Foulis to Return to Europe for the recovery of his health. —

Jas. Anderson
Physician General.

Hospital Board
Office the 12th Dec. 1791

/Signed/ W. Raine
acting Chief Surgeon
Wm. Duffin
Head Surgeon.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant Foulis be permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his Health, and to draw Six Months Subsistence in Advance —

Do

Agreed to refer to the Determination of

/Major

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Major General Medows Lieutenant Delmonte's Application to Succeed to the Adjutancy of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry, vacant by the Death of Lieutenant John Grant—

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

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council—

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz enclosing Copy of the Sentence passed upon the Bramin found guilty of murder

According to your Honors desire I Communicated to his Excellency the Contents of your Honors letter dated—.

His Excellency perfectly agreed to my being present at the trial of that Bramin who had murdered the Boy of 13 years of age, and to have a Copy of the Sentence which the Doctors of the law might pass on him.—

Accordingly a trial was ordered by his Excellency—about Sixteen Bramins who, as it was said, had Studied the Shindoo Law, and the principal Servants of His Excellency, were present.—

The Two Criminals, one of whom is a Braminy, the other a Suttiren were called for. The enquiry took place— The two unhappy people denied the guilt—but at last the Braminy fell down, confessed, and begged mercy.—

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As it was very late I was desirous to retire, particularly as the Bramins would not pass Sentence that night, but consider the case seriously for a day or two.—

This day His Excellency sent me the Sentence, a copy of which I enclose.—

The Substance of the Sentence is as follows

The Criminals' Head is to be shaved in 5 places— he is to be marked on his Forehead with an Hot Iron; put on an Ass, led through all the Streets of the Town, and so dismissed. But as he is a Bramin he cannot be killed according to the tenor of the Shaster.—

I could not but remark that this Sentence differed widely from the strong declaration of His Excellency that the Murderer should not escape with his life. His Excellency acknowledged, it but at the same time declared that he could do no more, as so many learned Bramins had passed the Sentence Agreeably to the Shaster — The Honble Board might do as they pleased.—

I have the Honor to be Respectfully

Yrs. Yrs.

Tanjore
Decr 15th 1791

/Signed/ C. F. Swartz.—

Memorandum of the punishment to be inflicted on a Bramin for the murder of a Sooder.—

The Bramin's Head must be shaved

/into

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into five Streaks the Shoonca Moodra / a Seal with the impression of a dogs Head / must be imprinted on his Forehead - he must be seated on an Ass - carried round the town — all his property confiscated - and himself expelled the territory. —

As he is a Braamin capital punishment cannot be inflicted - in this all the Gentoo sacred Writings agree. —

/Signed/ J. Webb m. T.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart -

President in Council -

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz requesting that a Monthly allowance of 12. Chuckrums may be granted him for the Pay of a Marattia Writer

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Give me leave to lay before your Honor a request concerning a Mahratta Braming whom I have employed to copy all my Letters, which, by the desire of the Gentlemen Collectors, I have this year written to His Excellency - as also which, by order of the Honble Board, I have translated - He is besides obliged to go almost daily to the palace with a Message - I promised to procure him 12 Chukrams per month - — Now I beg to know whether I may draw for His Monthly Pay - and who of the Gentlemen collectors is to pay it. —

Besides Mr Ram wishes to have an express Order from the Honble Board to pay me my monthly allowance — for he says that the Honble Board sent an

/Order

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Order at the time when both Gentlemen Collectors acted jointly but now he could not precisely say whether he or Mr. Tallofield was to pay me. —

I have the Honor to be respectfully. —

Yr. &c.

/Signed/ C. F. Swartz. —

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters.

As the Sentence passed upon the Bramin convicted of Murder is declared to be conformable to the laws of the Shaster the Board must acquiesce in it, tho' the Punishment appears to be very inadequate to the Crime — Agreed to desire Mr. Swartz to see that the Sentence be fully executed — and to inform him that the Board hope the example, notwithstanding its Insufficiency, will deter other Bramins from the Commission of an act of so much atrocity. —

Agreed that the Paymaster at Tanjore be directed to pay to Mr. Swartz the Monthly Sum of 12 Chuckrums, in addition to his other Allowances, on Account of the Maratta Writer in his Employment. —

The Secretary takes the Liberty to lay before the Board the following Letter which he has deemed it his duty to address to them. —

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

Honble Sir,

From Mr. W. C. Jackson expressing his acknowledgements for the Honor conferred upon him by the Court of Directors in their last Dispatches.

My Employers, in nominating me to the Post of Military Secretary on the first vacancy, have conferred upon me an honour which I can only hope to deserve by an inviolable attachment to their Interests, and by an Integerity which I trust no consideration shall weaken nor opportunity influence to their disadvantage — permit me, at the same time, to express the due sense I entertain of your having anticipated the Intention of the Honble Court in my favor — Entering upon the office at an arduous Moment, the first object of my solicitude was, and will always be, to conduct it to Your Satisfaction, and to Justify the confidence with which You have honored me. —

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect, —

Honble Sir,

Your most faithful and devoted Humble Servant —

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson

Fort St. George
19th December 1791.

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The Board are pleased with Mr. Jackson's acknowledgement for the appointment conferred upon him; and it is agreed to mention this circumstance to the Court of Directors with their perfect approbation of his diligence and capacity in the discharge of his duty. —

Minute thereon —

" Chas Oakeley

" Wm Petrie

" Huddleston

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M.C.B. Nos 104. 105.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General informing him of the orders given to the Paymaster at Madura to draw a Bill upon him, in favor of Sellaram, for the Amount of his Claim on account of Paddy seized by the Company.—

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General forwarding a Gold Snuff Box; and

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General informing him that a Case addressed to Lord Cornwallis, containing a small Sword and a Gold Enamelled Repeater and Chain, has been sent to the Commanding Officer at Amboor, with Instructions to forward it to Camp by the first safe opportunity.—

Received the following Letters

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To the Honble. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c.

Fort St. George

John A. Ramasawmy Brauminy requesting to be furnished with a Copy of the late Orders to Mr. Swinton respecting mortgaged Property in the Zemindary of Carvetty

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I had yesterday the honor to address your Honble Board requesting your would

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would favor me with an answer to my Brothers Memorial respecting his Claim for Pagodas 50,000. with Interest on his Highness the Nabobs assigned Revenues; and being this day informed, by your Secretary Mr. Jackson, that your Honor in Council has given instructions to Mr. Torin to pay the Amount of the Mortgaged property in the Tinnevelly Country to the different Claimants, I take the liberty to request you will favor me with a Copy of your Instructions to Mr. Torin, and also order him to pay to my Brother or his Agent the Amount of the said Mortgaged Property agreable to the Instructions given by his Highness the Nabob to his Head Managers before the time that Government had taken the Management of his Highness's Revenues into their hands.

I have &c &c

Madras
20th December 1791

(Signed) T. Ramaswamy Boyd

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary

from the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General acknowledging Receipt of the Bills on the Chief and Council at Nuggapatam in favor of Syd Mahomed Enclosing Letter for the Nizam's Vackeel & Mahomedan Inscriptions respecting the disputed Reply

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 26th November and

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4.th December 179.

Accompanying the Letter I received the first of each of the four Sets of Bills drawn by the Honble the President in Council on the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam for the Sum of Ten Thousand Arcot Rupees /10,000/ made payable to Syed Mahomed, Commonly called Meer Gholamy, in the order requested by Meer Aalum. Vakeel from his Highness the Nizam; and with a Duplicate of the abovementioned Letter, I received the Second of each of the same four sets of Bills. These Bills have been delivered to Meer Aalum by Order from the Governor General.—

I am directed by his Lordship to transmit the enclosed Letter from Meer Aalum addressed to his Highness's Vakeel at Madras Meer Mahomed Bhedy Khan, and to request that if an Answer to it, to which there be no Objection on Account of its Style, be sent, you will be pleased to forward it by the Post Office directed to my care: but should its Contents be the Cause that it cannot be received there, his Lordship desires that it may be forwarded to Camp by such Means as may be most Convenient and Safe.

I am
&c.a &c.a

Camp
15.th December 1791

/Signed/ G.T. Cherry
Pers.l Sec.ry

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council &c. &c.

From the Secretary to the Male Orphan Asylum requesting - that the Company's Bounty may be extended to two hundred Boys -

Sir

The Directors of the Male Asylum desire me to acknowledge the honor of your Answer to their Letter of the 15.th October communicated thro' Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 26.th of the same Month -

I am now also directed to represent to your Honble Board that from the Returns of the Male Children of the European Soldiery on the Coast made at the time this Institution was formed, from the increase of the Military Establishment since that period, as well as from the numerous applications for admission into the School, the Number of those, who have a claim upon this Charity, cannot be estimated at less than two hundred Boys. If then a previous reference is to be made to the Court of Directors the Managers think it their duty to inform them, that in Order to embrace, in its fullest extent, the Object of this Institution, patronized and promoted by them, it has become necessary, that their allowance, which, in this Infancy of

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the School, before its success was tried, or its stability ascertained, was, for good reasons, restricted to one hundred Boys, should now be extended to two hundred Boys: a provision short of this, would not afford an adequate relief from the distress to which many of these unhappy Children are exposed, and the ruin of Morals and every thing Valuable in life in which they are often involved.

In making known these Sentiments they are the more earnest, because it is probable, that before any reply can be obtained to the Reference proposed by you to the Court of Directors for an allowance for fifty additional Boys it will be found expedient, to make a new application to your Honble Board in behalf of fifty more. And during each interval it is to be apprehended that many of these Children will languish in indigence and misery, be lost to themselves and Society, or perish thro' neglect and Want. But should your Honble Board think proper to anticipate the Bounty of the Court of Directors, till their pleasure be known, it would furnish instant relief to those unhappy Orphans, in behalf of whom any reference to the Court of Directors may be found too late.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/ Signed / James Anos
Secty M. A.

To

Fort St. George
the 20th December 1791

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George

From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore recommending that Serjeant Waterman be reimbursed the Amount expended by him in rebuilding the Quarters and Guard Rooms at Palamcotah, and that he be allowed an annual Sum for keeping them in Repair enclosing an Estimate of Repairs required to the Works and public Buildings at Cuddalore

Honble Sir

Some time ago I received a Letter from Major Gowdie enclosing a Copy of one from Serjeant Waterman Commanding at Palamcotah. Upon enquiry I find that the Quarters and Guard Rooms have been Built in the manner represented, for which the Charge appearing to be very reasonable, I beg leave to recommend that the Sum of twenty two (22) Pagodas be paid to the Serjeant, and likewise that he be allowed Eight Pagodas annually for keeping his Quarters and the Guard Rooms in Repair to commence from the 1st of January last.

Agreeable to your Orders, contained in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 12th Ultimo I herewith transmit an account of the present Condition of the Barracks, Guard Rooms &c., and likewise an Estimate of the Expence requisite to put them in repair, which I have made out on as economical a plan as possible. The Buildings having undergone no kind of Repair for a considerable length of time, the Repairs specified

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specified in the Estimate are not only necessary to make them habitable, but will be the means of preventing their going to ruin. A part of the Parapet of the South West Face of the Fort has lately been washed down by the heavy Rains, the expence of repairing it is inserted in the Estimate. The Commanding Officer having represented to me that the West Gate of the Fort was nearly falling down, I examined it myself, and found that the Hinges and a part of the wood were entirely decayed. As the Gate could not be shut, and the safety of the Fort requiring it should be immediately repaired, I have deemed it expedient to give Orders for that purpose, including the expence likewise in the Estimate. The whole amounting to Pag.s 1806-33-4.

I have the honor to be, with perfect respect, Gen.l H.s

Signed R.t Dashwood.

Cuddalore
16.th December 1791

N.B. two of the Enclosures of this Letter are entered in M.B. N.o 106 and the third (Estimate) returned to Mr. Dashwood

To the Honble Sir G. Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council &c.a

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts inclosing a Statement of his Audit of the Accounts of the different Paymasterships and Departments.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before You

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you a Statement of the Audits, to the 25th Instant being the fourth quarter. Before my departure, I shall hope to finish the Accounts of the whole Establishment to the end of June, in which state I shall deliver over the charge of this Department to my Successor.—

I am with great respect
your &c.
Signed Happner
C.G. &c.

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Abstract list of the periods to which the Accounts of the Baymasters of Garisons &c. have been Audited.

Baymasterships	Baymasters Names.	Months last audited during the present year 1791					
		January	February	March	April	May	June
Aska. Ganjam &c.							
Chicacole	Mr Lennox						
Vizagapatam	Mr Wilson	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Masulipatam	Mr Gregory	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Ellore. Samulcotah. Condapillee & Rajahmundry	Mr Dobbyn	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Ongole Nellore. Rampore. & Guntoor Circar &c.	Mr H. Taylor	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Military Baymaster General. Presidency	Mr Young	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Sepoy Baymaster Presidency	Mr Ruben	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Arnee. Chandergherry	Mr Webster	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Vellore and Amboor	Mr Wynch	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Chingleput	Mr Toriano	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
	Mr Skardon	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.

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Paymasterships

Paymasters Names	January	February	March	April	May	June
Cuddalore Verdachellum &c.	Mr. Dashwood	do	do	do	do	do
Nagore	Mr. Thompson	do	do	do	do	do
Tritchinopoly Trichy and Caroor	Mr. C. Garrow	do	do	do	do	do
Tanjore and Vellum	Mr. Strange	do	do	do	do	do
Madura and Dindigul	Mr. Vaughan	do	do	do	do	do
Palamcottah	Mr. Marten	do	do	do	do	do
Coimbatore and Palligaudicherry	Mr. Corbet	do	do	do	do	do
Grand Army	Mr. Colt	do	do	do		
Garrison Storekeeper	Mr. Greenhill	do	do	do	do	
Military Storekeeper	Mr. Porcher	do	do			
Detachment with the Nizams Troops	Mr. Brown	None received this year				
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions	Mr. Cockburn	at present under examination				
Purveyor General	Mr. J. Garrow	do	do	do	do	do
Barrack Masters (in the three Divisions and at the Presidency)		do	do	do	do	do

/ Signed / J. Cappon
C.G. P.C.

Sent the following Letters

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

To the Military Board. Caveat of the Postponement of their consideration of their Report respecting the Hog Hill claim & Resolution of Government regarding the Bridge leading from the Island to the Governor's Garden House & an Estimate required of the Expence that will attend the Repair of the Wells in regard to the Bathing Tiers Lascars to be allowed for the service of the Laboratory & Orders respecting the Execution of the Repairs required to the large House and vaulted Granary at Trichinopoly. inclosing a copy of a Representation made

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters dated the 13th. and 15th. Instant.

We have resolved to postpone the Consideration of that part of your Report respecting the Hog

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Made by the Commanding Officer at Cuyala of the 2nd Mch of the Arms and Accoutrements of two of the Companies of the 17th Native Battalion —

Hog Hill Claimants, which relates to the Sum due to them and to the Issue of Certificates, until we receive the Statement which your Secretary is preparing — In the mean time, however we direct, that the Ground mentioned in List No 3, including that which had been reserved for the purpose of supply Barracks be distributed among the unsatisfied Claimants — Thirty nine Lots will only then be requisite to complete the Claims to Ground and we would have you make enquiry whether there be any Land belonging to the Company within the walls of the Black Town that could be conveniently appropriated to the above use —

In the Statement which your Secretary is preparing, we desire, if it be practicable, that the Names of the respective Claimants may appear in separate Columns shewing in the one Column the original Claimants still entitled to Compensation, and in the other, the Names of those claiming as Purchasers, and from whom and for what Consideration purchased.

We have read with much attention the Minute delivered by Major Marle at your Board relative to the Bridge leading from the Island, and noticed the clear and distinct Manner in which he has brought the subject upon

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before you — The Information he has given will be of great use hereafter, when the Situation of affairs will render it less inexpedient than at present to undertake a work which involves so considerable an Expence

We should not at this time think it proper even to disburse the Money necessary for the execution of either of the Designs submitted by Major Maule; for it seems probable that the Pier since it has come to a bearing, will remain so for a considerable time, and that the Planks which supply the Place of the arch will answer every purpose for the present.

We observe by Major Maules report of "Settles" in the different works of the Fort, that the Damage only has been stated, without any observation either in regard to the repairs immediately necessary, or to the Expence to be incurred thereby We can give you no Instructions therefore, until we are informed upon those points.

We are of Opinion Mr. Topping may be allowed four Lascars for the Service of the observatory

As no proposals have been tendered for executing the repairs required to the Large House at Trichinopoly, and to the vaulted Granary at that place they must be conducted under the Superintendence of the Engineer; and we shall

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give directions to the Paymaster to disburse the Sum, which, according to the Estimates, amounts to Seven hundred and nineteen Pagodas fifteen fanams and Sixty Cash—

We enclose Copy of a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Ongole, representing the very bad State of the Arms and Accoutrements of the two Companies of the 17.th Battalion Native Infantry doing duty in the Palnaud District.

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We are
&c &c
Signed/ Chas.r Oakeley
&c. Council

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

To Major General Medows respecting Lieutenant Delmonte's Application to succeed to the Adjutancy of the 2.d Regiment of Native Cavalry

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to refer to your determination, an application, which has been recommended to us by Major General Musgrave, for Lieutenant Delmonte to succeed to the adjutancy of the 2.d Regiment of native Cavalry, vacant by the Death of Lieutenant John Grant.

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We have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed/ Chas.r Oakeley
&c Council

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To Major Cuppage

Commanding at Paliguntcherry

To the Commandant at Paliguntcherry informing him of the Boards Wish — that he should, if practicable, dislodge the Enemy from Erode, Sattimungulum, and Damiacotah — Instructions on the Subject —

Sir,

In addition to the Instructions — with which you were furnished on the 16th Instant, it is the desire of the Board that you will endeavour to dislodge the Enemy from Erode, Sattimungulum and Damiacotah, without however, fixing Posts at either of those places: which would be an improvident Measure, until a Body of our Troops from the Grand Army shall have established themselves on the — South side of the Cavery opposite to Seringapatam —

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ W. C. Jackson —
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To M. Thomas Cockburn

Principal Agent in the Carnatic for furnishing Cattle &c.

"To the Principal agent in the Carnatic for furnishing Cattle &c. inclosing Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Instructions to the Principal and subordinate agents in Camp and the Carnatic — desiring him to submit such Regulations as may appear requisite to complete the new System — and conveying the sense of the Board of the Benefits which they have experienced from his zeal and well conducted Arrangements —

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis having transmitted to the Board Copies of the Instructions which he has judged it necessary to deliver to the Principal agents in Camp and in the Carnatic, as well as to the subordinate Agents, for the Conduct of the Bullock Department in all its Branches upon

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upon the new System of Agency. I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to send those Papers to you, and to desire you will draw out such Regulations, for the approbation of the Board as may be requisite to complete the Plan as far as it regards the Carnatic, the Outlines of which have been given by his Lordship in his Letter of Instructions to you —

As Lord Cornwallis has left the mode of Arrangement of your Accounts to the determination of Government it is proposed that all your Accounts shall be delivered upon Honor, in the Manner required from the Principal Agent in Camp.

In conveying to you the following Sentiments expressed by Lord Cornwallis in his Letter to the Board, I am directed to add that the President in Council is equally sensible with his Lordship of the important Benefits the Service has derived from your zeal and well conducted Arrangements in getting forward the Equipments of the Army. His Lordship thus expresses himself "The long Connection subsisting between the Farmer and Proprietors of Bullocks and Mr. Cockburn, and the Influence he necessarily possesses among them, pointed

him

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"heir out to me, as the fittest Person to be selected
"to act as an agent, either with the Army, or in
"the Carnatic; and I have since been thoroughly
"satisfied, that in the Change of one System
"from the other, nothing but M.r Cockburn's
"abilities, unceasing Zeal, and earnest Coopera-
"tion in the Business, could have accomplished
"those objects towards the Equipment of the
"Army, which I hope shortly to see completed."

I have
&c &c &c
(Signed) W.m Jackson
Secy

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Lord Cornwallis on
Remarks of the Board
on the new System of
Agency in the Provision
of Draft and Carriage
Bullocks for the Service
of the Army. Advice of
the subscription to Major
Cuppage to endeavour
to dislodge the Enemy
from Erode, Settimore
Gudaloor, and Darraporam

My Lord;

We have been honored by the
receipt of your Lordship's letter dated the 30.th
Ultimo, with the Enclosures.

We beg to assure your Lordship
that our best support will be given to the
plan which you have thought it necessary
to adopt for the future Conduct of the Bullock
Department. We can readily perceive the
advantages which the Agency obtains over the
Contract

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Contract, and while the former holds out so fair a Prospect of ensuring to the Army an adequate supply of Cattle during the ensuing Campaign upon which your Lordship's Success so materially depends, we do not think the expences attending its Execution, can stand in any Competition with the Benefits to be derived from it or that the Public Money can be expended on a better occasion.

We entirely concur with your Lordship in the Sentiments you have been pleased to express in regard to Mr. Cockburn & further his Merits and Services we have a high Opinion of. We shall furnish him with such further Instructions as may from time to time be necessary for his guidance as principal Agent in the Carnatic, and, with respect to his Accounts, we have resolved that he shall deliver them upon Honor, in the Manner which your Lordship has prescribed for the principal Agent on Coromandel.

We are happy to observe by your Lordship's Letters of the 12th and 13th Instant that the preparations for the attack of Tanjore drawg were going on with so much alacrity. We sincerely hope we shall soon have the pleasing Intelligence from your Lordship of the Reduction of that important Fortress.

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We have given the necessary direc-
tions to Major Cuppage, agreeably to your Lordships
desire, to expel the Enemy from the Coimbatoure
District; and, if practicable, to dislodge them from
Erode, Settimungulum, and Damiahcotah; and,
in order to effect this Service, we have authorized
him to draw a Reinforcement from the Garrisons
of Dindigul and Caroor, taking especial Care, how-
-ever, to leave a sufficient Force for the Defence of those
Places.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c Council

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Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in MB No. 107.108.

From the Contractor for Military Cloathing

From the Contractor for Milita-
-ry Cloathing desiring to know if he is to furnish
Cloathing for the new raised Revenue Corps and
enclosing an Indent upon the Import Warehouse
-Keeper.—

From Colonel De Wangenheim

From Colonel De Wan-
genheim.—
enclosing a List of the Men who have taken a
Bounty from the 1st Instant to the 7th January
next and advising of his having returned to
the Deputy King's Paymaster the Surplus of Cash
received on Account of of their Bounty Money.—

Dispatched the undermen-
-tioned Letters as entered in MB. No. 109. 110.

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To the Secretary to the Male Or-

To the Secretary to the Male Orphan Asylum

-phan Asylum informing him that as the Com-

pany's Bounty is expressly confined to 100 Boys

the Board do not feel themselves authorized to

extend it without the Sanction of the Honble Court

of Directors first obtained—

To Major General Musgrave—

To Major General Musgrave

informing him that the Memorial addressed to

the Honble Court of Directors which accompanied

his Letter of the 17th Instant will be forwarded in

Number on the Packet by the first Dispatch and

that the Board have agreed to his Request of

suspending the Order for Repairs until the Pleas-

-ure of the Honble Court be known—

To the Commandant at Dindi-

To the Commandant at Dindigul—

-gul desiring him to furnish an Estimate of the

Expence that will attend the Repair of the

Gateways of the Lower Fort, and, in the mean

Time, to begin the Repairs and employ the

Artificers of the Garrison—

To the Commandant at Amboor

To the Commandant at Amboor—

informing him that the Paymaster at Vellore

will advance to his Order the Sum of two hun-

-dred Pagodas for the purpose of executing the

Repairs stated by him to be necessary to the Works

at Amboor—

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To the Paymaster at Vellore

To the Paymaster at Vellore directing him to advance 200 Pagodas to Lieute-
-nant Cuppage for the Purpose abovementioned
-and to discharge the Bill presented by Lieu-
-tenant Baillie on account of Contingent Char-
-ges for the Prisoners of War—

To the Commandant at Tiagar

To the Commandant at Tiagar— desiring him to undertake the Superintendance
of the Repairs required to the Walls of the Lower
Fort and to the Officers Quarters; and to include
the Amount of the Estimate furnished by him
of the Expence that will attend the Execution —
thereof, in his Indents of Cash on Trichinopoly
for the Payment of the Garrison.—

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly— informing him of the Orders given to the —
-Commandant at Tiagar— enclosing Estimates
of the Expence that will attend the Execution
of the Repairs required to the Large House and
vaulted Granary, and desiring him to advance
the necessary Sums to the Engineer from Time
to Time, taking particular Care that the Esti-
-mates be not exceeded in point of Expence—

To Do desiring him to call
upon Kistnia Row, Mr. Johnston's Dubash,
if he be at Trichinopoly, to make good the
Amount due from his Master to the Compa-
-ny / Vizt Pay. 19. 516. 11. 4/ agreeably to the
Tenor

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Tenor of his Security Bond lodged with Government

To the Paymaster at Tanjore

To the Paymaster at Tanjore — desiring him to pay to the Reverend Mr. Swartz, in Addition to his other allowances, the Monthly Sum of twelve Chuckrums for a Maralla Writer.

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz — informing him of the Orders given to the Paymaster at Tanjore, and desiring him to see the Sentence passed upon the Brahmin carried fully into Execution.

To the Secretary at Bengal — To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copies of Letters from Lord Cornwallis dated the 12th and 13th Instant.

To Lieutenant Lyons — To the late Superintendant of Bazars in Camp — informing him that the Board will not enter into any Stipulations with him until he has delivered in the Bond they have required, and that they will then receive any Representation which he may have Occasion to make, and pray to it all the Attention it shall appear to them to deserve.

To the Hospital Boards — To the Hospital Board desiring them to send an Assistant Surgeon to Cowlong to visit two Frenchmen there reported to have quarrelled and wounded each other dangerously.

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To Lieutenant Foulis

To Lieutenant Foulis informing him that he has the Board's Permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his Health.—

Received the undermentioned Let-

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-ters as entered in Mis.s Nos 123.124.125.126.

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board—

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board recommending, on the Name of the Board, that Mr. Betty, Assistant Surgeon be appointed to do Duty at Arnee.—

From the Resident at Ganjam—

From the Resident at Ganjam advising of his having, at the Recommendation of Captain Little, released two Men who have been confined since the 9.th Month of August under suspicion of their having been concerned in the Purchase of Plunder taken at different Times by Sawdoo's Adherents.—

From the Head Surgeon at Velore—

From the Head Surgeon at Velore requesting that Orders may be sent to the Paymaster to discharge his Bills at the Exchange of forty two Fanams P Pagoda.—

From the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam—

From the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam recommending that the Allowance of Pag.s 2.36. to Staff Sergeants of the Garrison hitherto granted them in lieu of Quarters &c—a continued.—

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A Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

Friday 23. December 1791

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esq.rs

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

&c &c &c

Fort S.t George

From Lord Cornwallis. the Storekeepers at Amboor and Vellore to be instructed to receive the Allowance and Nizam's Rupee, tendered them for Payment of Grain, at Par with the Madras Arcot Rupee.—

Gentlemen

It has been frequently repre-
-sented to me by the Chiefs of the Mahratta and
Nizam's Armies, as a matter of serious grievance,
that their Currency will not pass in our Bazars
but at an immoderate loss; and I am so sensible
of the inconvenience they suffer from it, that
I am very anxious to afford them all the
Relief in my power.—

The cause of this depreciation

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in the value of the Mahratta and Nizam's Rupees, proceeds more, I imagine, from their not being Current in those Places from whence the Banjarries purchase Grain, than from any real difference between the intrinsic Value of them and the Company's Rupees: and in Order therefore to assist their Currency, and to stamp a greater degree of Value on them, I have directed Captain Read to receive them at Par with the Madras Arcot Rupee, in the Payment of any Revenue he may Collect from the Districts under his management; trusting that the Inhabitants will then have less objection to Receive them from the Banjarries, and that their Circulation may be greatly assisted thereby.

Upon the same principle also, of promoting their Circulation among the Banjarries, I propose giving an Order to the Paymaster in Camp to receive them, at Par, from the Banjarries, for all orders they get for deliveries of Grain at any of our Magazines in the Carnatic; and I beg leave, for the same reason, to recommend that the Storekeepers at our Garrisons of Vellore and Amboor may be directed to receive them, in the same manner,

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Manner, for all deliveries of Grain which have not previously been paid for in Camp—

I am aware that some loss may fall upon the Public by the adoption of this measure, when the Specie is remitted into the Currency of the Carnatic; but I conceive that upon the Small Scale which the dealings with the Bunjarries can be carried on, and the Order being only temporary, the loss can never become of sufficient Consequence to be put in Competition with the desirable object of affording relief to our allies in a Matter which has grown into every Servants grievance to them—

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp
10 Miles East of
Sevendroog
25th December 1791

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis. wishes that the Enemy shall be expelled the Country before the Ghauts open the advanced state of the Batteries before Seringapatam

Sir,

I last night received your letter dated 9th Instant inclosing the account of the Action between Sir Richard Strahan and a French Frigate; which event, however unavoidable on our part, gives me great concern on account of the trouble it will occasion in Europe—

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In answer to the letter from the Board, relative to Major Cuppage's proposal, I cannot hesitate to give my opinion that if the Enemy can be deprived of the Supplies of Grain of which he stands so much in need, from the Country below the Ghauts, by any steps the Major can take without putting our Southern Garrisons in danger, the measure would be very advisable.

We shall open two Batteries tomorrow morning, to take off the defences, and a third will be erected in two or three days which will I trust have a powerful effect; there is no speaking with certainty on the issue of these irregular Enterprizes, but from appearances I am at present inclined to view the Business in a favorable light.

I am with much esteem,
Sir
Your
/Signed/ Cornwallis

Camp at Coodal
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Resolved that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions be directed to give the necessary orders to the Storekeepers at Amboor and Vellore, agreeably to Lord Cornwallis Desire, to receive the Marratta and Nizam's Rupees at Par with the madras & arcot Rupees from the Bengarries, for all orders they get for deliveries of Grain, which have

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have not been previously paid for in Campe—

In order, however, that the Loss, if any there be, may fall upon the Public, and that the Current specie of the Carnatic may not suffer no depreciation, it is further resolved that the Pagodas so received by the Storekeepers be not issued by them, but sent to the Presidency to be recoined.—

The Board have already given the necessary orders to Major Cuppage to attempt to dislodge the Enemy from Damiakottah, Erode, and Sattimungulam.

Ordered that a Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 16.th Instant be sent to Bengal.—

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member of the Presidency; and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort S.t George

From Major General Medows has called upon Lieutenant Morris to answer certain Articles of Charge in Arrear, to the Amount due to the Company.—

Madras 22.d

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I had the honour of your's of the third yesterday; upon the Subject of Lieutenant Morris's account,— acting Commissary of Stores:— and have acquainted Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Morris in such a manner, of the impropriety of his Conduct, as. I fancy, to ensure the speediest and most respectful compliance with your orders. Should it be otherwise I shall not hesitate a Moment recommending the suspension of Lieutenant Morris till the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors shall be known, - as I shall ever think the Government that will submit to indignity deserves it.-

I am very glad the Board have suspended Captain Baillie - and have the honour to be.- You &c

Camp near Suven-droog
the 16th of December 1791

Sigd/ W.m Medows Gov.
&c &c

The acting President informs the Board that he understands Lieutenant A Morris has paid into the Hands of the Paymas -ter in Camp the Sum which he was ordered to Refund.-

Minute thereon.-

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

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

From the Deputy Adjutant General. the Repairs required to the Works at Anchur to be completed without Loss of Time - inclosing a list of Ordnance &c ammunition, which Leave to be sent forward to Bangalore with as little Delay as possible.-

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the following papers by desire of His Lord -ship to be laid before the Honble Board &c.

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Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Cuppage Commanding Amboor to the Deputy Adjutant General in Camp—

Ditto of the Answer dispatched to it by desire of his Lordship.

List of Ordnance &c. and Intrenching Tools required to be sent forward from the Carnatic to Bangalore with as little delay as possible.—

The Repairs necessary for the Works of the Lower Fort at Amboor, from the many breaches opened in the wall by the late Rains, His Lordship is desirous should be completed without loss of time; and as Lieutenant Cuppage is to receive assistance of Coolies &c. from Captain Read, His Lordship would hope that the expence necessary on the occasion, will be found very inconsiderable.—

A transcript of the List of Ordnance &c. has been forwarded to Mr. Cockburn, in order that he may provide the Cattle necessary, and also forward immediately such of the Intrenching Tools as can be supplied from Vellore or the Neighbouring Garrisons.— The Howitzer to be the same that arrived with the Royal Artillery.—

His Lordship is also desirous that the 18 lb Shot and Musket ammunition, and other Articles of Military Stores, drawn from the Garrison Stores of Amboor for the use of the Army, should be replaced from the Presidency as soon as circumstances will permit.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) BJ Close
Dpy Adjt. General

Head Quarter Camp at
Cootal 15th December 1791

Major

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Major Close

Dep.y adjt. General

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing a present State of the Garrison of Ambore, as it may be proper that Lord Cornwallis should be acquainted with it, as well as the state of the Works.—

The late rains has brought down the Lower Fort wall in ten, or twelve places, and a good part of the new mud works has come down—all the 18 D Shot has been drawn out of the Garrison for the use of the Army, and a demand is made for the Musket Ammunition—

As matters stand with Tip-poo, I fancy we have little to apprehend of a Body of the Enemy moving this way to disturb us,—but this being a Magazine, it is proper his Lordship should know its State.—

The rain has been constant these three days and the weather still looks heavy. I have not heard from Colonel Floyd, but understand he has left Vellore.— The weather and Rivers will probably prevent his proceeding.—

We have had no Madras Tappals these three days.—

I have the honor to be
Dr. Sir Yr.
/Signed/ J Cuppage
Lieut. Com.dg Ambore

Ambore
6th. December 1791—

To

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To Lieutenant Cuppage

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 6th instant.—

Although it is scarcely probable that the Enemy will finde it practicable to appro-ar before Ambore, or occasion any disturbance in it's Neighbourhood, yet as stores and provi-sions to a considerable amount are occasionally collected in the place for the use of the Army, which should on no account be left destitute of protection.— His Lordship conceives that the Works of the Lower Fort should be kept in a Compleat state; he desires therefore that on Receipt hereof, you will take measures, in Communication with Captain Read, who will lend you all the assistance in his power for Repairing the damage done to the Walls by the late Rains.—

The Repairs formerly conducted by Captain Read, his Lordship observed, were compleated at a very moderate expence, he doubts not therefore but in Mending the different Breaches, on the present occasion, you will adopt the same means, and prove

yourself

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yourself equally oeconomical in all your expen-
-ditures.-

I have the honor to be
Y.r &.c.a
/Signed/ B.J Close
Deputy adjut General

Head Quarters Campat
Canelli 11.th December 1791-

List of Ordnance &.c.a and Intrenching Tools
required to be sent forward to Bangalore with
as little delay as possible.-

8 Inch Brass Howitzer	1
5½ Inch Shells	800
Axes Pick	750
Broad	50
Felling	50
Hatchets Hand	750
Hooks Bill	750
Saps	25
Mamooties	1500
Shovels	100
Spades	260
Crows Iron	50

Ordered that the Ordnance &.c.a
and intrenching Tools be sent forward to
Bangalore with as little delay as possible- The
Howitzer to be the same that arrived with
the Royal Artillery, and to be sent off under
a small Escort to Lieutenant Cuppage at -
Amboor without detaining it to be accompanied
by

Minutes on the foregoing Letter and Enclosures from the Deputy Adjutant General.-

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by any other articles destined for Campo.—

Agreed to inform the Military Board that the 18th Shot, Musket Ammunition, and other Articles of Military Stores drawn from the Garrison Stores of Amboor must be replaced from hence as soon as Circumstances will permit.

Resolved that Lieutenant Cuppage be instructed to draw upon the Paymaster at Vellore for such Sums as may be indispensably necessary for the execution of the Repairs required to the lower Fort of Amboor, acquainting the Board with the probable amount of the Expence, which it is hoped will not be considerable, since he is to receive assistance of Coolies &c. from Captain Alexander Read.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Cockburn late agent for the Bullock Contractors.

To W.m Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your Letter of the 17th October last while on Service at Amboor, informing me that in Consequence of the Circumstances stated on the

from the late Agent for the Bullock Contractors— states that the Contractors are willing to make to the Service proposed by Government for a monthly the contract and desires to know in what form the accounts are to be attested.

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the part of the Contractors, Government proposed to Consider the Contract for Draught and Carriage Bullocks at an End in the Carnatic from the 1.st July, and in the Mysore Country from the 1.st Day of October last; and, that, if the arrangement should be acceded to, it is the Intention of the Honble Board to make good whatever Expence has been incurred since those periods provided the Accounts be Sworn to by the person acting on behalf of the Contractors.—

The arrangement proposed meets the entire Concurrence of the late Contractors, who, as I stated in my Letter of the 13.th July last, Considered the provision of Bullocks in Consequence of the Orders of the 7.th May and 15.th June last, made on account of Government,- and, as acting in behalf of the Contractors, in that instance as Agent on account of the Company, I will with pleasure deliver in all Accounts of Expenditure on that account, as well as the Expences incurred in the Carnatic from 1.st July, and in the Mysore Country from 1.st October last, either upon Oath or honor

as

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As the Honble Board may think proper—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Cockburn
for the Late Contractors for
Draught Bullocks

Madras
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Minute thereon—

The Board have already resolved
that the Accounts shall be delivered upon Oath—

Read the following Letters from
his Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. Nos 2 to 3 /

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

From the Nabob requesting that the Ballance due to his Family on account of their Jaghires, agreeably to the Terms of the Treaty, may be immediately advanced them.—

Dated 24 Rubbi ussany 1206 Hegry
21st. December 1791

Received 21st. Do.

The Districts of the Jaghire belonging
to my Family were delivered to me in the last
year / after the expiration of Eight Months of that
year / on the 16th. of March 1791 since that Period
my Family have only received about 60,000.
Pagodas, being the Amount of the Collections
of four Months on account of the last year—
Deducting therefore the said Amount out of
2,13,421 Pagodas, the Sum expressly stipu-
lated by the Treaty to be paid to them you
will please to pay the remainder to my
Family

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Family; they being in great Distress, and in the expectation of receiving the amount of their Jaghire have become much involved in Debt.—

What can I say more.

a true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator.

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

Dated 25.th Rubbi Issany 1206 Hegery
or
22.d December 1791.

Received 22.d Do. Do.—

From the Nabob expecting his Request that the Amount of Mr. Binny's Arrears of Salary may be discharged from the Balances outstanding in the Tinnevelly Country at the Time of their Assumption.—

In my Letter of the 25.th of July last, I requested you would pay the Sum of Star Pagodas 23,146. 1.40., the Amount of Mr. Binny's Arrears of Salary, out of the outstanding Balances in the Tinnevelly Province.— In your Answer under date the 6.th August you wrote me that in consideration of the exigencies of the War you would give me Credit in my account with the Company for the Money collected from the balances of said Province.— and in my Letter of the 6.th September, in reply, I desired that not only the Balances due to my Circar previous to Fusla

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1200 and Collected in the Tinnevelly Province, but also those in the other Districts of the Carnatic, might be carried to the Credit of my Account with the Company—

My Friend— Mr. Benjy Ma-
-ney which is his just Right, must be paid—
He labours under a very ill State of Health and proposes to proceed to Europe, and he is deser-
-ving of your attention and mine— It is to be apprehended in case his Malady should encrease his affairs will fall into confusion—

I therefore Request that you will please to pay Mr. Binny his Money in my account, out of the outstanding Balances in the Tinnevelly Country, which are my right—

What can I say more?

A true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Agreed that Copy of the former Letter be sent to the Board of Assumed Revenue, with Instructions to state the exact Sum which was collected from the Nabobs Sequestires from the Assumption of them to the Period

Minute on the former of the foregoing Letters from the Nabob

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Period of their restoration. —

Read the following Letter and

Enclosures from M.r Charles Benny. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council Fort S.t George

From M.r Charles Benny requesting that a Bond granted to him by His Highness the Nabob on account of his Arrears of Salary to the 30 Nov.r 1785 may be placed in a Train of Payment, and that Company's Paper may be granted for the Balance of Allowances due from that Period to the 1.st July 1790.

Sir

I beg leave to inclose a Notarial Copy of a Bond of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic to me dated the 30.th November 1785 for Star Pags. 15,573. 6. 40. being for balance of Salary then due, as stated in his Highness's public letter of the 21.st July last; and I beg the favour of Government to report same to the Honble Court of Directors, in whose justice I shall rely, for its being placed in a train of payment.

His Highness has been pleased again to address you, on the Subject of the Balance of Salary due to me from 1.st December 1785 to 1.st July 1790 and I have the honour to transmit an affidavit for the more complete information of the Board. I should be extremely sorry, whatever private inconvenience I may suffer to be the cause of diverting any of the resources of a just

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just and necessary war, from bringing it to a speedy conclusion; and I therefore trust my request of the Honble Company's Paper for the said Balance will not appear unreasonable

I have the honour to be with great respect — Y.r &.c

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20.th December 1791.

/Signd/ Chas. Binny

Know all Men by these presents that we Wau Lau Iaw Honour ul Hind Omdat ul mulk Asoph ud Dowlah Nowaub Deen Cauve Behauder Leyp sheer Jung Sepah Sauloar Nabob of the Carnatick our Heirs and our Successors in the Government of the Carnatic are held and firmly bound unto Charles Binny Esq.r our English Secretary in the Penal sum of Forty One Thousand One Hundred and forty six Pagodas thirteen fanams Current Money of Madras to the true and lawful Payment whereof We do hereby bind ourselves our Heirs and Successors firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seal in Madras the

Pay.t 31.146. 13.
15.573. 6. 40

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the Thirtieth day of November in the
year of Christ One thousand seven
Hundred and Eighty five and the Twen-
-ty seventh day of the Moon Mohur-
-rum in the year of the Hegery One thou-
-sand two Hundred —

Whereas in and by an Account Current setti-
-led this day between his said Highness the Nabob
and the said Charles Binny His said Highness
the Nabob was indebted on the Balance of the
said Account for Salary and allowances made
the said Charles Binny in the Sum of Fifteen
thousand five Hundred and Seventy three
Pagodas Six fanams and Forty Cash, his said
Highness the Nabob hath agreed to secure pay-
to the said Charles Binny the said Balance so
due as aforesaid by this present Bond Condi-
-tioned for Payment of the said Sum of Fifteen
thousand five Hundred and Seventy three
Pagodas Six fanams and Forty Cash with
Interest at the Rate of Twelve per Cent per
Annum payable on Demand —

Now the Condition of this
Obligation is such that if the above
bounden Wallajah Ulc. Nabob of the
Carnatic or his Heirs or Successors in
the

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the Government thereof shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said Charles Binny or his Lawfull attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the said sum of Fifteen Thousand five Hundred and Seventy three Pagodas Six Fanams and and Forty Cash together with such Interest as may grow due thereon, then this Obligation to be Void, or else to remain in full force and Virtue—

Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of

Persian Seal

Swamiyah.a Venkatachellum
(Signed) Samba Jewaem

Received Interest upon this Bond from the 1.st December 1785 to the end of June 1790 (four Years and 7 Months and at the rate of Twelve p.r Cent p.r Annum) the Sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty five Pagodas One Fanam and forty Cash—

(Signed) Chas. Binny

I Stephen Popham of Madras a Notary Public by Lawfull authority duly admitted and Sworn do hereby Certify that

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I have Examined and Carefully Collated the for-
-going Paper Writing, with the Original Bond and
Obligation signed in Persian Characters, together
with the Receipt of the said Charles Binny there
under written, with Persian Characters at the
foot of the said Receipt, and do attest the same
to be true Copies thereof Respectively.-

In Testimony whereof I
the said Stephen Popham have hereunto set
my hand and the Seal of my Office in Ma-
-dras aforesaid this Nineteenth day of Decem-
-ber in the year of our Lord One thousand seven
Hundred and Ninety one, in the presence of
John Christian and Chinna Tomby Witnes-
hereto.

/Signed/ Stephen Popham
Notry Pubt.

Witnesses

/Signed/ John Christian
Chinatomby

Charles Binny of Madras
Esquire English Secretary to His Highness the
Nabob of Arcot and the Carnatic maketh
Oath and saith that on the Sixteenth day
of January One thousand Seven hundred
and Eighty two, some Weeks after the
Assignment

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the Government thereof shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said Charles Binny or his Lawfull attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the said sum of Fifteen Thousand five Hundred and Seventy three Pagodas Six Fanams and Forty Cash together with such Interest as may grow due thereon, then this Obligation to be Void, or else to remain in full force and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of

Bombay Seal

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(Signed)
Samba Sewaram

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/ Signed / Stephen Popham (L.S.)
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Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of

Persian Seal

(Signed) Swamiyah.a Venkatachellum
Samba Sewaem

Received Interest upon this Bond from the 1.st December 1785 to the end of June 1790 / four Years and 7 Months and at the rate of Twelve ₱ Cent ₱ Annum / the Sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty five Pagodas One Fanam and forty Cash.—

/Signed/ Chas. Binny

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I have

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A Joignment of the Revenues of the Carnatic to the Right Honble George Lord Macartney Knight of the Bath and then Governor of Fort St. George and President of the Council thereof had taken place, foreseeing, that on the execution of the same, disputes would be unavoidable, and that also the One Sixth part of the Revenues of a ruined and depopulated Country, must be inconsiderable, this Deponent presented an Address to His Highness, on hearing it was in agitation, to reduce all unnecessary expences, assuring him that if it should be deemed expedient to abolish the office of English Secretary, he this Deponent was ready to retire - That His Highness requested this Deponent was ready to retire - That His Highness requested this Deponent would remain in his Service, to which he agreed this Deponent saith that the proofs of his Salary received during the continuance of the Assignment were not adequate to his Current Expences - That some time after the Restoration of the Carnatic, in the Month of June One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five, this

Deponent

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Deponent received Consolidated Bonds for part of his Claim, but that there remained due by his said Highness, a Balance of an Account Current on the Thirtieth day of November One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five the Sum of Fifteen thousand Five hundred and Seventy three Star Pagodas, Six fanams and Forty Cash, and that he did then, and frequently afterwards, receive Assurances from His Highness, and from his Minister Sumsamul Omrah Bahander, that the said Balance should be discharged, and that he has only lately received His Highness's Bond for the said Sum, as stated in his Highness Letter of the Nineteenth Reloand One thousand two hundred and Five Hegery, answering to the Twenty first July One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One, to Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet acting Governor of Fort St. George.—

This Deponent further saith that he received from the hands of his said Highness, on the Twenty Seventh day of December One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five, in his Public Durbar, a Paper in Persian addressed to Cetabar Cawn Renter of the Province of Tinnevelly, for which he granted

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a Receipt in the following terms.

"Received 27th. December 1785 of
"Fowzie on the Tonnerelly Country for my Sa-
"lary as English Secretary to commence from the
1st "Instant and to be paid Monthly Five
"hundred Star Pagodas /500 St. Pags / Charles
"Binny"

This Deponent further saith,
that His said Highness then assured this Depo-
nent, in a most particular manner, that his
Salary would be regularly paid at Tonnerelly
- that on the Twenty Ninth day of the said
Month of December, he transmitted the said
Order to Sir Henry Cosby then at Palamcotta
Lak. who, by Letter of the Seventh day of Janua-
ry One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty
Six, informed this Deponent, that there
Cawn assured him, the Money would be
regularly paid - That there was accordingly
by received by Sir Henry Cosby and Mr.
James Dott, Four thousand and five hun-
-dred Pagodas, which, with the Sum of
One thousand Pagodas received by this
Deponent from the Treasury of His said
Highness at Chepauck on the Twelfth
day of March One thousand Seven hundred

and

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and Eighty Eight, is the whole amount of Payments made on account of the said Order, or Towjie —

This Deponent further —

Maketh Oath and saith, that there was due to him on the Thirtieth day of June One Thousand Seven hundred and — Ninety, by His said Highness, the Sum of Twenty three Thousand One hundred and Forty Six Pagodas One Fanam and Forty Cash, as Ballance of his Salary — from the First — day of December, One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five, to that period, as will appear by the annexed Copy of an Account Current signed by this Deponent, the Original thereof having been delivered to the Accountant of the Sircar; and for which he received a Letter from His said Highness of the said Twenty first day of July One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One addressed to Sir Charles Oakely, requesting that the said Balance of Twenty three Thousand One hundred and

and

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and Forty Six Pagodas One Fanam &
and Forty Cash, might be discharged
out of those outstanding in the said Pro-
vince of Tinnevelly from the year One
thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-
five to the year One thousand Seven
hundred and Ninety - That this Depa-
rtment believes, that there is not any Ser-
vant of the Circar who has now any
Claim on the Revenues of the said Pro-
vince of Tinnevelly for personal Service
performed within the above period - That
he has granted his Receipt in full for Salary
from the First December One thousand
Seven hundred and Eighty five to the Thir-
teenth day of June One thousand Seven hun-
dred and Ninety on receiving the above
Letter to the said Sir Charles Barkley -

Sworn in Madras
this 20.th day of December 1791
Before me

Signed / Chas.t Bunny

Signed / Josias Du Pré Porcher
Mayor

Dr. {His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder in Account Current with Mr. Charles Binny} Cr.

1785					1786				
Novr.	30	To Balance of account Current of this date	Cs.	15573. 6. 40	March		By Cash received of Colabar Cawn	Cs.	1000. .. ..
		To Interest on Dr to 30th June 1790 is 4 years and 7 Months at 12 p Cent per annum	Cs.	8565. 1. 40	Octr.	26	By Dr	Cs.	2500. .. ..
				24138. 8. ..	1787				
					March		By Dr	Cs.	500. .. ..
					April		By Dr	Cs.	500. .. ..
					1788				
					March	19.	By Dr from the Treasury of his Highness	Cs.	1000. .. ..
									5500. .. ..
							By amount of Rents of Houses received as p account particular to the 30th June 1790	Cs.	8713. .. ..
									14213. .. ..
1790					1790				
June	30	To my Salary from 1st December 1785 to this day is 4 years and 7 Months at 500 Pags p Month	Cs.	27500.	June	30	By Balance due and Received an Order upon the Government of Madras for Pagodas 23166. 1. 40 and a Bond of His Highness for 15573. 6. 40 dated 30th Jun. 1785	Cs.	38719. 8. ..
		To Loss sustained by remittance from Tinnevelly as follows							
		On Pay. 3500 at 16 p Cent		560					
		1000 at 20 Dr		200 Cs. 760.					
		To Cash lent to Sambasivan during the late War on account of his Pay in the Circar	Cs.	534.					
		Pagodas		52932. 8. ..			Pagodas		52932. 8. ..

Madras 30th June 1790
Errors Excepted p
/Signed/ Chas. Binny

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Mr. Charles Binny—

The Board are perfectly sensible of the just and equitable demand which Mr. Binny has upon his Highness that it would give them very sincere Pleasure if they could, consistently with their duty, comply with his Highness's Request of discharging the Balance of Salary due to Mr. Binny from the 1st of December 1785 to the 1st of July 1790. From the Balances that were outstanding in the Tinnevelly Country at the time of the Assumption; but as that measure is impracticable for reasons which have been already assigned, and as Mr. Binny's application for Company's Paper is equally impossible the Board know but of one Method which can be devised for his Relief, and from the Nabob's Representation of that Gentleman's ill Health, and of the necessity there is for his return to Europe, it is probable his Highness will accede to it, in favor of a person who has so long and faithfully served him—The Board mean that his Highness should grant Mr. Binny his Permission to receive his Balance out of his fifth of the Company's Collections which may

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may be paid at any time that may best suit the convenience of the Nabob.

Agreed that the above be communicated to His Highness and to Mr. Binny.

Agreed also that the latter be informed that the Nabobs Bond which he is in possession of for the Balance of Salary due to him on the 30th. of November 1785 will be brought before the Notice of the Honble Court of Directors in the next Dispatch, with a recommendation that it be placed in a train of early Payment.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Charles Darke.—

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

From Mr. Charles Darke containing further Information respecting the corrupt Transactions at the Nabob's Durbar particularly in regard to the origin and extent of Mr. Hollands pecuniary concerns states his objections to the Committee appointed to investigate his Charges, and to the Mode of Proceeding intended to be adopted—expresses his extreme Distress in consequence of the Detention of the Money due to him from the Nabob, and requests to know if he may institute a Suit in the Mayors Court against His Highness for the Recovery thereof.—

Honble Sir,

I humbly and thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 12th. October, by order of your Honor in Council with the Extract of the General Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors Para. 57. under date the 6th. May 1791. as humbly prayd for in my Letter to your Honor in Council the 5th. and I most humbly

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humbly thank your Honors for the assurances that every support I can wish for from Govern-ment will be readily afforded me, to enable me to prove the assertions contained in my Letter to His Highness the Nabob dated the 15 June 1789.—

That support Honble Sirs every support I can wish for from your Honble Government will enable me fully to prove every Iota contained in my Letter to His Highness the Nabob, and much more than I have thereon alledged, of the Injurious and unjust use of His Highness's Revenues instead of applying them to the discharge of his just Debts, and the payment of his Troops— For in the latter end of the year 1776. I was His Highness's Regiment of Cavalry Command-ed by the late Captain Macalister came down from Arcot, and pass my Garden House on Choultry Plain, in the most orderly man-ner, without their Horses and Arms, going to Chepauck humbly to ask their Pay from the Nabob, as themselves and Families were in the utmost distress, and starving from want, as upwards of twenty Months pay was

was due to them, and at the time they so prefsed
my House Governor Stratton, Sir Edward Hughes
and M.r Macpherson now Sir John and several
other Gentlemen was Dining with me and
saw them so prefs towards the Nabobs: they were
met near my Gardens, by His Highneſs Amer
ul Omerahs Bah.r their Capetanis General, at-
tended by a Body of Horse and Foot and told
by him to return to their duty, and their pay
should be sent them, they answered that they
had not Rice to eat, nor Money to Buy it, and
that themselves and Familys must starve
without their Pay, or they would readely
obey His Highneſs. He then told them to go
and stay quietly at Nungumbaccum about
a Mile back, and they should be satisfied
on the next morning the whole Regiment
native officers, and Troops, were immediately
obeyed, and early on the next Morning His
Highneſs went to them, and took with him
M.r Borrio, Governor Strattons private Secre-
tary, and sent the Regiment three Months
pay, and faithfully promised them, if
they returned immediately to their duty
that the whole of their Arrears should be
paid to them within a Month, all the

Regiment

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Regiment obeyed his Orders.— His Highness —
honored me with a Visit on his Return; and
told me, that he had satisfied the Regiment
and they were going back to Arcot; said they
had done very wrong in coming to Madras
without leave, but as they behaved very —
peaceably, he had forgiven them, and would
not punish any one of them.— But His High-
ness unfortunately did not keep his faith-
full promises of praying their Arrears nor
any further part of it.

The other Regiments of Cavale-
ry were in the same Deplorable Situation —
for want of their Pay, and shortly after,
I believe in the beginning of the year 1792. the
Regiment there Commanded by Captain
Rawlinstone, and before by the brave but
unfortunate Captain Brumley, came down
also for their pay, but they came with their
Horses, and Arms; on my going to the Bar-
bar, assistant, I praised the Regiment near to
Chepauck, and, going down the Gardens,
I met His Highness the Nabob walking,
attended by his Son Ameer Ul Omerah
Bah.r. and his Dewan Cojee Hussun Cawn
Bah.r.

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Bakr. Mr. Crawford. Mr. Benfield. Doctor Storey and Captain Rumley, to meet the Regiment, at the Gates of Chepauck, but just as I joined them His Highness ordered his Son and his Dewan and all the European Gentlemen to go and meet the Regiment to prevent their coming into the Gardens, as he said their doing so would alarm his Ladies Mr. Crawford and Mr. Benfield excused themselves from going, saying they would stay and attend His Highness's Person, Cojie Assuen Cawn and Doctor Storey attended His Highness Amer till Omerah in his Carriage, and Captain Rumley went with me in my Carriage, we met the Regiment between Chepauck Gates and the Government Garden House, they instantly surrounded the two Carriages, and asked His Highness, and the Dewan for their Arrears of pay, but in the most humble manner represented to His Highness their great distress for the want of so many Months pay, said they came humbly to make known their distresses to Wazeer or

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their Master, as they had not further Cre-
-dit in the Bazars for a Measure of Rice,
which they had long represented to His
Highness Nabob their Commanding Officer;
but having had no Relief, they desired leave
to go on to Wandewash to make their Mise-
-rable situation and their Familys known
to him, and then they said they should
be relieved, by receiving their Pay, which
they had served for, and ordered back to their
station, and duty. Every thing was said
that could be by the young Nabob to induce
them to return, and not to alarm and
make Angry his Father Wandewash pro-
-mising, that they should have their Arre-
-ars paid to them, as soon as they returned
back to their duty. with which they were
not Satisfied. They was then desired to
go to any place near, and remain together
quietly, and told, that Pay should be sent
to them the next Morning; they wanted
the Dewan, or a European Gentleman to
go with them for their Security of Protection for Lieut.
Captain Caulfield engineer and the Regiment consented to take them with them for this security
for their Arrears being paid the next Morning.
The Young Nabob desired him to go with
them

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them, and faithfully promised they should be satisfied on the Next Morning- They went near to S.t Thome, and after keeping Captain Rawlinstone their Commanding officer a few hours, they let him go to his Dinner, as the themselves had none- On my going the next Morning early to the Dunbar. I was greatly surprised, and very sorry to hear, that instead of the faithfull promise of their Captain General, that they should be satisfied that Morning with their Arrears of pay due to them- That Colonel Cosington had been Ordered out from the Fort of Madras in the dead of Night with a party of the Honble Company's Europeans and Sepoys, and had surrounded them, and taken them all Prisoners- and that Morning instead of being Satisfied as faithfully promised, their Horses and Arms were taken from them, and they were turned adrift without a fanam to help them, or to carry to their Family's or to pay the Debts they had contracted in the Bazars for many months back for the Necessaries of life- This

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Now reaching the other Regiments, some Confined their European Officers, and this Regiment of Rascalestons, went native Officers and Men into Hyders Service - Macalisters Regiment Confined some of their European Officers, measures was planning to surprise them, and take them prisoners. when Sheard Captain Macalister begged pray the Nabob not to do so, but to be pleased to Order them Six Months Pay of their Arrears, and that he would go with it and satisfy them, or otherwise he was certain they would all go into Hyders Service But no pay was sent them, and that Regiment, with their Arms, went also into Hyders Service, two of the best disciplined Regiments of Cavalry, that ever had been at that time in India, went into Hyder Alleys Service, and they was the very Men that led that Fatal Charge against Colonel Bailies Detachment, returning from the Guntoor Expedition -

And at this very time, Honourable Sir, that these Regiments was thus shamefully turned adrift without the pay due to them, His Highness was

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Making Immences Bribes and presents in Ready Money, and in Bonds, as the Consolidated Debt of his Highness's of that year will prove, if a proper Investigation of that Debt takes place, and which I pledge myself to your Honor to prove, with that Support your Honble Board has been pleased to promise me as well also of the very large Sums, Bribes, & that was remitted, by His Highness the Nabob to Bengal, as partly mentioned in my Letter to your Honble Board the 28th February 1789.

These very serious Facts, as well as those stated in my Letter of the 15th June 1789, to his Highness the Nabob, as well also, many others, that I know of, are very Serious Matter to the English Nation, and particularly to the Honble East India Company, and very Cruelly so to myself, as I mentioned in my last Letter to your Honor; and as I shall be obliged herein more fully to lay before you. The Dreadfull consequences also of these Misdoings was woefully felt by all the Inhabitants of this Country during the last war, which these Misdoings altogether was the Cause of, therefore I most humbly submit

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to your Honor whether these Facts ought not to be established, as Justly & Truly can, by means the most authentick and Solemn

The perfect Respect and Veneration I feel for all your Commands have & Shewon me on this Occasion, to attend your Committee with my Proofs and Witnesses to Support my Allegations, puts me to the greatest Embarrassment because it will be impossible for me to establish the Charges thro' the means of the Committee, that you have been pleased to appoint, in that most authentick and Solemn manner that the whole part of them requires, for reasons, that I crave leave to state, and which are no ways Personal to the Gentlemen who compose it, whom I respect and esteem as I ought.

To add to the proofs that I am in full possession of, I humbly conceive Honorable Sir, that the Witnesses I shall have occasion to call upon, ought to be examined upon Oath, in the most Solemn manner according to their Several Laws and Customs. Malabars, not simply upon Bread and Water, but at Tripliccane Pagoda, in the same manner as they are Sworn in Causes of Consequence which

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which concern themselves - This Committee, as neither of them are Justices of the Peace, so neither of them are Legally authorized to administer an oath; and I am confident in opinion, that many of the Witnesses, that I shall have occasion to call upon would not attend a on Summons from the Committee, as they are under the influence and authority of His Highness the Nabob: and if any did attend, unless they were first Sworn in the most Solemn manner, the questions put to them, the answer they should give should be the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth, they would not answer truely —

The Committee that was appointed by your Honorable Government, to Investigate and take cognizance of the orders and Charges against Mr. Holland, of the Money forced and extorted from the Nabob leaving his Government by himself and his Brother, were I know composed of Gentlemen, that neither of them was Justices of the Peace and consequently could not administer an Oath, to those Summoned or that appeared Voluntarily before them to prove the Charges - That I humbly conceive ought not

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to be a Precedent for the taking cognizance of the very Serious matters charges of misdoings alledged by me. Because His Highness the Nabob himself made the Charges against the late Governor Holland, and ordered his own Servants and others dependant upon his Highness to appear before the Committee to prove the Charges, and His Highness Employ'd a professional Gentleman to attend his Durbar to assist and prepare the Evidences, and when the Witnesses had appeared before your Committee and given their Evidence, they afterwards went before a Magistrate and deposed to their Evidence they had before given. There is all the difference that can be in the bringing forwards the Charges; His Highness the Nabob, from whom all the Money came, made the one and forced his Servants and dependants to freely go forth to prove his Charges and these present Charges. Those in my letter to His Highness of 15.th June 1789. and these now laid before your Honor, are made by one, a Merchant and Injured Creditor of His Highness and Family on account of the Wrongful and Injurious use of his Money, and of not paying me the smallest part

part of my just Demands, therefore cou'd necessity
Forced me to make my Complaint to His Highness,
and now to Continue it by these Charges, which,
with that Support you have been so good to pro-
-mise- every Support I can wish for from your
Honorable Government to enable me to prove
them- I can and will most Certainly do so. Where-
-as'so I well know without that Support, the Wit-
-ness's I shall have occasion to call upon, will,
as much as can, be prevented from coming
forward to Support the proofs I already have got,
unless they are compelled to do so, by the full
and high authority of your Honorable Govern-
-ment, and first Sworn, in the manner I have
discribed, to answer the questions that may
be put to them.-

Therefore for my Reasons given
I beg leave to suggest, with the most humble
Deference to your Authority, lest this a Subject
of such Importance might not be taken
Cognizance of and Proved before your Honors
and Council, as a Bench of Justices.-

If you are pleased to grant
this I have not the Shadow of a Doubt but
that my Charges will and in the fullest
Conviction of them- By any other means

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I fear they will fail of that ample Satisfaction the case Demands, for the Reasons I have stated— It was distressing to me Honorable Sir to be forced, and the utmost distress did force me, to write my Letter to the Nabob to be sent open thro Government for their Notice, for it was disbursing to me as a Merchant to interfere and bring forward those matters, altho they had been so long the Cause of my great distress for upwards of thirteen Years did I suffer, altho knowing of these bad doings, in Silence, tho I knew they would involve many, some that I have lived in terms of Intimacy with, and others that prevented my getting my just right. For I have seen many Princely Fortunes, as well as many, that has been called small Fortunes obtained from the Nabob in Bribes and Concession, while I was daily attending his Durbar, and I could not obtain, of what is due to me, sufficient even to Buy Bread for my Family— I am well aware that my Charges, as they are just and True, will cause me many Enemys, and being loaded with Debts, great and small ones, that I owe, will add

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add greatly to my distresses— had my just
Claims been put even into the same train
of payment. as so many Bonds granted on
Bribes are— so that I could have Satisfied
my Creditors. and Supported my Family— I
would have been Silent; as my Letters to your
Honorable Government do plainly shew, wrote
before my Letter to His Highness the Nabob.—
I did in the most humble Manner Solicit a part
of my own to relieve my Distresses, in vain;
when I was forbid my personal application
to the Durbar for my own, by Government, I—
most humbly implored, from time to time,
relief to my Distresses third Government. as
I was forbid all other mode of application to
the Durbar. I humbly asked the payment,—
third then of one Year's Interest, or a part of one
year's Interest on the Sums so long, and so
justly due to me— and receiving no manner
of relief to my Cruel distress— I again and—
again humbly implored, as tho I was asking
Charity, instead of so small a part of my
own, for a Monthly Sum to be paid to me
to procure the Necessaries of life, even what
your then Government should deem so,

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untill the Pleasure of the Honorable the Court of Directors was known respecting my case. To this humble and reasonable Prayer I received an Official Letter, dated the 26th March 1789- saying." The Governor and Council did not intend to make any further application to the Nabob, on the Subject of my Letter."

Not knowing what to do I persevered and went personally to represent my deplorable Situation to the Governor, in the hope of Obtaining his permission for my personal application to the Durbar for to ask my own, or that he would name to his Highness what he might deem proper, his Aide de camp Mr. Wilkes told me, that the Governor was then Engaged, but desired that I would come the next Morning at 9 o'clock, and that he would then see me. I went at the appointed hour, and was met in the Hall by the Governor's Brother, Mr. Edward John Holland, who told me, in the Rudest Manner, that I could not see the Governor, and that it would be of no use my seeing him, as neither the Governor, nor the Board would allow the Nabob or his Family to

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be pleagued, and that I should not go to the Durbar, nor write, if I did I should be sent to England agreeable to the notice of Government, and said that Government would not apply to His Highness on my behalf, and that it was useless my talking any more.—

Thus, after so many years pain-full attendance at the Durbar humbly soli-citing my own, and after every humble and Respectfull application to Government for relief, I was forbid and prevented from even asking my own, under paen of being Seized, and sent away from my Family, and from where all my property is to England—

The utmost distress forced me again humbly to pray Government to alter their intention, and to have the humanity to name to the Nabob, what they might deem proper for my immediate Relief, or leave to address His Highness by letter, as for my letters to your Honorable Board dated the 24 April and 6.th June 1789 in Reply to my last letter I received Official leave to write to the Nabob, provided I sent my letter open to be transmitted to his Highness thro' the

channel

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This continued, and unprecedent, and Unbecoming Cruelty and injustice to me, and knowing at the very time from authority, that I could depend upon, that Governor Holland and his Brother was extorting very large Sums from the Nabob the most Severe distress and Illness forced me to write the Facts stated in my letter to His Highness the Nabob, for the Information and Notice of Government. I did not give the Information as an Informer. But as my Duty to my Numerous Creditors whose Money the Nabob withholds and prevents my paying / and as my Duty to myself and Family as I knew the same Corruption was going on there, as before. And I saw no prospect for my Relief. Or of ever getting my just Right any other wise. Government was pleased, after Consulting with the Young Nabob upon the contents of my letter, to Returns it to me. saying that I had abused the Indulgence they were disposed to grant me, by indecent Animadversions

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on the Conduct of the Dunbar - and did not call
on me to prove the very Serious matters
contained in my Letter -

As I never knew the Origin of
the Mr. Hollonds Money transactions with the
Nabob. I had wrote a paragraph stating them
in my letter to the Nabob - but as Mr. Hollond
was Governor and Vested with power and
authority. I judged it prudent in my then
very distressed Situation, to leave it out of the
letter, for fear, that under some pretence he
might have sent me to Europe, out of the
way - And I had not Money, in such case
my Family would have been left in destitu.
improtected, and unprovided for - But now,
I thank God, by my Daughters Marriage in
January last to Colonel Floyd. she is very
Respectably and Honorably Protected -

The Mr. Hollonds Money
transactions with the Nabob, concerns very
Materially the Just and legal Creditors of
His Highness, as well as the Publick, there-
fore I will now state them to your Honor
in their True Light - The Origin was in the
beginning of the year 1775, when His -
Highness

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Highness the Nabob sent for me, and told me that he had immediate occasion for a Lack of Pagodas to pay the Company on account of their Saybrine, and desired of me to procure it for him. I answered his Highness that I had not the Money, and all the Money I could raise His Highness and Family had got. He said young Mr. Holland had Money and desired me to go to him, and ask him to lend it. I answered that I was always ready to obey his Highness, but I was certain Mr. Holland would not lend him Money, as it was the general Complaint of all the Merchants People that His Highness had their Money and they could not receive any of it from his Circar. His Highness then said that he had Buckingjee Dofs's Teep for one Lack of Pagodas payable in two Months, and desired that I would ask him to advance the Money deducting the Interest. I obeyed His Highness's Orders, and Mr. Holland did discount the Teep deducting two per Cent per Month, and delivered to the Nabob's Servants 96000 Pagodas for the Teep, which it was punctually paid to Mr. Holland

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Holland by Buckeenjee Dofs, when due - after which His Highness told me, that he was in want of Money again, and that he had another Teep of Buckeenjee Dofs for a Lack of Pagodas, and desired me to go again to Mr. Holland and get the Money for him on the Teep as before - I answered that His Highness's People who before went to receive the Money from Mr. Holland, their going to him would be the same as my going; for if he advanced the Money it would be for the sake of the Interest - His Highness sent his People to Mr. Holland with the Teeps, and he advanced the Money on the Second Teep, in like manner, as on the first - But when this Teep became due, Mr. Holland sent it for Payment - and Buckeenjee Dofs refused payment, saying his Teep was payable to the Nabob only, and that His Highness had received more Money from him than the Amount of the Teep, and he would not pay the Money - Mr. Holland was much Enraged, and threatned Prosecution &c. for a long time in Vain, and sent a Case home for the Opinion of Mr Dunning, to know if the Nabob was or was not Answerable to the Mayor's Court of Madras for Debt, which Case, and Opinion I saw - at length Mr. Holland

went

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went to the Durbar and was induced to take
Consolidated Bonds for the Tuja and Interest
and a Persian Bond of the Nabobs for one Lack
of Pagodas bearing Interest at 12 per Cent per
Annum as a Premium for taking Consolidated
Bonds. Since Mr. Edward John Holland at the
Durbar settling the Business and I was present
when it was settled. The Nabob insisted upon
his Signing a paper of Thanks, and promises of
Services for the Persian Bond - promising that
his Brother and himself would ever be Friends
to His Highness and serve him upon all occa-
-sions. Mr. Holland, for some time, refused to
sign the paper; and I hear'd him give his rea-
-sons, that his Brother was high in the Service,
and might soon be in power, and so he
might be himself, and that they might have
occasion to differ in opinion with His Highness.
But at long the he signed the paper, and Recei-
-ved the Consolidated Bonds for the amount
Tuja and Interest, and the Persian Bond
for a Lack of Pagodas Premium. Mr. Holland
upon his Arrival, Second in Council at Madras
in 1789. Endeavoured, in Vain, to obtain Payment
of the Persian Bond from the Nabob. But as
soon as he was Governor, and his Brother

was

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was taken into Council, they prevailed upon the Nabob to pay the Persian Bond, and the Interest thereon from the year 1777.-

His Highness the Nabob sta-
-tes on the Credit side of his account with the Honble Company- "To Cash paid for the Publick "Service in Mr. John Hollond's Government "thro' his Dubash Paupia Brahmine, as proved "before the Committee of Investigation: Star Pagodas 4,69,817- I well know, that his Highness will not pay any Money for the Publick Service, without a Receipt given for it by the Publick Secretary of your Honorable Govern-
-ment- The truth of the matter is that the a-
-bove large sum was extorted from the Nabob by Governor Hollond and his Brother and their Dubash- The first part of it was obtai-
-ned for the Persian Bonds and Interest- a-
-nother Seven part of it, was one Lack of Pagodas given as a Bribe to Governor Hollond for the Detachment, that was ordered into the Maravar Country against the sheevagun-
-ga two Murdoos, under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Stewart, and the remainder of the Sum was extorted, from time to time, by threats from Governor Hollond, thro' his a-
Brother

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Brother and Durbash, threatning to take away his Highness's Country's from time to time unless a Certain Sum was paid on this day and on that day - that Collectors would be appointed in Council, and sent to take a Charge of his Country's. the Nabob, by his Son Omdut Ull Omerah Bah.r and by his Dewan, Constantly desired the account between him, and the Honble Company; but Mr. Edward Sahon Hollond's answer always was, what Signifyes accounts, Roaring out in the Durbar Money, Money we want, and will have, or Sequestor your Country's - Thus this large Sum was obtained, and this I well know at the time Honorable Sir, that I was forbid by that Government to ask of my own, even for Sufficient to procure the Necessaries of life for my Family. Besides the before mentioned Sums actually received, they obtained, on the same manner, by threats, obligations for the payment of the following Sums, the Amount of which, but for the happy arrival of General Medows, they would have enforced the payment of - Rose Rose the Nabob's Dewan's note of hand payable to Tyapata Moodaliar for 36000 Pagodas — a Bond from His Highness Omdut Ull Omerah Bah.r

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Bah.s for 100,000 Pagodas — a Note of hand of Ram
Rows Dewan — payable to Mr. Edward Solus —
Holland for 50,000 Pagodas a Bill of Exchange
and Carnama of Heval Row the agent of Sou —
car Bhoodergee for 50,000 Pagodas — and a Car —
-nama, or Bond, from the Sheveganga Packet
for 100,000 Rupees: this last was a Bribe to let
the Mundoos remain undisturbed by any more
Detachments of the Honorable Company's Troops
But His Highness the Nabob, hearing for Cer —
tain that General Medows was coming Governor
of Madras, he delay'd and prevented the Pay —
-ment of the above Sums — all this I can and will
prove also, Honorable Sir, before you, with —
your Support to do so —

Being a large Creditor, and
the most Injured Creditor of the Nabobs, as my
claims are totally unprovided for on payment, on
which account I am now, and have been these
seventeen years past, suffering the greatest distress
I have a just right therefore to lay open, and
to prove all these Iniquities. And as the Mr.
Hollonds Received the Amount of the Persian —
Bond for a Lack of Pagodas and the Interest —
thereon, which was the Original Amount of

the

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The Teep of Buckunjee Dafs. for which the Consolidated Bonds of 1777 was also granted to Mr. Holland. Payment of the Consolidated Bonds ought to cease, in Justice to the Nabob's Legal Creditors. The Bonds standing in his Name are 23 Bonds No. 252 to No. 275. Amounting as Calculated the 31st December 1784 to Pagodas 1,73,472-36-52. For the Right Honble the Board of Controul only admitted the Justness of the Consolidated Debt of 1777 Presumptively, open to every kind of Challenge, for they were pleased thus to determine. That it is only a Presumptive admission Subject to every kind of Complaint against it. Either from the Nabob, the other Classes of Creditors, or from any Persons having a proper Interest or Reasonable Grounds of Objection and to this admission, the Honble the Court of Directors gave their Strongest Dissent.

All the Grounds of Objection that an Injured Creditor possibly can have, to my sorrow and unequalled distress. I have For, Honble Sir, I have no income whatever to support myself and Family, as I am

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not in any Service, so I have no Salery, and every Cash that I have Received from the Nabob or his Family since the year 1777. was the 150 Rupees sent me by His Highness the Nabob Omdut ull Omerah the 12th. March 1789, as mentioned in my Letter, desiring that I would not be angry, nor sorry— and promised to send me a little Money every two or three days till he could settle all my Business— Cruelly bad as my Situation is stated in my Letter to the Nabob, and also in my many humble and deplorable Representations to your Honorable Board, Supplicating Relief— there is not a Tithe part therein Stated of the Difficulties and Distress I have so long and do at this Moment, Labour under; and— my Cruel Situation every day grows worse;— I have not known, for many Years, from day to day, how I should be able to manage for the next day, with constant Suits against me, as the Records of the Honble the Mayor's Court will show for years past— and I have been obliged to Beg and Pray, and Borrow how I could for years past, to procure unavoidable necessaries, and to obtain on Credit the Common

Necessaries

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Necessaries of Life, and my Servants are unpaid their wages, as from time to time, I had just reason to hope relief, by receiving at least a small part of my own. Some that did long ago supply me with necessaries, are tired out in waiting for their Money. And I have at this hour Seven Suits against me for the necessaries of Life supplied me, and for Money Borrowed to procure them; and many more Suits I soon threatned with. One Suit more against me, is brought by the Executors of Mess.rs Lindsay and Mackintosh for necessaries had from them long ago; this is an Execution and there is another Execution by Mr. Thomas Barker. Another Execution by Chowreapatt a Poulterer for Fowls long ago supplied me with: These two last Executions are returned and Warrants of Commitment may against my person and taken out; so that I am obliged to shut myself up for fear of a Prison. There is another Execution in the Sheriffs hands against me by Mr. Dupuy. And there are two other Executions against me one by Mr. David Young and the other by Mr. Charles

Loyd

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Loyd both of these for the Bread, that my
Family have been Supplied with by them
for years past - and there is a Decree of the
Honble the Mayors Court against me by
Moolakristna Naick for Money Lent me to
provide absolute Necessaries, all of which
I am totally unable to pay or Satisfy. As
well as a great many more, that have not
sued me for small Sums, at which I am
greatly distressed, that I cannot pay them -
my Indulgent Creditors that I owe large
Sums to, to many, they know that I cannot
Pay them, until I am paid what has been
so long owing to me by the Durbar - The
Nabob and his Son, has lately made me
many Repeated daily Solemn promises, +
until within these two Months, that
they would settle with me, and that the
first Money that came in, I should receive
apart; but Constantly Complained, that
he had no Money, as his Country's was
taken from him - But since they made me
these late Solemn promises, they have pur-
-chased many Houses in Town, and Many
in

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on the Country and one in particular from
M.r Maubray, that the Nabob paid 40000
Pagodas for; so that it has not been for the
want of Money, that he has not even paid
me to relieve my distresses and wants for
I well know, that he had an Immence large
Private Treasury before the Death of his
Son Omeer ull Omrah Bah.r by which it
was very greatly enlarged indeed —

I did humbly hope, and
with great Justice and Reason, that the
Justice and Humanity of the Honble the
Court of Directors would have relieved me,
by Ordering my just Claims into a train
of Payment, therefore my disappointment
and Sorrow is great, that in the Paras you
have been pleased to furnish me with of
their Letter no notice is taken of my
Claims, and my great Distresses, so I can
only hope, and do humbly pray, for pre-
sent relief from the Power and Authority of
your Honble Government by your Humane
Interference to obtain for me one Years Inte-
rest on the Money so long due to me, from
the Nabob and his Family, for my present

subsisting

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Boesjing wants, until my just Bonds
are put into Train of payment.—

If I am not so fortunate as
to obtain this Relief thrô your Honors Jus-
tice and humanity, I know not what to do to
obtain Justice and Relief: But that as the
Nabob of Arcot has commenced a Suit at Law
in the high Court of England, against the
Honble Company, and by his having done
so, I have been advised by all the Gentle-
-men here most learned in the Law, that
His Highness has thereby made himself and
Family Amenable to the Honble the Ma-
-yor's Court of Madras.—

If I am so unfortunate Honble
Sir as to fail of immediate Relief, as humbly
prayd thrô your Authority, I then most Hum-
bly beg to know from your Honor. If my com-
-mencing Suits against the Nabob and Fa-
-mily for the Recovery of my Legal Debts will
give offence to your Honble Government.—
Either from myself, or from the Lawyer, I may
Employ in the Suits.—

The very great Embarras-
-ment I have been under from your Commands,

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from the most perfect Deference. I seek for them all, added to the very great difficulties and Distresses I am labouring under, Solely from the very great Injustice done me by His Highness the Nabob and Family, will, I humbly hope and pray it may, cause your pardon for the delay of this my humble address. I have the Honor to be, with all due Respect &c. &c.

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(Signed) Chas. Darke

Resolved that the following Answer be returned to Mr. Darke.

To Mr. Charles Darke

To Mr. Charles Darke
Letter

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Instant

A Committee was appointed on the 27th September last to receive any Proofs or examine any Witnesses you might have to offer in Support of the facts alledged in your Letter to the Nabob of the 15th June 1789 but, tho' repeated applications have been made

made to you for this purpose, and Govern-
-ment have promised you every assistance
in their power to enable you to Substantiate
your accusations, no progress whatever has
yet been made, and you now come before —
them with a proposition for changing the mode
of Enquiry —

The Board are sincerely desirous
of aiding your endeavours by every just —
means, but, having already appointed a
Committee of Gentlemen to make this Enq-
-uiry, agreeably to the usual and approved
practice, and being of opinion that no —
alteration should take place, unless upon
the ground of some beat this mode appear
defective, they trust you will not have any
further objection to lay before them the Do-
-cuments on which your Complaint is foun-
-ded, and point out to them the means by
which you propose to establish the proofs —
with regard to the Witnesses whose eviden-
-ce you may wish to adduce, the same
mode is open to you that has been —

usually

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usually practiced: a Member of Government will be ready to receive their depositions on oath; but it is not in the power of Govt. to compell them to give evidence, much less to force them to attest their depositions at the Triplicane Pagoda.

The Board are concerned to learn your distresses are so great, and will certainly mention this circumstance to the Nabob, in the hope that he may be disposed to grant you some present relief; but they cannot, in any respect, give their sanction to the proposition you make of taking legal measures to compel Payment of your Claims.

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

Mr. Parker's Representation of his pecuniary Embarrassments to be communicated to the Nabob.

Agreed that the Circumstance of Mr. Parker's extreme distress be mentioned in a Letter to the Nabob, in the hope that he will be disposed to grant him some present relief.

Read the following Letter from the Head Surgeon at Vellore —

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

From the Head Surgeon at Vellore — enclosing his Bills on account of the Sick Sepoys of the Bengal Establishment — countersigned by the Commanding Officer and Fort Adjutant of Vellore —

Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit to you Thirteen Months' Bills and Returns, on account of Sepoys belonging to the Bengal Establishment — They are Stated and Countersigned in the manner directed by the Comptroller General —

By the Reductions of my Charges to 5½d a day, I shall be a Loser; nevertheless, as I have always paid implicit Obedience to the Orders of Government, I submit in the present Instance without Murmuring, under the Consolation of having discharged my Duty to their Satisfaction; and in the hope of their Noticeing my Conduct at a future period, as it will always be my Study to act in such a manner as may Meet with their approbation —

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

Signed J. Gahagan
Head Surgeon

Vellore
23d December 1791

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr. Gahagan's

Minute thereon — Bills and Returns be sent to Colonel Capper

with orders to transmit the former to Bellore

if there be no further Objection to them. —

Necessary Voucher for the Paymaster.

Read the following Letter

from Lieutenant Symes —

To W. C. Jackson Esq.

Military Secretary —

From Lieutenant Symes enclosing the Bond required by Government and requesting that he may now receive from the Board the Assurance he has repeatedly applied for —

Sir,

In Obedience to the Commands of the Honble Board I have the honor to enclose the Bond required, in the persuasion that the Honble Board will be pleased, from the reasons Stated in my Letter of the 28th of September last, and the 14th Instant, to grant me the assurance that I shall not be charged with the responsibility for such Sums as after using every exertion, I may be unable to Collect. The case I believe is a singular

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One- and the hardship of a person being
made answerable in his private capacity for
what, in his publick character, does not arise
from his own misconduct, will, I trust, appear
in so strong a light to the Honble Board as
to induce them to grant me the indulgence
solicited.

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

20th. Dec. 1791 (Signed) M. Symes
Late Superr.

Minute thereon—

Agreed to inform Lieutenant
Symes that it is the full intention of the
Board to do him strict justice, whenever
he may think proper to lay before them
such information as they can go upon, lead-
-ing to prove to their Satisfaction that
the Public Money disbursed by him in
the Capacity of Superintendent of Bazars
was actually and bonâ fide appropriated
to the Public Service, without any advan-
-tage whatsoever to himself, and that
he will be a Sufferer in his Private Capa-
-city, and to what extent, by his being held
responsible

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Responsible for the whole Armament —

Agreed also to inform —

Lieutenant Symes that whenever the above

Circumstances are brought forward, he will

of course hold himself prepared to attest —

them upon Oath, in case the Board should

require it —

" Chas Oakeley

" Wm Petrie

" T Hudleston

George Barry Esqr

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Diary

Received the following Letters

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in Council &c &c

Honble Sir

From Lieutenant Morris advising of his having paid to Mr Hoar the amount judged to be due from him to the Company — and requesting his Acct that a Reaudit may be had on his Accounts

Conformable to the Orders given to me this day by General Medows, I have the Honor to inform you that I have paid — in to Geo: Hoar Esqr Paymaster, the Sum of Pagodas Four thousand six hundred fifty one- Thirty seven fanams- fifty two Cash, 4651- 37- 52-) on account of the Honble Company — in lieu of a Draft of mine for said sum on — Messrs Porcher, Redhead and Co. under date 15th Ultimo —

I am very much concerned to hear that remarks of mine in said Draft should be thought to convey disrespect to the Honble Board, and I trust they will forgive my thus taking the liberty to convey to them my most solemn Assurances that it is not in my disposition, nor never was my intentions to be guilty of the slightest disrespect to the Honble Board, from whose candour and Justice I have

very

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very reason to hope they will (when their more important concerns may admit) order an investigation of all the Vouchers and explanations respecting this matter forwarded by Mr Garrow Paymaster, and by me, as the only chance there is of my character being cleared from — it intentionally doing wrong.—

If, after this, it should be thought necessary to explain my motives for giving a Draft at so long a date I can assure the Honble Board, that it was with hopes that at the expiration of the Period that from the appointment that I have the Honor to hold that I should be able at that time to part with a sum of Money, which it now gives me pain to think that I am under the necessity of borrowing without the certainty of ever having it in my power to discharge the debt; and, from the Observations I made in the Draft, I hoped (that if I was not allowed a reaudit, and should it not be my fortune ever to return to Madras) that my Executors might take the trouble to request a reaudit and a correction of Mistakes (if such in by errors in Offices unaccountable to me, as I am certain that I never authorized Mr Garrow to disburse sums of Money to that

amount

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amount to the Artificers &c &c employed under me with Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment

And as I believe it will be found, on investigation, that I strictly adhered to all the forms that the times would allow and under the orders of the Several Commanding Officers (on the Spot) received their Signature, for all people that I received from the Paymaster - and the others were an Establishment of People fixed by my Lord Macartney for the Commissary of Stores Department and hath been kept up, with very little Alteration, since the — Conclusion of last war, and for the last Year before this business under me —

In the same manner, and by similar Authority only, I equipt the western Army under Colonel Kelly last August twelve Months, at Wallajah Abad, and — served with Stuntell. I joined the Grand Army as communication was then open with us, and that no Objection was made to my mode — and as our last Regulations, published long before the Commencement of the War, does not provide for such Equipments, I — thought myself fully Authorized by General Medows Orders under date 27th December 1790

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to act as I did, and should have thought myself highly culpable, had I not attempted it under such authority.

I also beg leave to observe that if I have been in an error with Lieutenant Colonel Cochrane's Detachment, that I still continue in similar predicaments with this Army respecting all such descriptions of people employed under me.

From these few of the many circumstances that I could mention that would tend to justify my conduct, and from the goodness of my Motives, which I hope you will admit, and above all in consideration of those whose property I have borrowed on this occasion, I have again Humbly to request of you to allow me a Receipt which I trust will relieve me from the difficulties I now labour under.

I have the Honor to be &c

signed A Mowes
Commissary of Stores

Camp the 5th December 1791

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive the orders of Government in your letter of the 4th instant

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly in preparing for an event that the strength of his Garrison will not allow of his sending Troops to a part of for baggage in his endeavours to drive the Enemy out of the conquered Districts

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Instant, and have given the necessary instructions
the Officers in Command of Dindigul and Caroor
to comply with the written Requisitions of Major
Cuppage —

Tho' I have not received official
Informations yet I can with pleasure inform —
Government that it is probable that the required
Assistance will not now be necessary; for I —
understand that the Enemy, after having —
destroyed the Fort of Coimbatore, have left it and
that the 5th Battalion of N. I. is now there —

I heartily wish that the Force
placed under my command, since the March
of Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's Detachment
had allowed of sending Troops into the Field —
instead of obliging me to attend solely to the
Defence of the Garrisons —

The Neighbourhood of Coim-
batore has hitherto, for several Months, been
the most accessible of the Southern Countries
of the Enemy, on account of its vicinity to the
Guzzlehatty Pass, and the overflowing of the
Cavery which made it impossible for Guns
or heavy Stores — that difficulty is now nearly
at an end, and this Garrison and Caroore

which

which are full of Supplies for the use of the Army, and are become equally accessible, — would be objects more likely now to draw the serious attention of any considerable Body of an enemy, were they in a Situation to come into the Southern Countries, than the Province of Coimbatore already, in part, plundered.

In suggesting this idea I think it necessary merely to say that for the defence of Trichinopoly and the Countries belonging to it, I have two Companies of my own Regiment one Regular Battalion (25th) one Revenue Battn (61 and three Companies of the 11 Revenue Battalion — The two latter Corps alternately employed on Revenue Service — and that I had not sufficient effective Artillery lately ordered to move the Brigade of Guns of the 14th Battalion with the Bombay Army: the strength of the one Company of Artillery with the Cafaroon being already there, and under the Command of Major Cuppage with the 5th and 16th Battalions of N. I.

I trust Government will not ignore in such a critical Moment my sole Attention is devoted to the good of the

service

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and I cannot but lament that my situation in point of men is such as to have confined me hitherto to act so entirely on the defensive

I have the Honor to be,

Your &c &c

(signed) Thos. Bridges.

Trichinopoly
20th December 1791

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Political and Military

Departments

of Fort St. George

From the acting Deputy Adjutant General - communicating the Recommendation of Major General Medows in regard to the provincial Corps doing Duty in the Tinnivelly District

Sir

I am directed by Major General Musgrave to desire you will lay before the Honble President in Council the accompanying Letters received from — Lieutenant Colonel Clarke, Commanding at Palamcotah, together with his recommendation that in order to clear up the doubts respecting the 9th and 10th — Provincial Battalions the necessary directions may be given for carrying into execution the Order alluded to by Colonel Clarke, by forming those — Corps from the Provincial Battalions in the Tinnivelly District - or that an alteration in the Numbers of the Provincial Battalions in actual existence as such, be made in regular Succession from the 9th to the 12th - and that the 1st 2d and 3d

Provincial

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Provincial Corps may either follow as the 13th 14th
and 15th Revenue Battalions, or remain, as at
present, under the distinct Denomination of
Provincial Battalions—

Head Quarters
21st December 1791—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
actg. Dpty. Adjt. Genl.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered
in C.C. No 272 recommending the pecuniary Lim-
rassments of Mr Charles Darke to his
favorable Consideration—

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in MB Nos 127. 128. 129. 130
131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137—

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

To the Secretary at Bengal—

To the Contractor for Cloathing
the Army—informing him that it is not the Board's
Intention that the new raised Revenue Corps
should be supplied with Cloathing

To the Contractor for Cloathing the Army—

To the Acting
Resident at Cuddalore

To the Acting Resident at Cuddalore
informing him that the Board have resolved that
the Repairs required to the Works and public Buildings
at Cuddalore shall be executed under his
Superintendance—and that 8 Pagodas commencing from

this

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the 1st January 1791 shall be allowed annually to Sergeant Waterman for the Purpose of keeping his Quarters and the Guard Rooms at Palamcotah in Repair, and also that he be reimbursed the Sum of 22 Pagodas which he has expended on that Account—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts—enclosing a Mr Gahagan's Bills on Account of the Sick Sipoys of the Bengal Establishment drawn out at the rate of one fanam p Man p Diem, and desiring that he will return them with his Signature for Payment desiring him also to report his Opinion upon a Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam respecting the Allowance usually granted to Staff Sergeants on account of House Rent—

To the late Superintendant of the Bazars in Camp—informing him that the Board will readily pay Attention to any Claim that he may prefer upon his laying before them such information as they can get upon, tending to prove that the public Money disbursed by him in the Capacity of Superintendant of the Bazars was actually and bonâ fide appropriated to the Public Service without any advantage whatsoever to himself, and that he will be a Sufferer in his private

To the Commissary and Comptroller Genl of Army Accounts—

To Lieutenant — Symes late Superintendant of the Bazars in Camp—

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private Capacity, and to what Extent, by his being held responsible for the whole Amount—

To the Commandant at Amboor

To the Commandant at Amboor desiring him to draw upon the Paymaster at Vellore for such Sums as may be indespensibly necessary for the Execution of the Repairs required to the Works of the Lower Fort at Amboor acquainting the Board with the probable Amount of the Expence—

To the Paymaster at Vellore—

To the Paymaster at Vellore desiring him to make such Advances of Cash as Lieutenant Cuppage may require for the above purpose—

To the Resident at Ganjam

To the Resident at Ganjam approving of his having released the Prisoners who were taken up on Suspicion by Lieutenant Lee in August last.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board inclosing a List of Ordnance &c. and intrenching Tools required to be sent forward from the Carnatic to Bangalore with as little delay as possible. and desiring that the Articles of Stores that are drawn from Amboor may be replaced from the Presidency as soon as Circumstances will permit. and informing them of the Instructions given to the Commanding Officers at Vaigar and Amboor to repair the damage which have been occasioned by the late Rains

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to the Works and public Buildings at those Places—

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions desiring him to instruct the — Storekeepers at Amboor and Vellore to receive such of the Nizam's and Marratta Rupees as may be tendered them in Payment of Grain at Par with the Madras Arcot Rupee—and send the — Rupees so received to the Presidency to be recoined

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of — Assumed Revenue desiring that during the War all Applications to them for Leave of Absence from the Servants under their Department may be referred to the Decision of Government—enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Nabob and desiring them to — state the Exact Sum collected from His Highness Jaghires from the Assumption of them to the Period of their Restoration—

Sent Letter to the Nabob &c— Substance of a Letter to the Nabob— entered in 66 No. 273 / proposing, if it met His Approbation, to discharge the Balance due to Mr. Bunny on Account of his Salary from the 1st December 1785 to the 1st July 1790 from His Highness's fifth of the Company's Collections—

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Sent the following Letters

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To Mr. Charles Binny

Sir,

To Mr Charles Binny advice of the offer made to the Nabob to discharge the Balance due to him from His Highness's fifth of the Company's collections and of the Reference intended to be made to the Court of Directors respecting the liquidation of the Bond on his Possession —

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 20th Instant and to inform you that, as the Board are very sensible of the just and equitable demand which you have upon his Highness the Nabob, it would give them very sincere pleasure to be instrumental in your recovery of it; and as this it is not in their power to comply with your request of Payment in Company's Paper, or to appropriate any part of the outstanding Balances in the Tinnivelly Country to other purposes than those of the War, they will, nevertheless, go as far as can be expected from them consistant with their duty, to relieve your distresses, and, with this view, they will write to his Highness strongly recommending that you be paid out of his fifth of the Company's Collections, and informing him that the Board will cheerfully meet his wishes in regard to the Payment of the Sum due to you at any time & when it may be convenient to his Highness.

The Nabobs Bond which you are in possession of, for the Balance of Salary

due

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due to you on the 30th of November 1785 will be brought before the Notice of the Honble — Court of Directors in the next Dispatch, with a recommendation from this Government that it be placed in a train of early Payment. —

I am, Sir,

Fort St. George
24th December 1791

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

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c. —

To Lord Cornwallis — advice of Instructions given to the Storekeepers at Amboor and Vellore respecting the Nizam's & Maratta Rupees, and to the Military Board regarding the ordnance &c and — Intrenching Tools to be sent to Bangalore

My Lord,

We have had the honor to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 14th Instant and our acting President has laid before us your letter to him of the 16th —

We have given the necessary orders to the Storekeepers at Amboor and Vellore agreeably to your Lordship's Desire, to receive the Maratta and Nizam's Rupees at Par with the Madras Arcot Rupees from the Bunjarries, for all orders they get for deliveries of Grain which have not previously been paid for in Camp —

In order, however, that the loss, if any there be, may fall upon the Public — and

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and that the Current Specie of the Carnatic may suffer no depreciation, we have directed that the Rupees so received by the Storekeepers be not issued by them, but sent to the Presidency to be recoined.

We have the honor to inform your Lordship that Orders have been given to the Military Board to forward with as little as possible the Ordnance &c and Intrenching Tools, a List of which was transmitted by Major Close in his Letter to our Secretary under date the 15th Instant

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

(signed) Charles Oakeley
Hi Council

Fort St. George
24th December 1791.

26th

Received the following Letter

To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary Military Department

From the Deputy Adjutant General advising of Lord Cornwallis's Intention to make the distribution of the Prize Money due to the Army conformably to the wishes of Government.

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has directed me to intimate, for the information of the Honble Board, that he has received the Copy of the General Orders By Government dated 13th Instant, and that he will issue the necessary Orders for the distribution of Prize Money due to the

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the Army for the 1st and 2d Campaigns agreeably to
the Resolution of Government on that head

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) B. Close

Depy Adjt General.

Head Quarters
Camp at Coolies 9
Miles from Seven
Droog 18th December 1791

To The Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

From the chief & Council at Vizagapatam Mr Ogilvy repeats his application for a perpetual allowance on account of Hospital servants—

Honble Sir,

Having communicated to Mr Ogilvy, Surgeon at this Factory, the decision of Government under date the 21st ultimo, respecting a charge which he, and his Predecessors, Messrs. Briggs and Fenner, were permitted to make for Servants employed in the Hospital at Vizagapatam; he has addressed us again on the subject, and, laid before us a Return of the sick, from the 1st Nov: to the 12th Instant; We have the honor to enclose Copy of the Letter and return. —

We think, it will not be improper for us to observe, that as there are many Invalids and Pensioners at this place, there will ever be a great Number in the Hospital. —

We

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We have reason to believe from an experience of the past, that the number of Sick Europeans will seldom be less than 40. and may often exceed that Number. on this Ground the Surgeon appears to have a strong claim to the allowance which was enjoyed by his Predecessor We therefore beg leave to Recommend Mr. Ogilvy's Representation to your favourable Notice, and have the Honor to be, with great Respect.-

Vizagapatam
13th December 1791.

&c. &c.
(Signed) John Chamier
John Sorow

John Chamier Esquire
Chief &c. Council

Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to send you a list of the sick in the hospital and Garrison, of Vizagapatam, from the 1st November to this day the 12th December 1791, in order that it may be laid before Government, and hope the Honble Board will be pleased to allow a permanent charge for Lascarrs attending on as many sick, as has hitherto been the case, a charge which never exceeded one

hundred

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Hundred Rupees p Mensem.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chas. Ogilvy
Surgeon

Vizagapatam
12th December 1791.

(a true Copy)

(Signed) John Snow
Secy

A List of the Sick in the Hospital Vizagapatam
From the 1st November to the 12 December 1791.—

Names	Corps	Admitted	Discharg	Diseases
Wm Coffey	Artl. Pens.	5	14	Fever
Thos. Connaghay	Invalid	5	Died 16th	Bilious Fever
Thos. Jones	Pensioner	1	Do. 15	Do.
John Devoe	Do.	1	Do. 18	Intermittent
Benjn. Bace	Invalid	1	Do. 8	Do. Venereal
John White	Pensioner	1		Strangury
Thos. Isaacks	Do.	1		Venereal
Duncan Cameron	Do.	1		Obstructions
John Ivory	Artl. Pens.	1		Hymoptosis
Robert Henson	Pensioner	1		Venereal
Peter Toonswar	Do.	1		Rheumatism
Benjn. Boswell	Do.	1	Do. 20.	Do.
John Wright	Do.	1	Died 24th	Dropsy
John Hughes	Invalid	21		Chronic Weakness
Willm. Jefferys	Do.	28	Died 4th	Palsy
Willm. Knox	Pensioner	1		Venereal

John

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Names	Corps	Admitted	Discharge	Diseased
26th				
John Herring	Pensioner	1		Dysentery
Isaac Middlebrook	Do	1		Flux
Derrick Embuys	Do	1		Do
Saml Taylor	Do	1		Fever
John May	Do	1		Flux
Sleade Moore	Do	1		Do
Donald McDonald	Do	1		Venereal
Chas Tamlin	Do	1		Chronic Weakness
Wm Gough	Artly Pensr	1		Do
William Willard	Pensr	1		Do
Robt Nickells	Do	1		Do
John Jackson	Do	1		Obstructions
Henry Woods	Pensioner	1		Venereal
James Hicky	Do	1		Chronic Weakness
John Bradford	Do	1		Obstructions
Joseph King	Do	1		Do
Richd Frost	Pensioner	1		Old Sores
Peter Revell	Do	1		Ruptures
David Layton	Do	1		Old Sores
Saml Mayhew	Do	1		Pains
John Thompson	Do	1		Ruptures
James Banks	Do	1		Intermittents
Wm Hutchison	Do	1		Do
Peter Dougherty	Do	1		Pains
John Connor	Do	1		Obstructions

Henry

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Names	Corps	admitted	Discharged	Diseases
Henry Palmer	Pensioner	1	. . .	Chronic Weakness
John Austens	Art.y Pens.r	1	. . .	Flux
Tho.s Lucas	Pensioner	1	. . .	D.o
Wm. Oliver	D.o	1	. . .	Sore Eyes
Dan.l Brien	D.o	1	. . .	Fever
John Blakey	D.o	1	. . .	Caries Foot
Peter Oliver	Drummer	1	. . .	Dropsy
James Wright	Pensioner	1	. . .	Intermittent
Rich.d Davidson	Rec.t Batt.n	1	Ld 30 Nov.r	Flux

Vizagapatam
12 December 1791.

(Signed) Chas. Agilby
Surgeon

a true Copy

(Signed) John Snow
Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis.s No. 138. 139. 140.

From the Paymaster at Arnee.—

—with a Comparative Statement of the Prices of Grain at Arcot Vellore and Arnee from the 1st. November to the 12th. Instant.—

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 30th. Ultimo.—

From

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From the Deputy Adjutant General enclosing a Duplicate List of the Ordnance &c. which accompanied his Letter of the 15th Instant, and desiring that the Howitzer may be sent forward to Amboor without detaining it to be accompanied by any other Articles destined for Comp.—

From the Deputy Adjutant General.—

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

acting President

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esqrs.

The Honorable Major General Medows

Tuesday 27th Decr. 1791.

absent upon Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read a Letter in the Secret Department from the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors dated the 29th June 1791. and brought overland by Major Macdonald of the Nabob's Service.—

Letter from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors dated the 29th June 91 and brought overland by Major Macdonald taken into Consideration

Resolved that Major Macdonald be informed that the Board will be ready to avail themselves of his Services in ascertaining the Points ordered to be investigated by the Secret Committee

Resolved thereon.

agreed

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Agreed that Lord Cornwallis and Major General Medows be informed of the Purport of the Letter brought out by Major Macdonald. —

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis. —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis three or four lacks of Rupees to be sent to Anchor for the use of the Army. the Batteries against Severndroog open on the 17th. —

The Marattas have long since received near eight lacks and an half of the twelve that were promised to them, and as our Peshwa Bhow has been at too great a distance to participate, and has, as I am informed, received considerable pecuniary assistance from Poonah, I was in hopes that Harry Pant would not have asked for the remainder of the sum. —

The Vakeel however yesterday made the requisition for the whole amount, and as the Marattas complain loudly of their distresses from the dearness and scarcity of Provisions in the Bazar, occasioned by the late excessive rains, I did not think, altho' it is very inconvenient to us at this juncture to part with it. that I could with propriety

or

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or policy refuse to advance the money. –

The country before us will afford
no supplies, and the price of grain will rise
in proportion to the distance that we shall move
to the westward; the Soldiers therefore whose pay
left two much in arrear, and the Sweepers, &
bullock drivers, Doody-bearers, &c &c. must
be punctually paid. –

I know of no resource at present
to prevent the danger of our being driven to a
extremity, but that you should endeavor, by
means of the neighbouring Collectors, or by all
opportunities of small remittances from the
Presidency to lodge as soon as it is possible there
or four lacks of rupees at Amboor, to be forwarded
by Lieut. Cuppage in concert with Capt. Lucas
Read as occasion may offer to Bangalore, &
proportioning the sum to be sent at one time
to the strength of the escort, and the probable
security of the March. –

Knowing as I do that your &
anxiety and that of the Board to bring this
war to a speedy and honorable conclusion is
as great as mine, I am sensible that I have &
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only to point out to you the dangers that I apprehend and suggest such remedies as appear to me most practicable.—

Nothing material has occurred in this quarter, our batteries were opened this morning.—

I am with much esteem.—

Dft. Dft.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp at Coodal
Decr. 17th 1791.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dft. Dft. Dft.

Sir.

I this morning saw Mr. Hoare's statement of Cash which has made me think more seriously on the subject that I mentioned in my last letter.—

From Lord Cornwallis letter of the Money Cornwallis wishes that the Paymasters Accounts should be audited as early as possible—opera. = tions before 1st December.—

The sooner a few lacks of P rupees could be sent to Amboor the more secure I should feel, and as I shall probably [redacted] necessary, partly on account of our supplies of grain and partly from Colonel Floyd's complaints of want of grain, to leave the two Regiments of Cavalry, that last ascended the ghauts, for some time at least in the neighbour

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of Bangalore, there can be no doubt of the treasure being forwarded in safety from Amboor either to that place or to the Army—

In order to give you an idea of the state of our finances, I need only inform you that all the Company are paid for September the greater part of the troops have received their pay only to the end of August, that it is absolutely necessary that the public departments should be paid fortnightly, and that after the discharge of the arrears promised to the Marattas we shall not have ten lacks of rupees remaining

You will therefore look forward to no very distant period for still further demands and I am well assured that you will use every possible exertion to send three or four lacks as expeditiously as you can to Amboor. it will be convenient to us to receive the greatest part in Pagodas, and it will very much lighten the carriage.

I will give bills to the officers for their prize money payable at such period after date as you shall think advisable, and the soldier must necessarily be kept in arrears in regard to pay in proportion to what may be

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advanced to him on that account.—

I trust that nothing is overdrawn,
I mean that no money is drawn out of the hands
of the Paymaster of this army that is not authorized
by Returns, or regulations, but if the accounts
from hence could be audited expeditiously, it
would enable me, with more certainty, to prevent
our treasury from being prematurely drained
by abuses of this nature, if any such should be
found to exist.—

Our guns have hitherto had
as much effect as could reasonably be expected
and I hope that tomorrow morning four eighteen
pounders will be in a battery within two
hundred yards of the principal wall.—

Camp at Coodal
December 19th 1791.

I am, with much esteem &c &c &c
[Signed] Cornwallis

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis.—

that Specie to the Amount of four Lacks of Rupees,
(one half of which will be in Pagodas, will be
sent off to Amboor in the course of a day or few days,
and that his Lordship may be assured the Board
will use every exertion to provide for the future
wants of the Army.—

Resolved

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Resolved that the Bills drawn on the Military Paymaster General for the Proje Army due to the officers be made payable at one Months sight

With respect to the Army Accounts the Board have to observe that orders have been given to the Paymaster to exert his utmost diligence in bringing them up - that no unnecessary delay arises in the audit of them at the Presidency, and that none have been received at the Military Paymaster Generals office later than the Month of April. -

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Board of Inquired Revenue. -

To The Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Inquired Revenue presenting the improper Conduct of the Nargunta Polegar and the Exorbitant Demands made upon Ramarauga by the Diminished Prospect of entertaining an Application made by Pitchaipah for leave to visit Chittoor and enclosing Copies of Papers received from Mr Saunders relative to the Disputes between him and the Tirmal Government at Pedicherry -

We do ourselves the honor of laying before you extract of a letter from Mr Rivindersley Relative to the Jagier of Chittoor, and take the liberty of Recommending that Orders may be required to take immediate measures for bringing the Nargunta Polegar to punishment: in case of any delay on

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on the part of the Sagendar, it is our opinion that Mr. Rendersley should be empowered to use his own means for securing the person of the Poligar.—

Having already submitted to your Consideration the Violent demands, which the nabobs troopers make upon Bommaye, & we were unwilling again to obtrude the subject, in the hope that the Honble Board might have prevailed upon his Highness to withdraw them from the Pollam. as Mr. Rendersley however has since transmitted two representations from Cawel Rauze upon that subject, we feel it a duty in ourselves, and a justice to him, to press the matter upon your attention. Of the last letter from Bommauze, we do ourselves the honor of enclosing a Copy.—

Mr. Sloper has transmitted to us a letter from Patcheapah requesting a permission to visit Chellumbrum and some other districts rented by Chasha pentalu, for whose good management and regular payments he stands responsible. If the Honble Board did not intend to confine Patcheapah to the Presidency when they removed him from Tanjore

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Sanjoer, we recommend that he be granted this indulgence as we do not conceive that his application interferes with our former recommendation for his Removal, and as it seems a principle of common justice to allow him an opportunity of realizing the money, for which he has become security.—

We have the honor to enclose for your information copies of Papers received from Mr. Landon, relative to the disputes between him and the French Government at Pondicherry, and have the Honor to be.—

Fort St. George
22d. December 1791.

&c. &c.
Signed/ Wm. Petrie
David Haleburton
Wm. Balfour

Extract of a letter from Mr. Kindersley
Dated 11th December 1791.

I am sorry to be obliged to complain of Dalleer Saeng, who at present Governs the Jaghear of Chellore— The Nargunta Polygar belonging to that Jaghire, but who also professes Enmity in some of the Circar Districts under me/ and is consequently responsible to me/ for all Robberies committed in those Districts/ has been guilty of a variety of Depredations, even in the Country he has been fixed for protecting— In one instance

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in particular, where a person had been robbed of about 400 Pagodas by a Thief belonging, and actually traced to, the Nargunta Poligar. I applied to Dilleer Jung for restoration of the Money agreable to established regulations, but never received any other answer, than that he had written to Abdul Wahab Cawn - Some time afterwards a traveller was murdered in the Country of which the Nargunta Poligars has the Cavel, the Murderer from every account I could procure, had taken refuge at Nargunte; In order to check such enormities I sent a Guard to bring the Nargunta Poligar himself to me, in quality of Cavel Cavrah of the Spot where the Murder was committed - He would have come of course, but said he had orders from Dilleer Jung not to surrender himself to the Company. I then withdrew the Guard on remonstrance from Dilleer Jung, and now request your interference :-

Perhaps I was wrong in not applying again to him instead of sending direct for the Man, but the experience that it would be in vain, - the magnitude of the Crime, - and this Poligar being a Cavel cavrah under the Circar, will I hope, at least in some degree, excuse

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excuse the measure I adopted. – and the Board need not to be informed that the Polygars are a tribe so profoundly ignorant, and so depraved by a constant intercourse with their superiors, of deceit Violence and Corruption; that not only to secure the peace of the Country and the Honor of the Company's Government, but even to render most Polygars capable of feeling or benefiting by the Justice and Humanity of Government, it is absolutely indispensible they should be convinced that it is not from want of Power but from the Love of Justice, that the Company act & with moderation towards them. –

Thier petty Poligar, a Havelbar's Guard would bring in, if he is not encouraged in disobedience by the Dalwar Sing, and Submit to the Board, whether if he is not delivered up in a given time, he ought not to be seized by me and sent a Prisoner to Madras, to convince the rest of that ignorant and mischievous tribe, that neither Invasions, nor insult to Justice authority, will be suffered under the Company's Government. –

Above extract

Signed J Webbe Secy

From

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From Bonrauge to Mr. Kindersley Collector of Vellore &c. districts - Dated 4th Rubbyul awul 1st December 1791.

Enclosed in Mr. Kindersley's letter to the Board of assumed Revenue dated the 14th December 1791.

I lastly addressed you fully on the subject of the Troopers of his Highness the Nabob, to which you were pleased to answer that you had written to Captain Macfey, and that I must act agreeably to his directions. -

Captain Macfey had previously informed me that he had written on the subject to the Government of Madras, and would let me know their determination. Twelve days have elapsed since, and I am anxious to know the result, for the troopers who are here, say they have received orders from his Highness to take four months pay from me and to return to Arcot. -

I paid them their pay four months ago, and took their several Receipts for it, after which they left me. In the mean time Mr Kindersley wrote me to disarm them, I had before that paid them 2000 Pagodas for which the Company have not given me any

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credet in my account; and the four months pay these people demand amount to one thousand Pagodas more, which, under these circumstances, it is not in my power to pay.—

I have therefore written to you particularly for your advice how to act, because the order for disarming these People has produced all this trouble upon me. Mahomed Ghous Cawn who was sent here by the Nabob, set out for Madras to day.—

I had lately written again to Captain Macfey on the Subject of sending away these people, and he tells me in answer to disarm them first, and let them go— These men on the other hand are clamorous for the pay they are ordered to demand of me and are not to be disarmed upon these pretences please to give me your advice how to act.—

What shall I say more?

a true copy

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

To William Petrie Esqr.

President &c. Board of Sequestered Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I am honoured by the receipt of

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your Secretary's letter to me of the 1st. Instant with the several papers accompanying it, and calling upon me for the Information required by Government relative to the Transaction alluded to by Mons.r Defresne Governor of Pondicherry. —

The substance of what occurred has already been Submitted to your Board in my several addresses of the 9th. June and 31st. August last, conveying copies of my Correspondence with Mons.r Defresne, from the time I first called upon him to deliver up the Waldaoor Inhabitants, to whom he protected within the French bounds 'till I obtained my object and effected their return to their duty, but I will, with permission, connect the whole in a brief recital of the leading Circumstances, reserving for proof to the Correspondence, of which I beg leave to transmit another Copy for the Information of Government. —

During the time the Enemy had possession of the Center Division of the arcot Province in the Months of January and February last, the principal Inhabitants of Waldaoor and Nounaul, availing themselves of the security enjoyed by many of their Villages from

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the circumstance of their being intermixed with those belonging to the French Inghire, made considerable Collections which they carried off to Pondicherry, on the Enemy retiring from the Carnatic I called upon these people to deliver up their Accounts, and to settle for the Circar share of the Revenue that had been realized, but I could by no endeavours prevail upon them to quit the French Bounds and return to their districts. upon this I applied to the Governor of Pondicherry to deliver them up (as p.r my Letter to him No.1) which he promised to do (as p.r his Letter Same No.2) but not sending them I wrote to him a second time (No.3) with however no better effect In the beginning of May, the Inhabitants still refusing to appear before me I was under the necessity of submitting to receive a person on their part to treat with me, and I settled with him for the payment of 372 80 Pags as the balance of those districts for Fasly 1200 But after little more than one Thousand Pagodas had been received, the Inhabitants knowing that I had no controul over them so long as they enjoyed protection in the French bounds stopt payment and, though repeatedly called upon, paid no attention

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attention whatever to me. In the hopes of bringing them back to a sense of their duty I deputed persons of respectability with a Cowle under my own Seal and Signature assuring them of forgiveness for their past misconduct and promising them the protection of the Circar for the future, if they would return to their districts, but they treated every advance I made with Contempt and Disrespect The collections from the districts of Waldavor and Bommaul were now totally at a stand. The end of the year was approaching, when delay would render the balance irrecoverable, the authority of Government was suspended, and my repeated applications to M. Mons. Defresne to deliver up the Inhabitants had proved unsuccessful. Thus situated, and being apprehensive of drawing upon myself the censure of Government if I unjustifiably suffered the loss of so considerable a sum as was due, I ordered the Amildar to pursue such measures towards these people as he thought might take effect their return to their duty. He accordingly sequestered their Houses Gardens &c. property within their districts and stopt different articles going to them in Pondicherry, and to the Villages which they rented within the French Bounds. On Mons. Defresnes

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Defresnes representing [No. 4] that the Amildar had stopt provisions going into Pondichery & Immediately prohibited Intercourse of this Nature [No. 5] but the Amildar continued the restriction unknown to me [No. 6] for which I punished him [No. 7] in the presence of Mons. Defresnes Head Mirasdar. -

It was at this time that Mons. Courbon's Handkerchiefs were brought to the Choukie and Mons. Courbon instead of applying to me on the occasion when he might have received an answer and his Trunks been removed in the course of a few hours, after a lapse of five days proceeded to the Choukie with a Number of people armed with Bamboos and Sticks, who beat the Officers of Government and carried off his Trunks by force. The Tasseldar afterwards applied to Mons. Courbon for the duties which he refused to pay; and persisting in his refusal 'till the end of November, I judged it expedient to apply to Mons. Defresne as reported to your Honour in my address of the 22. which was accompanied with copies of my application to Mons. Defresne, his reply, and a letter from Mons. Courbon on the Subject. This report to

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your Board Mons.r Courbon pretends to term a false Accusation. but I conceive his late offer to pay the Sum in question, which has been the sole cause of so much Correspondence, will be deemed ample proof of the truth of the circumstance of that the honor of reporting. -

Mons.r Courbon's excuse for not applying to me will, I trust, be considered as deserving of no attention, for his Trunks were stopt on the 20th at which time I was no more than thirteen Miles from Pondicherry, at a place where I had resided for about six weeks, In proof of which I received a letter from Mons.r Defresne and replied to it on that same day (No. 586) and as Mons.r Courbon says he applied to Mons.r Defresne on the Subject of his Trunks it is not probable it should be out of his knowledge that I was so near Pondicherry. -

Had Mons.r Defresne thought the Conduct justifiable which he observes respecting the Maldavar and Nomaul Inhabitants he would, no doubt have avowed his Intention of protecting them in his reply to my first application: but, sensible of the Impropriety of countenancing people who had thrown off their allegiance

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Allegiance to Government and had secreted themselves with a view to avoid payment of a considerable sum they had appropriated to themselves, he endeavored to put me off with promises, which he never performed and with unsatisfactory pretences. Monsr. Defresne, in his late letter to Government, expresses in a distant manner a dissatisfaction at part of my Conduct; he is however too well aware of the real state of Circumstances to attempt to lodge any accusation against me, although he sufficiently shews his Inclination, were it practicable for him to do so without implicating himself. The circumstance of Monsr. Defresne's Surrender of the Waldaor and Nouvaux Inhabitants (as per his letter to me No. 8) after having protected them from the 23d. April will, I trust, be considered, without other Evidence, ample Testimony of the Justness of my claim for the Inhabitants, and the Incorrectness of his Conduct in screening them the terms however which Monsr. Defresne had persuaded were not such as I could accede to, as I represented to him in my letter (No. 9) and it was not until the 3d. August that the Inhabitants of Waldaor and Nouvaux returned to their obedience forming a period of four

Months

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Months and eight days.—

As Mons.r Defresne seems so anxious to obtain what he terms redress for Mons.r Cossigny's imaginary loss I humbly conceive he will feel no hesitation in advancing to the Government the Sum of Pagodas 5,316.33.60. the which still remains due by the Inhabitants of Waletaver and Nouvreaul, in consequence of the protection he afforded them in opposition to my repeated applications and the ties of Amity by which the two Nations are bound. His Conduct on the occasion in question will doubtless be considered by no means corresponding with his professions to preserve the understanding which he represents to be as much the object of his care.—

I have the honor to be,

Chettoput 13th December 1791.

Athuelby
signed S. Webbe Secy

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

Letter No 1

Monsieur le Chevalier Defresne

Governor of Pondichery

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Sir,

The great Impediment I have lately

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lately experienced in adjusting the affairs of Waldaor and their Districts, bordering upon the French Bounds owing to the principal Inhabitants concealing themselves in your Villages, when called upon to deliver up their accounts, will, I hope, plead my apology for troubleing you on this occasion. —

Chinna Tomby Reddy late Polygar of Waldaor, mentioned in the list I have the honor to enclose, having at this time, secreted themselves at Villanoor and other Villages in its Neighborhood and neglected to appear before me for the examination of their accounts when sent for them, I am reduced to the necessity of requesting you will do me the favor to direct they may be apprehended and delivered up to me. —

I flatter myself that my request will be considered reasonable by you, and that it will be honored with your favourable attention, and I beg you to be assured, that on any similar occasion of Inhabitants from your Bounds taking refuge in the districts under my charge, I shall ever be happy to surrender them to the Government to whom they are accountable. —

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

Garden at Pulgaret
23 December 1790

P.P. [illegible]
[illegible] James Lanson

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List of Natives of the Waldavor District who have Concealed themselves in the French Bounds.—

Cheinna Tomby Reddy

Mootyengar

Mootoo Vencatapaty Reddy

Mootoo Veera Reddy

Coondah Reddy

Chocumpettoo Ramalinga Reddy

Coodapaucktum Ramalinga Reddy

Siva Raga Reddy

Venatarama Reddy

Venatapaty Reddy

Sambasiva Reddy

Veeraragoviah

Garden at Pulgarel
23d. April 1791.

No 2

J. W. Landon
Director &c. &c.

Sir,

I have received the letter with which you have honored me of this date, I am about to take the necessary Measures to discover the Inhabitants pointed out in the List you have addressed to me, and if I succeed, which I believe

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I believe I shall, I will order them to be conducted to you; Be assured Sir that I shall exert myself on all occasions to convince you how desirous I am to Maintain the good intelligence which subsists between our respective Nations.—

I have the honor to be with respect.—

&c. &c.

Pondicherry 23. april 1791.

/Signed/ Defresne

A true translation

/Signed/ J Chase

French Transl.

N°3

To Monsieur le Chevalier Defresne

Governor of Pondichery

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have to express my Acknowledgements for the honor of your ready Acquiescence with my request of the 23. Instant, but as none of the parties have yet appeared, although I have granted them a Coule of protection, I take the liberty of submitting to you, that the public affairs entrusted to my charge suffer considerably & by the delay.—

I am concerned to be under the

necessity of applying to you again, after the

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favourable attention you were pleased to bestow upon my former address on this subject, and trust you will not impute it to Importunity; but as I have great reason to suppose that Chinna Tomby Reddy and some other Natives of the Waldoor district are at this present time in Pondichery, I take the liberty to repeat my request that you will do me the favor to order them to attend upon me to settle the just demands which Government have upon them.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) James Landon

Garden near Pondichery
28th. April 1791.

Mr. Landon

Director &c. &c.

No 4

Cuddalore

Sir,

I am informed that the head Men of the district under your charge, prevent every Description of provision coming from your Territory to Pondicherry, and that the Amildar of Waldour has even stopped up the Water Course which supplies the Great Tank at Balgonet with water. They have further informed me Sir

that

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that it is by your Orders these vexations were practised; I did not believe it for I should not suppose you would have given them without communicating to me the Motives which had induced you to do so, - a Proceeding of this Nature would be very unjust when it is contrasted with the conduct in a time of Diffidence towards the Inhabitants of your Possessions, either Europeans or Natives. -

I hope you will be so good as revoke Orders so contrary to the good intelligence which subsists between our two Nations. -

I have the honor to be

Pondicherry
20th June 1791.

Dr &c.
[signed] Defresne

a true Translation
[signed] Chase French Interp.

No 5

Monsieur le Chevalier Defresne
Governor of Condicherry
&c &c &c

Sir,

I lose not a moment in acknowledging the honor of your letter to me of this date, and shall enquire without delay into the Subject of

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of it In the mean time, to testify my ready Inclination to study your Wishes, I shall dispatch Circular orders to prevent any Interference in the supply of Provisions from the Districts under my charge to the Dependencies of Pondicherry.—

The Circumstances you mention I apprehend may arise from the protection obtained in the French Daghire by the principal Inhabitants of Waldavor who have retired thither with a view to screen themselves from the Renter, by whom they have been repeatedly Summoned in vain; and as he is responsible for the collection of a considerable sum of money which these people are accountable for, and had my directions to endeavour to effect their return to their District I conceive he has stopt the Water to some Villages which they rent in the French limits in order to reduce them to obedience—

As I am unwilling to suppose you would countenance and give protection to persons who throw off their Allegiance to the Government to whom they are subject I trust I shall on this, as on every other occasion, experience from you that Conduct which the good Intelligence between our respective Nations renders it our duty mutually to cultivate, and therefore hope that the refugees above

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above alluded to will no longer find an Asylum within the Bounds of the French Factorie, for which Act of Attention I shall ever be ready to express my Acknowledgements—

I have the Honor to be
with much Respect
Sir
Your most
Obedient Humble Servant
(Signed) James Landon
No 6

Masulipatam
20th June 1791—

To Mr Landon
Director &c &c &c

Sir,

I have received the Letter you have honored me with dated the 20th of this Month, by which you had the goodness to inform me that you were going to dispatch circular Orders to discontinue stopping the Provisions coming into Pondicherry from the Districts under your Direction so far from these Orders having been carried into effect, not only Provisions but Articles of Commerce and the Trunks of Travellers have since been stopped; such Proceedings are unexcusable, if, as I believe is the Case, our two Nations are are not at War—

The reasons, Sir, upon which you appear to found the Conduct of your Amuldars are not sufficiently explicit to enable me to do away

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away the grounds of their complaint - If it be true that they have any, be persuaded I will not suffer any protection being afforded on the Pondicherry territory to the Inhabitants of your Districts that can hurt the Interests of the Honble English East India Company; but I require the Names of those Inhabitant who they pretend have taken refuge on our Territory, and that they make it clear to me they have sought a place of safety to evade the payment of the Sums they are indebted to the Farmers, and I will take the necessary measures to make them return to your possessions - These are the particulars I ought to have been informed of before matters were carried to such a pitch of insault toward the Nation as to stop every thing that was coming into its Territory and to dam up the Canals which supplied it with water; I am therefore compelled to demand Justice for such a Proceeding and I hope you will have the Goodness to afford it me: I must also tell you that all the Tamcam People have declared it was from you they received the Orders for acting in the manner they now do.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) Defresne

Pondichery
23d June 1791 -

A true translation
(signed) J. Chase
French Translator
Monsieur

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No 7

Monsieur Le Chevalier Defresne

Governor of Pondicherry

&c &c &c

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of Yesterdays date — upon the receipt of yours of the 20th Instant I forbid all Interference in the supply of Provisions to Pondicherry I now repeat the order, and you may be assured I shall furnish in an exemplary manner any neglect in the execution of it.

My repeated Addresses to you under date the 23d and 28th April and 20th Instant have long since put you in possession of full Information on the subject in question. I stated the Conduct of the Inhabitants of Waldavor and the necessity which compelled me to apply to you I also transmitted a list of the persons who had Arrears to settle and requested to appear, which you did me the honor to acknowledge the receipt of in your letter of the 23d April, at the same time assuring me that if you succeeded in discovering them, as you had reason to suppose, you would send them to me

To my application of the 28th April I was favored with no reply, as I presume that the list has been mislaid by your expressing a wish to have

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these persons named to you. I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a Duplicate —

Without the addition of superfluous testimony, which I can produce to any extent, I flattered myself that my Communication to you would have been considered as ample proof of the existence of the circumstance I stated. I take this opportunity to repeat, that Chinna Tomby Reddy &c. Inhabitants of Waldavor — mentioned in the inclosed list have Accounts to settle with the Circar for the Year of Fusly 1200. that they have been repeatedly summoned both by myself and by the Renter to appear at the Cutcha of the district, for the examination of their Accounts, that they have uniformly persisted in disobedience to my Authority, and that they resided in Pondicherry and different places within the limits of the French — Sagheire during the time such Summons were resisted by them

I am informed that Chinna Tomby Reddy &c. were at the Village of Villanoor in the French Sagheire on the 22d Instant which place they left about noon and proceeded towards — Pondicherry —

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

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To

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To Mr. Landon, No 8

Director &c &c

Sir,

I have received the letter you did me the honor to write me the 24th of this Month: the last orders that you have given no longer to prevent the delivery of goods and provisions in the Pondicherry were yesterday carried into effect

I had reason to believe Sir from your silence respecting your claims on the Inhabitants whose names are stated in the list you have sent me, that their Accounts were adjusted - when you wrote me the 23d April you were on our Territory: persons you demanded were conducted to you by Naynotie Moodeliar Dewan. I had not, it is true, replied in writing to your letter 23d of that Month, but I sent to you the same Naynottie Moodeliar to give you my verbal answer

I have however, Sir, some remarks to make on the Inhabitants named in your list, Sir, among them Chinna Tomby Reddy, Maaloo Vencataputty Reddy, Cheruvumpaloo Ramalinga Reddy, Coopsamkum Ramalingu Reddy, Noor Nagar Reddy, and Vencataramo Reddy are Inhabitants of our Territories: they cultivate Lands as in the district

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district of Waldour. as such being Inhabitants
of our Territory I cannot force them to go to —
Valdavor. but I do not for that reason pretend
they should evade the payment of what they
legally owe —

I have therefore the honor to propose
to you to send a Person on your Part to Vondukony
and I shall make them assemble to settle their
Accounts with him —

I have given orders to signify
to all the others who are simply Inhabitants
of the district of Valdoor to quit our Territory;
they have given me an Account that there
are no others except Mootyanpaw and Mordoo
Vera Reddi — by the precaution I have taken
these will be no longer there, and I shall
severely punish in future those of our —
Inhabitants who receive any of the Inhabitants
of your Districts to shelter them from the
claims you or your Farmers may have to make
on them —

Permit me to observe that if —
you had the goodness previous to stopping the
Provisions coming to our districts and the water
courses by which we are supplied with
water to have informed me of your reasons

for

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for so doing. I should have entered with you into the same explanation, and that good intelligence which, since the Peace, has subsisted between your Nation and ours would not have been interrupted—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

(signed) Defresne

Pondicherry
27th June 1791—

A true translation

(signed) T. Chase French Translator

No 9

To Monsieur Le Chevalier Defresne

Governor of Pondicherry

&c &c &c

Sir,

Late last night I was honored with your letter of yesterday's date—

Permit me to express my concern at the evident misinformation which appears to have been communicated to you respecting the 4 Inhabitants of Waldaoor being brought to me by a Nindah Moodalier Duvan. He waited on me in the afternoon of the 25th April, accompanied by no more than two persons; only one of whom is mentioned on the list, by name Bonda Reddy, the most insignificant of the whole twelve, and who has but small concern in the distruke the other person the Gomastah of one Shivanarya. Reddy—I cannot

finish

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pretend to say what report Ninetah Moodaliar Dewan may have made to you, but I do most solemnly affirm that these were the only two persons who accompanied him, and that no others of any description whatever appeared before me —

As you acknowledge that Chinna Lomby Reddy, Mootoo Venca tapatty Reddy, Chocum patro Ramalinga Reddy, Codapancum Reddy, Sevanagan Reddy and Vencataram Reddy are cultivators of land in the district of Waldavor, I cannot express my surprise that you should require me to depute the officers of Government to arrest their Accounts in a foreign settlement, a proposition in itself so unprecedented and unreasonable that I can by no means accede to it, and I beg leave to refer my claim again to your consideration, not doubting, but that the Policy of reciprocal attention in all matters relating to the districts under our respective charge will prefs conviction, in preference to the incessant embarrassments and vexations attendant upon an opposite Conduct, and I entertain hopes that you will be pleased to order the six persons in question to accompany the others whom you inform me are commanded to retire from your Territory

My letter to you of the 28th April remaining unreplied to, precluded my addressing you

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you again on the subject in question. I had no reason
to consider Nimtah Moodeliar's waiting upon me in
the light you are pleased to mention as his conduct by
no means corresponded with the purport of the letter
you honored me with on the 23d April —

28th June 1791 &c &c

(signed) James Landon

True Copies
(signed) J Landon
Lt. Col. D. Asst Genl

Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Board of Superintendant Revenue —

Agreed that a Letter be written to his Highness the Nabob requesting he will give orders to Abdul Wahab Cawn to take immediate — Measures for bringing the Nargunta Polygar to Punishment for the depredations of which he has been guilty were in the Country he has been paid for protecting — to enjoin him not to give shelter in his Zaghire to those who act in disobedience of the Company's Authority — and to direct that the Nargunta Polygar be delivered up to Mr Kindersley for the purpose of accounting for his improper Conduct —

Agreed that the Nabob be again requested to withdraw the troops from — Dowraugee Pollam, and informed that the revenue cannot be allowed any longer to suffer by the

irregular

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irregular and violent demands of those People upon Bourrauze —

Before the Board can come to any determination regarding Patcheapahs request to visit Chellumbrum and some other Districts — visited by Shaikh Junlabdeen, it will be necessary for them to know at what time he became — Security for that Renters good conduct and regular Payments, and what opinion Mr Floyer may — entertain as to any necessity there may be for Patcheapahs Presence in order to realize the Money for which he has become Security —

Agreed to direct the Board of Accounts Revenue to restrict Mr Landon for corresponding in future with the Governor of Pondicherry upon any Subject of a Political Nature, for this the Board do not attach Blame to his Conduct in the late Instance, but rather approve his Zeal in requiring the return of the Inhabitants: they think Colonel de Treane did not give that attention to the — Representations of the Collector which he would have done had the transaction gone from — hence.

Agreed that the leading circumstances contained in Mr Landons letter to the Board of Accounts Revenue be communicated to Colonel

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Colonel de Tressan, and that he be at the same time informed that orders have been given that in future all matters in which there is a shadow of difference with this Government be reported to the Board in the first instance - that this, it is hoped, will preclude the Possibility of unpleasant Discussions, it being their anxious wish at all times to prove how well they are disposed to settle amicably with him every point in which the two Governments may be concerned -

That with regard to the duties still undischarged the Board trust there will be no further objections on the part of Mr Lourbon to pay or cause them to be paid to Mr Lawson the Collector, so that they may be brought upon his Books, and the Revenue credited accordingly --

Read the following Report of

Hospital Board

Hospital Board 26 December 1791.

From the Hospital Board enclosing copies of Mr Binny's correspondence with Colonel Brathwaite regarding an application made by Mr Mc Mahon Medical Storekeeper at Masulipatam for leave to visit the Presidency - also a letter from Mr Neill Assistant Surgeon, requesting his Rank, as mentioned to the Honble Court of Directors

The Hospital Board have the honor to forward to Government the enclosed Copy of a Communication from Mr Binny Head Surgeon for leave to Mr Mc Mahon to visit the Presidency. -

As Colonel Brathwaite in his Letter to Mr Binny finds fault with the mode

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more that has been adopted ever since the Institution
of the Board in granting leave to visit the Presidency
and has written to Major General Musgrave on
the subject they request the orders of Government
thereon, that they may know in future how they
are to act on any similar occasion—

The Hospital Board have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of the orders of Government
under date the 15th and 24th instant regarding the
Medical Allowance for the treatment of the Coast
Native sick Copies of which they have transmitted
to the Head Surgeons—

The Board have also informed
the Purveyor that Government have been pleased
to reduce the charge for Cotts Bedding and Cloathing
to one fanam ⅞ man ⅞ day

The Hospital Board have the honor
to forward to Government the Petition of Mr Patrick —
Assistt Surgeon, addressed to the Honble the Court of
Directors respecting his rank in the Service, which
he requests may be forwarded by the first Dispatch.

(signed) Jas Anderson
Physician General
" W Kaird acting Chief Surgeon
" William Duffin
Head Surgeon

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D.r James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen

Mr M.c Mahon having requested of me to procure him leave to proceed to the Presidency on his private affairs I applied to the Chief; and, in obedience to your orders of the 4th March last, also communicated Mr M.c Mahon's application to the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division of the Army — previous to my addressing your Board upon the subject — Mr Sadlier informed me, the Chief and Council had no objection —

I have the honor to lay before you copy of my letter to Colonel Brathwaite, and of his reply conceiving them necessary for your information as it would seem the Colonels ideas of the mode of procuring leave differ so very materially from that which Government have thought proper to adopt that he proposes to change not only the mode of procuring leave, but to transfer that power into other hands than those in which it has hitherto been vested

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) George Bonny
Mt

Masulipatam
17th December 1791

A true Copy
(signed) Andr.w Berry
Secy P.B.

Colonel

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Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army &c

&c.

Government having been pleased to direct that I do not procure leave for any Medical Gentleman to quit his duty in the Division without a previous communication with you, I have the honor to acquaint you, that Mr. M.Mahon Medical Storekeeper at this General Hospital has made — application for leave to proceed to the Presidency on his private affairs

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) George Benny

Head Surgeon

Masulipatam

the 14th December 1791

To George Benny Esqre

Head Surgeon &c

Sir,

I am directed by Colonel Brathwaite to acknowledge your communication of Mr. M.Mahon's application for leave to go to the Presidency - The Colonel is of opinion that as Mr. M.Mahon is doing duty at Masulipatam this communication would have come more regularly to him through Lieutenant Colonel Patterson who is the — commanding Officer of that Garrison, as he is of opinion

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opinion no Military Servant can quit the Garrison in which he is stationed without the knowledge & consent of the Officer Commanding in the Garrison however, in the present instance, as he understands Mr M'Mahon is proposed in point of time the — Colonel will apply to General Musgrave for Mr M'Mahon's leave, stating to him his idea of the Channel in which he thinks such applications ought in future to be made, and as soon as the Colonel hears from General Musgrave you will be duly — informed of his sentiments and Lieutenant Colonel Patterson also —

I have the honor to
&c &c
(signed) W. Welsh Secy

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Attest Copy
signed George Bennie
Head Surgeon

Attest Copy
(signed) Andw Berry
Secy to Govt

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Major Scott Deputy Adjutant General of the Bengal Establishment —

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St George

From the Deputy Adjutant General of Bengal Establishment requesting that the usual oath of Qualification for Lord Hobarts Bounty may be administered to Captain Campbell of the Bengal artillery and that a Copy of the Oath so taken may be sent to Bengal —

Sir,

By direction from Lord Cornwallis I have the Honor

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Honor to transcribe the following Resolutions of the Governor General in Council, which his Lordship requests you will lay before the Governor in Council of Fort St George, and express his wish, that the Governor in Council will be pleased to receive from Captain Sampson of the Bengal Artillery the usual Oath to entitle him to the Benefit of Lord Clive's Bounty and cause a Certificate of the Affidavit to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Bengal Government

Minutes of Council in the Military Department on the 5th of October 1791--

"Resolved that Captain George Frederick John Sampson of the 5th Company of the "2d Battalion of Artillery, being rendered unequal "to further Field Duty from the wound that he "received by a Cannon Shot on the 13th of Sept. "last at the Battle of Pattamungalum, he "permitted, at his request, to resign the Honble "Company's Service and proceed to Europe"

"Resolved that so soon as notice "shall have been received from the Governor in Council "at Fort St George that Captain Sampson has taken "the prescribed Affidavit to entitle him to the "Pension it be recommended to the Honble "Court of Directors to allow him the Pension of

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I have the honor to &c &c

(signed) W. Wilson Secy

Attest Copy

(signed) George Benne
Head Surgeon

Attest Copy

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W. C. Jackson Esqre
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of his Rank from the Fund allotted for that the purpose"—

Camp 16th December 1791—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Wm Fo. Ft
Dy Adjt Genl
Bengal Establishment

Captain Sampson ruled the oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty—

Captain Sampson being in waiting is called before the Board, and the usual Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty being — administered to him by the Acting President, the usual Certificate is signed and delivered to him

a Copy of the certificate to be sent to Bengal

Ordered that the above be communicated to Mr Secretary Hay—

Read the following Letter from the Town Major—

From the Town Major recommending that the Sergeant commanding the Guard at the Bettle Godown be allowed the Pay of a Staff Sergeant

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President in Council
Hon'ble Sir

Permit me to represent the Situation of the Sergeant Commanding the Guard at the Bettel Godown, and to request some Allowance may be made to him in addition to his Pay: from the nature of this Duty it has been found necessary to keep the same person constantly upon it, and a Man is usually selected whose Attention Diligence and fidelity can be relied upon, the Bettel

Farmer

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Farmer usually gave him 5 Fanams per day
and 2 Bundles of Batel but since the Farm has
been rented by the Company the Sergeant
has not received any additional allowance, the
pay usually given to a Staff Sergeant 4 Pags
4 Pagodas pr Month would make his
situation comfortable

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(signed) R Gomonde
Town Major

Fort St George
26th December 1791

Ordered that the Sergeant do
Minute thereon commanding the Guard at the Battle Godown
be allowed the Pay of a Staff Sergeant

Read the following Letter from
Major General Abercromby

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

From Major General Abercromby expressing his Acknowledgements for the Exertions made by this Government in providing Cattle for the Service of his Army

Honble Sir,

On my arrival from Bombay I had the
honor to receive the Boards several Letters on the subject
of the Carnatic Cattle, and have hitherto delayed
thanking them for their exertions in supplying
my Army with as I could represent them in the full
exact number of Cattle I received —
By the returns of the 1st Instant the only
regular

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regular ones that could be relied on. I find that there are 7020 Carriage Cattle of which 5820 are fit for immediate service and 1115 Draft Cattle of which 715 are fit for service—

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board, I have continued Captain Torin in charge of them and have put them entirely under his orders only declining him to obey any requisition he may receive from the Commissary of Provisions and Cattle to the Army—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Robt Abercromby

Camp near Cananore
4th December 1791

Read the following Letter from the Military Storekeeper

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

From the Military Storekeeper with Estimate of Cash required on account of this Employ

Honble Sir—

I beg leave to lay before you an Estimate of Cash required this Month for the Manufacture of Gunpowder Amounting to Pagodas 1200 and request you would be pleased to order the same to be advanced—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher
Mr. Storekr

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Agreed that an Advance of twelve hundred (1200) Pagodas be made to the Military Storekeeper on account of his Employ—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Mr. Burke—

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council &c &c

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Kings Pay-master General offering Mr Lucas as his collateral security and requesting that a copy of his Letter may make a number in the Packet by the first Dispatch—

In my earnestness to conform myself to the pleasure of the Honble Board, I had admitted too hastily the person I had at first proposed to apply to his Father in Law, an undoubted opulent Man, to join him in the security, I am a total stranger to the Man, and possibly I persuaded myself that his compliance would put him too much in Law rather than me, under an obligation to him. For, I certainly could little wish to be under obligations to any Man in the Nabob's family. But I am freed from all cares of that sort from the — Mans own apprehensions, which may be very just, lest it might give offence to his Master the Nabob that he should meddle

in

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in the concerns of an European—

I persuade myself that the Honble Board will forgive my thus troubling them with this sort of history, It will at least I hope prove that I have not been idle on my endeavours to conform myself to their pleasure in the Security they require. Tho' in my own poor opinion the security that already supports me in England stands engaged for every act of mine in whatever payments I can make from the Company to the Kings troops But still, it is my duty as well as my inclination, to conform myself to the — pleasure of the Honble Board— And as I wish that my ready submission may appear in England, as well as in India, I humbly — repeat my request that all my letters on this subject, may be made a Paragraph in your first general Letter—

No line of business, or of commerce intercourse, has brought me into connections with the black people, who are, I understand, commonly made parties in these sort of securities—

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I am therefore (however disa=
greeable it may be) driven to the necessity
of recurring to the friendship of my own —
immediate friends on applying myself to
Doctor Lucas, he has been so good to —
consent to my request of his engaging
with me in the Bond required. Doctor
Lucas's rank in the Company's service, —
and his character and situation in life
render him, I am confident an unobjecta=
-ionable bondsman, and it is that Gentleman
that I accordingly offer for your approbation
If your Honors will be pleased to direct
that the proper bond may be sent to
Camp, my friend Doctor Lucas and I,
will subscribe to the engagements you
are pleased to require of me —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir & Sirs,
with great respect
Your
(Signed) William Burke

Camp 13th
December 27th 91st

Minute thereon

Signed to accept Mr Lucas as Mr
Burke's Security to answer whatever sums
shall be adjudged due from the latter to
Government as Paymaster of the Company's
allowances

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Allowances to the King's Troops—

Ordered that a Copy of the

Do foregoing Letter be transmitted a Member in the Packet of the Next Dispatch.—

" Chas. Oakeley.

" W. Petrie

" J. Huddleston

George Parry Esqr

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Received the following Letters.—

From the Secretary to the Male Orphan Asylum representing that some Persons have dug a deep and Extensive Ditch with a view to enclose all the Ground upon the East Face of Egmore Fort and erect thereon a Pariah Village and requesting that Government will put a stop to the Work carrying on.

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Acting President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I am directed by a Committee of the Directors of the Male Orphan Asylum to represent to your Honorable Board that some persons have yesterday began to enclose all the Ground upon the East face of the Orphan House, at Egmore Fort, by running an extensive and deep Ditch close up to its Glacis, with an intent, as the Committee are informed, of erecting a large Pariah Village upon that bounds, the pernicious consequences of which, to the health and morals of this numerous and thriving charitable Institution, are too obvious to require comment, or not to attract the serious attention of your Honorable Board, under whose immediate auspices and patronage, this Institution exists.—

The Committee beg leave to observe that the Ground now enclosing has long been considered as a Common, and in former times, as is customary with all Fortified Places formed a part of the clear boundary of the Fort of Egmore.— Through this Ground there runs a broad and well frequented Road, which is now cut off by the aforementioned Ditch. So that the inclosing of this Ground will be found a great inconvenience to the Public in general, and a very great nusance to the Orphan House in particular.—

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The Committee have reason to believe that the persons now enclosing this Ground have no particular grant thereof, nor permission from Government so to do. if then any right at all remains with them. it can only be the right of Cultivation, or of grazing their Cattle thereon. which custom may have tolerated. but not the exclusive right of enclosure, to the inconvenience of the Public, and annoyance of their immediate neighbours. —

I am therefore directed by the Committee to request the timely and effectual interposition of Government to put a Stop to a measure so unwarranted, and so hurtful in its consequences, as that now attempted. —

The Committee find it the more necessary to make an early representation to the Honorable Board of this intended Nusance. that attempts of a similar nature, tho' of less magnitude, have at different times been made, of which they have taken some notice in former Addresses. — and that one in particular has for several Months existed on the ground to the north of, and contiguous to the Fort. where two or three Pariah Huts did at first slightly appear, and by degrees small Hedges were planted as if to conceal them, and — afford the means of making additions, so that the whole appears — now to be of so much consequence as to claim the immediate notice of the Committee that the same may be represented to, and checked by the authority of Government. On this subject they beg leave to refer to the addresses which have heretofore been made to the Honorable Board and to the Answers which have been made thereto particularly.

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(and as an additional proof of the propriety of the present application.) to what was said on the proposal of Mr Topping for erecting an Observatory in the neighbourhood of the Fort.

The Committee do not forget that it has always been their intentions to gratify, by a reasonable and moderate recompence those persons who may have claims to the Ground which is near to the Fort, in order that a clear Grant thereof may be obtained from Government, and all disputes prevented. but the situation of their Funds as yet rendering this more difficult than they could have wished. they hope that the Honorable Board will be pleased to continue those intimations to the parties interested for preventing encroachments or alterations (which have hitherto been supported by Government) until a more prosperous situation of the Affairs of the Society may enable it to accomplish its views for the benefit thereof, and to the satisfaction of Government, on whose protection and support they place their reliance.

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c: &c:

(Signed) John Hamilton

Secy to the Male Orphan Asylum.

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Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue 16th December 1791.

Conformably to your directions under Date the 12th October last we forwarded to the late Committee at Guntoor the Papers therein referred to relating to the Claims of one Lengapa Banker on some of the Zemindars of Montizanapar with Instructions to investigate the subject, and to report the result for your information.

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue forwarding sundry Papers relative to Lingapah Saucar's Claims on the Zemindars of Montegapa Nagur.

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The Answers received from the Committee, which is contained in their remarks, attached to each of the Accounts between the respective Zemindars and Claimants, we have accordingly the Honor to lay before you together with the several accompanying Papers.

Adam Exhaack.
Robert Clerk
D. Taylor

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in. M B. Nos. 141-142-143-144.)

From the Commandant at Dindigul.

From the Commandant at Dindigul. — From the Commandant at Dindigul recommending that some Repairs be executed to the Places in the upper Fort allotted for the Reception of Provisions and Stores.

From the Paymaster at Madura &c. — From the Paymaster at Madura &c. complaining of the Apartments allotted him in the Fort of Dindigul, and recommending that sundry Repairs be made to the Buildings ordered to be appropriated to the Reception of Grain.

From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts — From the Comptroller General of Army Accounts recommending that the Staff Serjeants at Vizagapatam be allowed the Monthly Sum of two Pagodas thirty six Fanams until Quarters shall be provided for them.

From the Garrison Storekeeper — From the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing an Account of Grain arrived on different Ships from Bengal for which no Invoices have been received and recommending that the several Articles be brought to account at a Medium value in the Books of his Employ.

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Sent the following Letters.

To Colonel De Fresne

Knight of the Royal and Military Order of St. Louis

Commandant of the French Settlements in India

&c &c &c

Sir,

To the Governor of Pondicherry
- communicating further
Particulars relative to the
Original Cause of the Detention
of Mr Courbon's Handkerchiefs
at the Sunnum Chokie - and
requesting that that Gentleman
may be ordered to pay the
Amount of the Duties to Mr
Landon.

I delayed till now replying to the Letter which
I had the honor to receive from you dated the 17th Ultimo, because it
was my desire previously to ascertain the Circumstances which had
occurred in regard to the original Cause of the detention of Mr Courbon's
Handkerchiefs at the Chokie, which, upon Enquiry, I find to be as follow-

During the time Tippoo's Troops took possession
of the Ceded Division of the Arcot Province in the months of January
and February last, the principal Inhabitants of the Villages of Waldaour
and Nourmaul made considerable Collections which they carried off to
Pondicherry. On the Enemy retiring from the Carnatic, Mr Landon
called upon those People to settle their Accounts, and applied repeatedly
to have them delivered up, but in vain; they refused to quit the French
Bounds, or to settle for the Circar Share of the Revenue that had been
realized - upon which, he directed the Amuldar to sequester their
Property within the Districts under his Management - this was
accordingly done, but unknown to Mr Landon the Amuldar
stopped Provisions going in to Pondicherry. For which he was reminded
upon your representation, in the Presence of your Head Hircarrah.

While the restriction was in force by the authority
of the Amuldar, Mr Courbon's Handkerchiefs arrived at the Chokie,
and

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and instead of applying to M.r Landon on the occasion, who was at the time at Maungycoopum, not more than thirteen Miles from Pondicherry from whence he had the honor to write to you on the 20.th June the day on which the Handkerchiefs were stopped — M.r Courbon, after a lapse of five days, proceeded to the Choki with a number of People, who beat the officers of Government, and carried off his Handkerchiefs by Force. —

From the foregoing Relation of Facts I trust it will appear to you, that M.r Courbon's Conduct in rescuing the Goods by Force was a precipitate and unguarded measure, particularly as he might, and would have received ample Redress from M.r — Landon in a few Hours, if the case had been represented to him — I acknowledge, at the same time, that the Amuldar was very highly in fault for stopping the Provisions &c.a but the Punishment — inflicted on him by M.r Landon clearly evinces that that Gentleman was ignorant of the Transaction until your representation reached him. —

I have given directions that in future all matters in which there is a Shadow of difference with your Government, shall be reported to me in the first Instance — This, I am hopeful will — henceforth preclude the possibility of unpleasant discussions; for, it is my anxious desire, at all times to prove how well I am disposed to — settle amicably with you every point on which our respective — Governments may be concerned.

With respect to the duties still undischarged, I trust there will be no further objections on the part of M.r Courbon to pay

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28th or cause them to be paid to Mr. Landon the Collector so that they may be brought upon his Books, and the Revenue Credited Accordingly.—

I have the Honor to be,
with the highest Consideration
&c: &c:

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(Signed) Charles Oakeley

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

Honorable Sir,

To Major General Medows
congratulating on the Capture
of Seven[illegible] advice of the
Arrival of Major Mc Donald
and the Purport of his Dispatches

We have the Honor to inform your
that Major Macdonald of the Nabob's Service
arrived here overland from Europe on the 26th Inst:
and brought a letter from the Secret Committee of the
Court of Directors mentioning that an information
(of which a Copy was enclosed) had been filed by his
Majesty's Attorney General in the Court of Kings
Bench against Mr. Holland late Governor of Madras
Having been informed by Lord Cornwallis
of the Capture of Sevendroog, We beg leave to offer to
you our warmest congratulations on an Event

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of such Consequence, accomplished so expeditiously and without any Loss.—

We have the Honor to be, with the Esteem

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
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(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
for Council

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

My Lord,

Our acting President has laid before us your Lordship's Letters to him of the 17th 19th and 21st Instant

To Lord Cornwallis — congratulating on the Capture of Seringapatam — four Letters of Reprisals to be sent shortly to Amboor — Bills at 2 and 3 months Sight to be drawn upon the Military Paymaster General for the Prize Money due to the Officers of the Army — Receipt of the Arrival of Major Macdowall and the purport of his Dispatches stating the Pay master had struck the Pay master Mr Hunt's Accounts home &c &c

We beg leave to express our Thanks to your Lordship for your early Communication of the important Capture of Seringapatam, and to offer our warmest & Congratulations on an Event of such Consequence, & accomplished so expeditiously, and without any loss.

We shall send off to Amboor, in the Course of every few days Specie to the Amount of four Lacks of Rupees, one half of which will be in Pagodas — and your Lordship may be assured that we shall use every Exertion to provide for the future wants of the Army

We request your Lordship will direct that the Bills drawn on the Military Paymaster General for the

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the Prize Money due to the Officers be made payable at one month after Sight.—

Orders have been given to Mr. Hoar to exert his utmost deligence in bringing up the Army Accounts—

The necessity of a regular Transmission cannot be too strongly enforced upon the Paymaster, and we shall take Care that there be no unnecessary Delay in the Audit of them— Our Military Paymaster General reports that no Accounts have been received at his Office later than the Month of April.—

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that Major Macdonald of the Nabob's Service arrived here overland from Europe on the 26th Inst: and brought a Letter from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors mentioning that an Information (of which a Copy was enclosed) had been filed by his Majesty's Attorney General in the Court of King's Bench against Mr. Holland late Governor of Madras—

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect & Esteem,
My Lord
Your Lordships most Obedient
humble Servants.—
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley &c. Commee

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To Major. Macdonald

Sir;

The Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors having communicated to this Government that they had seen on you for the Purpose of conveying their Dispatches to India, because, from various Communications you had made, they expected you would be of Material Use in aiding the Objects of the prosecution commenced against Mr. John Holland, so far as they had any connection with the Durbar of his Highness the Nabob, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to inform you that he will be ready to avail himself of your Services in ascertaining the points still remaining for investigation; and in order that you may be fully acquainted with the Circumstances already brought to Light, I am instructed to inform you that the Proceedings of the Committee appointed by this Government for enquiring into the Charges preferred against Mr. Hollands Administration of will

From Major Macdonald communicating the Board's receipt of the Letters containing the Articles of Charge against the Administration of Mr. John Holland which remain uninvestigated.

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will be open to your Perusal at whatever Time you
may find it convenient to Call at the Secretary's
Office for that purpose. —

Sam, &c. &c.

(signed) Wm C. Jackson
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Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered
in C.C. № 274 requesting that the Jaghirdar of
Chittoor may be ordered to deliver the Nargunta
Poligar to Mr Kindersley, and representing the
Impropriety of his inserting on Bamaruzé &
Keeping an Establishment of Dismounted Troopers

Substance of a letter to the Nabob —

29th Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in C.B. № 145. 146. 147.
148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue &
Communicating the Substance of the Letter to
the Nabob abovementioned; desiring them to
ascertain and report to Government at what
Time Patcheapah became Security for the
Good Conduct of the Renters of Chillumbrum &c.
and whether his Presence at those Places be
absolutely necessary in order to realize the
Money

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Money for which he has become Security - also to restrict Mr. Landon from Corresponding in future with the Governor of Pondicherry upon any Subject of a Political Nature.-

To the Superintendant of the Company's Lands

To the Superintendant of the Company's Lands informing him of the representation of made to the Board respecting the Dutch digging near Egmore Fort, and desiring him to report the Authority by which the Property of the Ground enclosing is claimed, and for a stop to the Work carrying on.-

To Major General Musgrave

To Major General Musgrave communicating the Resolution of Government in regard to the three Provincial Battalions in the Tinnevelly District and desiring him to issue the necessary Orders in consequence.-

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province - desiring him to advance monthly to Mr John Wynch, Paymaster at Arnee, &c. the Amount of his Monthly Indent, taking his Drafts for the same on the Military Paymaster General -

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To the Paymaster at Arnee desiring him
to hold out every Encouragement to the Merchants
at Arnee to bring Grain to Market.—

To the Paymaster at Arnee.—

To the Paymaster General of the King's
Troops—enclosing the Collateral Security Bond to
be executed by W. Lucas, and informing them
that his Letters, on the Subject of the Security
required of him by Government, will be transmitted
to the Honorable Court of Directors a Number in
the Packet of the first Dispatch.—

To the Paymaster General of the King's Troops—

To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.
informing them that the Staff Serjeants are
to be allowed the Monthly Sum of Pagodas 2. 36
until Quarters are provided for them, and that
Mr. Pigiley's request to be allowed a permanent
Charge for Hospital Servants is wholly inadmissible

To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

To the Secretary at Bengal with
Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter advising of
the Capture of Seringapatam.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

To Ditto enclosing Copy of the Certificate
granted to Captain Sampson of the Bengal
Artillery to enable him to share in the Fund
Commonly called Lord Clive's Bounty—and requesting
that

To Ditto.—

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That the Supreme Council will advance such Sums of Money to the Master of the Mackerell Transport as he may require to defray the Expence of the Refit of his Vessel taking Bills on his owners, payable to the Honorable Court of Directors, for the Amount.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

To the Commissary & Comptroller General of Army Accounts.—

To the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Morris, in which he requests that a Re-audit may be had upon his Accounts &c. and desiring, if any Observation occur upon the Perusal of it, that he will report the same for the Board for their Information.—

30. Received the undermentioned Letters & entered on M. B. Nos. 155, 156, 157.—

From Lieut. Pinsoy of His Majesty's 36th Regt.

From Lieutenant Pinsoy requesting to be furnished with an order to be received on board the Honorable Company's Ships Kent &c. as Passenger for Europe.—

From Lieutenant Bent of His Majesty's 7th Cleaners Regiment.

From Lieutenant Bent requesting that he may be allowed to draw the Passage Money usually granted to Subaltern Officers, for his Wife.—

From

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From the Officer Commanding at Amboor

From the Commandant at Amboor &c

advising of the Capture of Severndroog.

At a Consultation Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President

Friday

30th December 1791

William Petrie & John Huddleston Esqrs

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.

Read the following Letter from

Lord Cornwallis.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the satisfaction to acquaint

From Lord Cornwallis advising of the Capture of Severndroog.

you that at ten o'clock this day we assaulted the formidable and important Fortress of Severndroog, and Carried it without any loss whatever on our part. I am, with very great Esteem.

&c &c

Signed Cornwallis.

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c: &c: &c:

Sir,

I Immediately after the Capture of Seringapatam dispatched Captain Welsh to march with two Battalions from Ramghilly, to endeavour to avail himself of the enemy's panic and get possession of the strong and important hill Fort of Ramghire, situated on the Chinapatam road, which is the shortest and the Principal Road from Bangalore to Seringapatam.—

From Lord Cornwallis advising of the Capture of Ramghire—

Altho' Captain Welsh was totally unprovided with Artillery or any equipment adequate to the undertaking, by his very spirited and judicious conduct, he intimidated the Garrison, who, upon seeing him advance to the attack, called out for Quarter and surrendered the place this Morning.—

The acquisition of this post will greatly facilitate our future operations.—

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I am with much Esteem—
Sir, Your most Obedient—
humble Servant—
(Signed) Cornwallis:—

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The Board are happy to find that an
Minute on the two foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis. Event of such consequence as the Capture of Seven drong
has been so expeditiously accomplished, and
without any Loss.—

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters
Do. be immediately transmitted to Bengal.—

Read the following Letter from Mr.
Lamballies.—

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

Forwd. Mr. Lamballies with a Memorial relating to his Claims on the Rajah of Tanjore addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Honble Sir,

Having had the Honor to Petition Govern-
ment on the 23d. May last, respecting my Claim for
the Amount of my Concern with Captain, now
Colonel Mullerlake of His Highness the Nabob's
Brotts Service with whom I had a joint Concern
in a purchase of Paddy in the Tanjore Country, &
and having every reason to be Satisfied with the
courteous and justice of the present Government in
favor of my Claim as far as its Authority extend
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in their Orders that they have been pleased to grant to M.r Swartz and the Collector of the Tanjore Country to endeavour to obtain payment to me of my demands.— and as every hope and prospect of my future subsistence depends upon my recovering this Money, it will be necessary for me to follow the example of Colonel Muller who has obtained payment of his society Amounting to Star Pagodas 6000, by an Application to the Court of Directors.— I humbly beg leave Honorable Sir to submit the Accompanying Memorial to the Honorable the Court of Directors to your Approbation who is so well acquainted with the Subject of my Claim, and to request the favor that together with the Enclosures, it may be sent a number in the Next Packet for Europe.—

I have the Honor to be ever with much respect
&c: &c:

Madras
30: December 1791.— /Signd/ Eliza: Lamballais

Minute thereon— Ordered that Mr. Lamballais's Memorial to the Honorable Court of Directors be transmitted a Number in the Packet of the first dispatch

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Dispatch, and that it be recommended to a favorable Consideration.—

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

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

Honorable Sir,

From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts applies for Instructions regarding a charge made in the Paymaster of Timercotah's Accounts for Batta to Revenue Troops.

A charge having appeared in the Paymaster of Timercotah's disbursements of One Thousand, four hundred and forty four Pagodas, thirty fanams, paid as Batta to detachments of Sepoys from the 7th Revenue Battalion Native Infantry from May to December 90, No official Authority for which having ever been forwarded to this department, I request to be honored with your Sentiments on the Charge, previous to my passing it.—

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

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Signed/ J. Casper Cy Genl

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Minute thereon.— Agreed that the Paymaster of Temericottah be called upon to state under what Authority Batta was paid to Revenue Troops on Detachment in the year 1790

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from Major General Musgrave.—

To The Honble Governor in Council

&c: &c: &c:

From Major General Musgrave forwarding a letter from the Town Major.—

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you a Letter delivered to me by Captain Gomonde Town Major of Fort St. George

I have the Honor to be with great Respect,

Hon'ble Sir,

Your very obedient &
humble Servant
(Signed) Thos. Musgrave

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To The Honorable. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council.

Honorable Sir,

When the Army was formed to the Southward in May 1790. I was directed, during the Absence of the Adjutant General and his Deputy, to execute the Duties of that Office, this I continued to do, notwithstanding the great Weight and pressure of business in my own Office, till May 1791, when the approach of the Season for the Arrival of the Ships from Europe, at which time the business of both Offices is much encreased, induced me to request that some Officer might be appointed to Act as Deputy Adjutant General, the propriety of this Request was evident, and immediately complied with, an Officer was directed to take Charge of the Office, with an Allowance of 80 Pagodas per Month; permit me Sir to hope I may be permitted to draw the same Allowance for the time

From the Town Major requesting that he may be allowed the same Salary for the Period he officiated as Adjutant & General as he is enjoyed by Captn Paine

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time I acted in that Station Viz.t from the 17th May 1790. to the 16 of May 1791, during which Time the Duties of the Office were precisely the same as they have been at any subsequent period.

I have the Honor to be,

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&c. &c.
(Signed) Richard Gomond
Town Major

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Town Major be allowed to draw the Sum of Eighty Pagodas pr Mensem during the time he officiated as Aidedecamp General at the Presidency - the same Sum having been allowed to Ensign Paine who was acting in that Capacity.

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Ordered that a 3 pr Cent Bond for 934 Pagodas be granted to the Town Major on the above Account

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The Acting President in forwarding the Letter of Report from the Board of Trustees for the Affairs of the Army is desirous that the sum of Pagodas 1000 may be delivered over to Captain Charles Campbell, Paymaster of the Army, to be applied to the purchase of Bullocks for the Carriage of the Stores &c. ordered to be sent to Amboor

The Acting President's Recommendation regarding the Sum of Pagodas 1000 to be delivered over to Captain Charles Campbell Paymaster of the Army

Minute of the Board thereon

Ordered that the same be delivered accordingly

Chas Oakeley
Sec.y to Govt.

George Parry Esq.r