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To W. C. Jackson Esquire, Secretary
Military Department.

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General Lieutenant A. Grant appointed Post Master with the Army.—

Lord Cornwallis has directed me to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that he has nominated Lieutenant Alexander Grant of the 26th Battalion Caste Native Infantry, to be Postmaster with the Army; his appointment to Commence from the 1st. instant.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt. Hble
Servt.
B. Close
Depy. Adjt. Genl.

Head Quarters Camp
near Outradroog
12th January 1792.

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

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis advising of a Victory obtained by Purseram Bhaw over a Corps of the Enemy near Semoga.—

Hurry Punt has sent to inform me that he has just received an express from Purseram Bhaw to acquaint him that he had defeated a Considerable Corps of the enemy near Samoga and had taken eight

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12 Pieces of Cannon.-

This lucky event may render it more practicable for the Bhonsla to co-operate with us by the route that he has taken than it would have otherwise been.-

I have written the enclosed letter to Mr Dundas. and request the favor of you to order it to be put into the packet of the first of the Ships that sails from Madras.

I am with much esteem Sir Your &c &c

Camp near Ouhad[illegible]
13th January 1792

Sigd/ Cornwallis

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Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 139. 140. 141.

From Lieut.t Lalor of His Majesty's 71.st Regt.

From Lieutenant Lalor requesting to be ordered a Passage to England on the Deptford to take Charge of a Detachment of Invalids of His Majesty's Regiments embarked on that Ship.-

From Lieutenant Colonel Pepys.

From Lieutenant Colonel Pepys- requesting to be employed in making Surveys of Lands- or as a Volunteer in any Military Capacity.-

From

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From the Commandant at Ambaur – advising of his having received Orders from Lord Cornwallis to send on the Treasure under Charge of Captain Charles Campbell to Bangalore with the Detachment under his Command.–

Received the following Letters

From the Commandant at Ambaur

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that having Expelled the Invasion of the Nawaguddah Poms upon the Calicoate Zemindary, I have been Enabled to withdraw the Company's Troops from thence.–

From the President at Tanjore repelling the Invasion of the Nawaguddah Poms upon the Calicoate Zemindary.

Having forwarded a transcript of my address to your under date the 26th Ultimo, to the Government General of Bengal, I am in hopes that the repetition of such Incursions will be prevented.–

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

Tanjore
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Sd/ Thos Sydenham

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

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you that I was joined this morning by 2 Companys of Europeans and 5 Companys of the 20th Battalion N.I. from Carroor and the flank Companys of the 25th Battalion N.I. from Tritchinopoly. I expect to be joined by the Dindegul detachment to-Morrow and purpose Marching towards Damien Cottah on the 12th Instant.

From Major Cap. Isaac - is joined by Reinforcements from Carroor and Trichinopoly - intends Marching on the 12th Instant towards Damia Cotah - Intelligence from General Abercrombys Army - a friends Lieut. Balfour Quarter Master of the Detachment. -

Extract of a Letter Received this Morning from General Abercromby - dated Camp in the Baarg Country 1st January 1792.

"I am glad to inform
"you that the Weather is now quite settled
"and the road on the Ghauts perfectly good.
"in two days more I shall have the whole
"of the Battering Train and Stores at
"the top of the Pass. The roads in front
"are drying fast, so that in a very short
"time I shall be able to execute any
"Orders I may receive from his Lordship -

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As this Detachment will be very considerable I have thought it necessary to appoint an Officer to act as Quarter Master, and hope the Honble Board will approve of the appointment (viz Lieutenant Balfour) and indulge him with the usual allowances annexed to that post.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c
(sd) J. Kirkpatrick
Major Comm.g

Camp at
Coimbetore
9th Janry 1792.

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Sir,

Captain Baillie has requested of me to forward the accompanying letter for the perusal of Sir Charles Oakeley, which I am induced to do, in his present situation, as I believe his distresses are very great and I am afraid his friends but few.—

I am Sir &c
(sd) Thos Bruce.

Vellaur
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From Colonel Bruce - enclosing a Letter from Captain Simon Baillie.—

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council of
Fort St. George &c.

Sir,

From Captain Thomas Baillie presenting his Pecuniary Embarrassments and requesting that some allowance may be granted him during his Suspension from the Service.

About a Month ago I did my self the Honor of addressing Earl Cornwallis Requesting he would be so good as to grant me an Allowance during my Suspension or Untell my Character was Cleared up. as by the Order of the Honorable Board I was deprived of every Allowance in the Service, which Allowance was the only money I had to subsist on. the Letter for Earl Cornwallis I sent to Colonel Bruce and begged he might forward it Through the Prospect Channell. Colonel Bruce Informed me on the 9th of this Month that he had forwarded my Letter to Lord Cornwallis the very Day I sent it to him and that from that Day he had never heard any thing of the Letter Directly or Indirectly. This being the Case, I hope you will Excuse my Troubling you by Requesting you will be so good as to grant me an Allowance to live on During my Suspention.

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19th Suspension. as I can assure you my
Situation at Present is a most deplorable
one, being deprived of every Comfort and
even the common necessaries of Life. Consider
Sir Charles that I am thousands of Miles
Remoad from my Family and Friends. and
I of Course look up to my Honorable Masters
In this Country for an Allowance to Live
on During my Suspension. For while
such a stigma remains on my Character
as the General Orders convey, I can never
think of applying to any of my Brother
Officers for pecuniary Assistance — I have
been an Officer in the Honorable Companys
Service above Fifteen Years and During
that time I have had different appoint-
ments in the Service and always Con-tile
this unfortunate Period I had acquitted
my self unto the Satisfaction of Government
and my Superior Officers — and tho' I have
incurred the Censure of my Honorable
Masters in this one Instance I hope,
before many Months are over, I shall
have it in my Power to make it
appear

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My Lord

I appear Plain to them, that what I have done was well meant I will only trouble you by adding that I only Live in hopes that you will Relieve the Distressed. - I have the Honour to be, with the most Profound Respect. -

Sir Charles, your Most Obedient and Devoted Humble Servt.

(Sgd) Simon Baillie
Capt.

Vellore
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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No 1
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To the Secretary at Bengal.

To the Secretary at Bengal - enclosing Extract of Lord Cornwallis's Letter advising of the Defeat of a considerable Corps of the Enemy by the Troops under the Command of Pursoram Bhow.

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General.

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General - enclosing a Letter from Mhedy Ally Khan addressed to the Nizam's Vackeel in Camp - and informing him that Mhedy Ally Khan has

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19th has been advanced the Sum of one thousand Pagodas to enable him to proceed on his Journey— The Letters to the Honble Court of Directors to go by the Phœnix having been signed— ordered that the Packet be closed—

General Letters go by the Phœnix signed— the Packet Inclosed.—

At night— received the following Letter from Captain Flint.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President &c &c

Sir,

Ready of Horse judged to be four hundred Came last night to Riah: pah noor, and this Morning Went towards the Coast, they Incamped about 8 Miles South of Tiagar.—

From the Commandant at Tiagar— a Party of the Enemy's Horse Incamp to the Southward and that Place in a Direction towards the Coast.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir, &c &c

Tiagar 16th Janry 1792—

(sgd) W. Flint

Capt. Com.g.

20th

This Morning about 7 Oclock a Signal was Made at the Redout of a Party of the Enemy's Horse being in Sight— The Acting President immediately gave Orders that a detachment of 2 Companies of Sepoys with 2 Field Pieces and the Cavalry of the Governors Body Guard move

Signal made at the Redout of a Party of the Enemy's Horse being in Sight.

there,

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Measures to be adopted in consequence.

19th Inst. Three Companies of Sepoys under Major Wynch for the protection of the Environs — Having Collected also about 40 Horses from the Gentlemen of the Settlement, these were mounted with Troopers and Sent out on this occasion under Captain Macalister.

On order to reinforce the guard dispatched with the Money Tumbrils which left Madras a few days ago. the following Letter was sent to Major Pater.

To Major Pater
of the Cavalry

Sir,

To Major Pater. desiring him to proceed immediately with a Detachment of Sepoys plated under his Command to Sriperumbadore for the Protection of the Treasure Tumbrills at that Place.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will proceed with two Companies of Sepoys to Sriperumbadore, with all possible Expedition, for the purpose of protecting the Money Tumbrills at that place. You will remain there till further Orders advising the Board, immediately on your Arrival, if there be any Party of the Enemy.

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& Enemy are near you, and should you judge it necessary that a further reinforcement should be sent from hence for the protection of the Treasure.-

I am Sir
&c
/Signd/ W. C. Jackson
Secy.

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Sent the following Letter by express to Major Young at Arcot

To Major Young
Commanding the Cavalry
at
Arcot

Sir,

A Party of the Enemy's irregular Horse having appeared in the Vicinity of Madras, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will have an Eye towards the Treasure proceeding to the Army and now at Sriperumbadore.

and, if you should judge it necessary, that you will move, with what Cavalry you have towards that place.-

I am Sir
Your
&c
/Signd/ W. C. Jackson
Secy

To Major Young - desiring him, if he judge it necessary to proceed to Sriperumbadore with the whole of the Cavalry for the Protection of the Treasure at that Place.-

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Sent the following Letters to Lord Cornwallis and to the Government at Bengal.—

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

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis— desiring the appearance of the Enemy's Horse, and of the steps taken in Consequence.

We received last night an Account from Captain Flint that a Party of about 400 Horse had passed on the 16th 8 Miles to the Southward of that place, and that their Course seemed to be Eastward. Early this Morning the alarm guns were fired at the mount, and Notice sent by Major Dent, who commands there, that some irregular Horse were in sight. Two Companies of Sepoys with the few Cavalry Composing the Governors guard, and 2 Six pounders were detached, as soon as possible, under the Command of Major Wynch to protect the place and Major Dalrymple was sent with two Companies of Sepoys to reinforce the guard proceeding with the last dispatch of Money, which, by the latest account had arrived at Stonepennador.

Thos

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20th That guard, consisting of a Havildar and twelve Seapoys, is very small, but at the time the money was sent it appeared from the state of the Country, perfectly sufficient, and was as large as could be spared in our present Circumstances.-

The rapidity with which this party of horse has moved must have been very great, for the account abovementioned from Captain Flint is the only intelligence that we received before their approach- Had their motions been less quick. We should have heard from our Officers at Arnee, Chingleput, or Arcot, who are generally very early in their Intelligence-

I General Musgrave embarked yesterday Morning- He certainly had no advice whatever of these horse.-

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Sig.d) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council.

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To Edward Hay Esqre
Secretary to the Governor General
in Council at Fort William.

To the Secretary at Bengal- advising of the Appearance of the Enemy's Horse and of the Steps taken in consequence.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the

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22. The President in Council to acquaint you that last night advice was received from Captain Flint at Tyagar that a party of about 400 Horse had halted on the 16th about 8 Miles to the Southward of that place, and that their Course seemed to be Eastward- Early this Morning some irregular Horse came near the Mounts, and a party was immediately detached from the Fort to protect the Environs

The rapidity with which these Horse Moved, must have been very great, for the above Account from Captain Flint is the only intelligence that the Board have received of any enemy in the Carnatic.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Most
Obed.t Humble Serv.t
(Sign'd) W.m Jackson Secy.

Remark on the undermentioned Intelligence received from Chinglepute.

In the Evening 9 o'Clock Received Intelligence (as entered hereunder) from the officer Commanding at Chinglepute, dispatched at 10 o'Clock last night, advising that a Party (

Supposed

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20th Supposed to be 500 Horse crossed the Palar that Day near Sowram Hill, and in the direction of N. N. E. Hence, it is evident, their March must have been forced and very rapid, as they arrived at the Mount this Morning about 7 o'Clock – 14 Hours before the Receipt of the express –

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Lt. Col. &c. &c.

Sir,

This Morning flying reports were brought to me by the Inhabitants of the Enemy's horse were in this Neighbourhood: their Information I did not think sufficient authority to report your from; Therefore offered to reward any men who would go in quest of Intelligence, I soon 2 two Men on whom I could depend, I immediately sent them out. they have returned with the intelligence I have the honor to report to you –

From the Acting Commandant at Coleroon Dept. – Intelligence respecting the appearance of the Enemy's Horse in that Neighbourhood – enclosing a Bill for Hircarrahs employed on this occasion. –

A few horse were seen in some of the neighbouring Villages yesterday, who did some damages

to

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20. to the inhabitants, and this day the Scouts I sent out, saw a party of horse, they computed to be six hundred, cross the Pal. Aur near Swuram hill, and the direction they pursued to pursue, as far as I can understand, was N. N. E.

One Man who was terribly wounded came in here this Evening, who says a party of the Enemy's horse came to Palour, a Village about six Miles from us: he confirms the report of the People I sent out –

I understand there are several wounded Men, who are unable to come here, in a village about five Miles from us. I have sent out people to watch their coming here, in order to receive this intelligence, as well as watch the motions as far as I can in their unhappy situation.

The Natives who are flocking in from all quarters confirm the report of the people I sent out, most of them have been plundered. –

Since I wrote the above I have just received information a strong party of horse are on the Parnacoil Road, about thirty five miles distant

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20 m. distant from this Garrison.—

In the present pranick of the Natives I thought it advisable to reward them liberally: as well those I sent out for Intelligence, as those two men who carry this to you, and the like to General Musgrave.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most
Chuniglepet
19th Janry 1792. /sign'd/ John Rollo Lieut.
76th Regt.
Acting Commt.

Inclosed is a Bill of what I have advanced on this Occasion—

(Signed) John Rollo
Lieut. 76 Regt.
Acting Comt.

Intelligence
Chuniglepet 19th Janry 1792.

The Honble Company Dr.
To Cash paid two Peons sent from Chuniglepet on public service—and two sents with intelligence to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. and General Musgrave — Pagodas —— 40.

/Signed/ John Rollo
Lieut.
76th Regt Acting Comt.

Minute thereon—
Ordered that the Bill be paid.

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At a Consultation

Present

Saturday 21st January 1792.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie & John Hy Petrie Esqr

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Leave

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Acting Presidt laid before the Board the following Letter received by the Town Major from Wyndham.

To Captain Lennon

Town Major

Sir,

From Mr Wyndham for information respecting the Retreat of the Enemy's Horse

I could learn in the Course of the night the Sooties are gone off to the Southward a Party of three hundred made a halt at a Village on the other side of Pallicarrey for a couple of hours to divide their Plunder, and pushed off again at ten o'Clock

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o'Clock last Night towards Chinglepat I have directed Captain Mc. Calleston with his Troop to make a circuit of half a Dozen Miles in order to ascertain whether any of the Scouties are near, and also to pick up what intelligence he can respecting them, I shall wait his return and proceed with the Detachment to Madras in the course of the day—

I am &c
(Sgd) Mr. Wynch.

Mount
6 o'Clock P.M.

Ordered that Letters be written to Lord Cornwallis and to Bengal advising of the Retreat of the Enemy—

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis—

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Vice Vice Vice

Sir, The Demands of the Mysore Government have been so very heavy of late, that, after the troops are paid for the Month of October, we shall have no balance in hand beyond the four, which I had erroneously read five, lacks that are now upon

From Lord Cornwallis wishes to receive as soon as possible between two and three Lacks of Pagodas in Gold exclusive of the 70,000 Pagodas already applied for—Receives Letters from Tippoo offering to send a Confidential person to treat with the three Confederate Powers.

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upon the road; and the distress and consequent desertion of the Necessary followers must be very great if we should be obliged to withhold from them their regular payments

I have taken every means in my power, by stationing relays of bullocks, to get the four Lacks to the Army before our Communication with Bangalore can become very difficult.

The four Lacks however can only be appropriated to the use of the departments, and the Soldiers can neither receive their prize money, nor any part beyond the Month of October until we can obtain further supplies.

I have therefore to request that you will be pleased with all possible dispatch to increase the Sum in my Letter dated the 3d Instant I desired you to send to Amboor, to Vellore two and three Lacks of Pagodas.

Letters were received last night from Tippoo proposing to send a Person to treat with the three confederate Powers: I will transmit to you tomorrow or the next day a Copy of this letter to me

and

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end of my answer.—

Colonel Duff joined the
Army this Morning—

I am, with much esteem
Sir
Your &c
Cornwallis.

Camp near Outradroog
January 14th 1792.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis—

Resolved to inform Lord Cornwallis, that in addition to the Sum already dispatched and now on the Road to Camp, the Board hope to be able to forward in a few Days, one Lack and eighty Thousand Pagodas, mostly in Gold.—

Lieutenant Colonel Collins appointed a Member of the Military Board.

In Consequence of the Departure of Major General Musgrave and Colonel Capper, it is resolved to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Collins a Member of the Military Board.—

Lieutenant James Brunton appointed Deputy Comptroller & General of Army Accounts.—

The Acting President recommends that Lieutenant James Brunton, who has for several Months past served in the Comptroller General's Office, be appointed Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts, at the Charge

of

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of the Office Must devolve on him during the Absence of Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm.

Approved and ordered Accordingly.

Each Company of the 24th & 30th Battalions Native Infantry to be augmented twenty five Men during the War.

Resolved that each Company of the 24th and 30th Battalions of Native Infantry, doing duty at the Presidency, be augmented twenty five Men during the War. and that the Officers Commanding those Corps be directed to do as expeditious as possible in raising them for this Purpose.—

Read the following Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Honorable

Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommending that the Engineer at Trichinopoly be directed to receive from the Collector the Sums required for repairing the Banks of the Cavery—

In consequence of your orders for repairing the Banks of the Cavery near Mellaur, We directed Mr Andrews to advance the Money according to the Engineer's Estimate, but Lieutenant

Jennings

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Jennings does not conceive that it is your intention he should receive the Cash, and be the purchaser of the Materials, and Superintendant of the work also, but that the Materials should be furnished by the Sircar, and the work carried on, under his Superintendance.

We take the Liberty of Recommending therefore that Lieutenant Jennings be instructed to receive the Money from the Collector—

We have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your &c.

Fort St. George. (sgd) Wm Petrie

21st Janry 1792.

David Baliburton

Wm Balfour

To The Honorable

Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

In consequence of your Orders, we called upon Mr. Hoyer to Know his

From the Board of Assumed Revenue. representing the Grounds of Mr. Hoyer's recommendation in favor of Patcherlah visiting Chellumbrum.

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His Reasons for Recommending that Patchiapah
might have permission to go to the Cumbum;
in answer, he has informed us that "Patchiapah
"offered his Security for Thashipuntaloo
"on 1st July last, - that owing to the heavy
"Rains and consequent failure of the
"Cass Crop, Thashipuntalua Collected to
"the end of December from his Swerahi
"districts no more than Pagodas 4,500.-
"that the Remainder of his first Kist Viz.
"P. 2,500. was made good by Patchiapah,
"whose presence, in the Collector's Opinion
"would greatly facilitate the Regular payment
"of the Renters Kists. and afford him a
"Chance of Recovering what he has already
"or may hereafter be obliged to advance
"in Consequence of the Engagement he
"has entered into."

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your Most
Obedt Servts
/Sgd/ Thos Petrie
David Haliburton
Thos Balfour

Fort St George,
14th Janry 1792.

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

Agreed that Colonel Bridges be directed to instruct the Engineer to receive from the Collector at Trichinopoly the Sums required for repairing the Bunds of the Cavery near Mellore; and that the Board of Assumed Revenue be desired to order Mr Andrews to see that the Work be properly executed.—

Do on the Letter.—

The Board do not Consider the reason given by Mr Flayer, for Patchiapah's Presence at Chillumbrum, as sufficient to induce them to acquiesce in this recommendation.—

Read the following Letter from the Revd Mr Swartz.—

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakley Bart President in Council &c.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Revd Mr Swartz. Information regarding the Contribution lately levied upon the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country by the Rajah.—

Your Honors letter relative to the free Gift, which His Excellency has received from the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country, I received: the contents of which I communicated to His Excellency.— Some Days elapsed before I got an Answer to it.—

Yesterday

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Yesterday I got permission to
wait on His Excellency -

The answer which I
got was as follows. His Excellency said.

"I have not said His Excellency
"asked any thing from the Inhabitants, but
"one of the richer Pattackars, seeing the
"Roofs of my House fallen down, said that
"the Inhabitants had always contributed some
"thing towards the repair of the Palace -
"and as the roof of the house in the Fort
"the Palace had fallen down, they were
"willing to Collect 10,000 Pags towards
"the re building of it. Such was the
"Offer [illegible] made by them - which Hee
"Excellency did not much. Accordingly
"Inhabitants Collected 20[illegible] Pagodas, and
"promised to raise the remainder at
"time of Pisanam Crop - Consequently
"not said He forced any body to pay any
"thing, nor I have not solicited any
"Sum - This Account I beg you to lay
"before the Honble Board and to intreat
"them not to make Your offer to my
"Detriment, neither to disrupt it."

Your

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His Excellency appeared to be very much embarrassed and promised not to receive the remaining Sum, if it was disagreable to the Honble. Board which he hoped to hear of me. Only, said He, intreat the Honble Board neither to adjudge this Account nor to write an angry and rebuking letter.—

I promised to be a faithful Interpreter of all he had said, assuring Him that I was sure that the Honble Board would be as candid, as the Nature of the business would allow, only lamenting that he had not given any previous notice of the affair.—

I have the honor to be,
Respectfully,
Honble & Sir Your
[sgd] C. T. Swartz.

Tanjore
January 17. 1792.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Revd Mr Swartz.—

Agreed to inform the Revd Mr Swartz that, at the request of the Rajah, the Board will not take any further Notice of the transaction regarding the Sums received by him from the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country, provided

the

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the Amount be repaid - and that, if his Excellency cannot immediately satisfy them without Inconvenience, he / Mr Swartz / Must obtain the Rajahs Sanction to it's being paid by the Collector out of his Excellency's Proportion of the Revenues.

Read the following Letter from Mr Samuel Johnston.

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary &c.

Sir,

Fort St. George.

From Mr Samuel Johnston - adverting to the Claims he has repeatedly set forth against the Company and requesting Permission to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health.

I had the honor of addressing you the 10th of December on Several Subjects very interesting to me, to which I am not favoured with Any Answer. Nevertheless, I must still take the Liberty to Recapitulate - That the Honble Company are indebted to me upon Account Current of the 15th July last Pago 54031. 22. 10. And that they are further indebted to me in the Sum of Star Pagodas 16130 " 2 " 6 " of Mr Torin the Collector of Tinnevelly - I have further to observe that Government are

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are possessed of a Conditional Bond signed by Me, for upwards of Pag.s 83,000, and a conditional Memorandum of my due ark Krishna Rauw for Pag.s 20,000, which I think ought to be Cancelled, because I am indebted in neither of those Sums to Government.

I apprehend that it is not the pleasure of the Hon.ble Board, that I shall be furnished with the Copies of the proceedings promised me in the final Minute of July last, - of the Reports of the Madras and Trichinopoly Committees, the Letter of Suspension, the final Minute and an Account Current comprize the whole of the Proceedings alluded to, I have received them, and there remains no Room for Complaint, on that Subject. I shall Conclude, from your Silence, that my explanatory Letters of the 7.th September has been found Satisfactory, and that the several Sums therein Specified have been carried to my Credit as well as off against Sundry Articles with which I am charged, and upon which Government seemed to be of Opinion they had a Demand against Me, amounting to Pag.s 19516.. 11 4

Yr

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In Compassion to the infirmities of human Nature, I was in hopes the honorable Board, would have given me leave to proceed to Europe; for they Know extreme bad health obliged me to quit my Situation; and that advantage was taken of it, to deprive me of that Situation; a Continuance of bad health now forces me to repeat my Request for Permission to leave the Country.—

I have the honor to enclose a Certificate of the Surgeon Major of this place, Countersigned by his Excellency the Governor, which I beg of you to lay before the honorable Board with this Letter—I am satisfied the Matter of Account now at issue between Government and me, must come under the Consideration of our Superiors in order to be adjusted: for I have repeatedly and ineffectually stated the Nature of My claims to the honorable Board.—

Born under British Laws, I confidently

&c &c

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look to them for protection of my Private
Property, Determined Never to abandon
it unless under their Authority; I have been
brought up in the Belief that Private
Property is Sacred; and that it is a
Breach of the original Contract of Society,
to countenance any encroachment upon
it; I Know it to be the Opinion of the
most distinguished Law Authority in
Great Britain, that Private Property
is made inviolably Sacred, that he Considers
the Absolute title to it as the Strong
Band of Society, and that we live in a
Land of Tyranny if Any Power, intrudes
upon, and overturns it; - I shall trouble
you no further than by Requesting, That
When Request permission of the honorable
Board to proceed to Europe it is in the
first place for the Recovery of my
health, Secondly for the Recovery of
my Property, and thirdly for the Recovery
of the Service; these Sir are my Objects,
and Humanity, Justice and Liberality
Are their Supports; - I can never persuade of
Myself that the honorable Board will
Counteract Such powerful Calls, by withholding
from

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from me their Sanction, because that
would seem to convey an Idea that
they disapproved of a Conduct warranted
by every principle by which a Man
of honor and feeling ought to be Actuated
I have to intreat you will be pleased
to refer to Mine of the 10th December
which, with all my preceding Letters.
Those have been forwarded to the
Honorable the Court of Directors;
From whose Equity and generosity
I shall Confidently look for all of
Redress, that a faithful and injured
Servant, has a Right to expect, from
Kind and indulgent Masters;—
I have the honor to be.

Sir

Your Most

Tranquebar
12th January 1792 — (Sgd) Samuel Johnston

I Certify that Samuel Johnston Esqr in the
Civil Service of the Honble East India Company
of England, came to Tranquebar in May last
in a very declining State of Health, having
long labored under a Intimate Bilious
Obstructions,

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Restrictions, attended with great debility
loss of appetite, a slow fever, and Nervous
Head aches, which rendered him incapable
of attending to business; and his life ap-
-pear'd to be in imminent Danger - the
change of Air and a course of Medicine
which has been pursued for some time
past, has, in some Measure, relieved him,
but I think it is absolutely necessary
he should proceed to Europe for the Benefit
of the cold bracing Air, to restore him
to Health, and that a Continuance
in this warm Climate must evidently
endanger his life. Under my hand and
Seal. -

Tranquebar the 4th Janry 1792.

Vide P. Letter
signed

/Sd/ Jh. Tolly
Surgeon Major
to the Garrison
in the Service of his
Danish Majesty. —

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Mr. Johnston. -

Agreed to inform Mr Johnston
that as he has taken up his Residence
at a foreign Settlement without the
Sanction of Government, the Board can-
-not consider him in a Situation in
which

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which they are authorized to grant any permission of the Nature he desires - but that as his Health obliges him to embark for Europe, they will consider his Letter as a Notification of his intention to do so, and report the same to the Honorable Court of Directors -

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Tranquebar.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor of Fort St George

&c &c &c

Sir,

From the Governor of Tranquebar - enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Rustna Row relative to his pecuniary Engagements with the Company on Account of his Master Mr Johnston.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of 5th Inst on the Subject of a Person by the Name of Kistna Row, who has been upwards of eight Months in this Settlement. I called him; but, as I could not collect the particulars of the Account he gave me from the Perplexity attending the Detail. I signified to him in writing the Substance of my Enquiry, to which he gave me the Answer even of the Copy, I have the honor to enclose with that of my Order - From the different Circumstances set forth in the Answer, it appears, as if the Question

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respecting the Forfeiture of his Security was still to be Determined: but, I Dare not venture to offer my Sentiments, as unacquainted with the Nature of the Transaction, from whence it originiates.-

I have the honor with particular Esteem, to remain-

Sir
Your Most
Obedt Hble Servt
Kt Kt
Sigd P. Anker

Fort Dansborg
the 14th January 1792.

To Kistna Row,

I am informed by a Letter received from Madras: "that a Person, by the Name of Kistna Row had been accepted as Security by the Company's Government at that Presidency for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Star Pagodas, and, that he had taken up his Residency within the Bounds of Tranquebar with a View, as it appears, to evade the Payment of the Money, for which he has held himself responsible."-

In Consequence of this Information, and the Friendship, which Subsists between the Danish and English Settlements,

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Settlements, I cannot suffer any Person under such Predicament to remain within these Limits with a View to screen himself from doing justice to his Engagements.—

It is therefore my positive Order, that your Kistna Raw, who I suppose is the Person this Information alludes to, shall give me without delay a satisfactory Account of the Engagement you are under to the English Company. And, if I find, that the Security is forfeited, and you should make any Attempt to avoid the payment, the Laws of this Settlement shall be laid upon to a Prosecution against you. You will in the meantime not be assisted to leave the Settlement.—

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I have the honour to be
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
/signed/ P. Anker

To His Excellency General Anker
Governor &c.

Honorable Sir,

I have received your Honors Letter and agreeable to your Order I humbly inform you that I came to Tranquebar

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Tranquebar last May by the Orders of my Master, Mr. Johnston, to settle Accounts between him and the honorable Company; when Mr. Johnston was at Madras in 1790 he wrote to me at Trichinopoly that the Government insisted upon examining his Accounts there and that they would not allow him to return until that was done. As I made out the Accounts which Mr. Johnston was absent and sick he desired me to find an Obligation for Pagodas 20,000 that there was no diffeciency either in Grain or Company's Accounts which I did because I was sure there was none. I find from Mr. Johnston's Accounts that instead of Diffeciency the Company owe him a great deal of Money and therefore he Desire me not to pay any sum from his Account. If your Honor please you can ask Mr. Johnston if I say true, for he understands all the Business. and I will not think of leaving the Settlement without your Honors leave.- I have the honor to be

Honorable Sir

Yr. Yr.

Tranquebar

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Signed/ Vizna Row

Dubash to Mr. Johnston

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Lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.

To the Honble Major General Willm Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam - particulars of a Disagreement between them and the French Chief at Yanam in regard to a Claim made by the latter to an Island on the Godavery opposite to Comprapelly in the Adjustment of which Mr Ruden and Mr Yeates have declined any Interposition —

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Correspondence having lately passed between us and the Chief of the French Factory at Yanam, in consequence of his having represented, that the Rights of his Nation had been infringed upon; we think it necessary to submit the same to your consideration. This we should have done sooner, had not the matter in itself, and what we thought might easily have been adjusted; and as the greatest part of the Correspondence we allude to, has already been entered on the Proceedings herewith forwarded, we conceive it may be as satisfactory to our Hon^rs, as if we had transmitted separate Copies -

The first letter from Mr Sonnerat, which is entered on our

Proceedings

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Proceedings of the 21st November, complaining that Suggapotty Ranzi's Renter had cultivated a small Island situated in the River Godavary, upon which the Inhabitants of Yanam used to feed their Cattle; and, as Mr Tudor has the Management of the Nillapillie Farm, the Inhabitants of which cannot be ignorant of the usages in this respect, we requested of him to enquire into the Subject of Complaint. An Extract containing Mr Tudor's answer, with the Report of those whom he employed to examine into the Matter, are entered on our Proceedings of the 27th Ultimo; by which it would appear, that the French have not, by usage or otherwise, any Right or Claim to the Island in question, neither do we find their Right to it, to have been recognized by any authentick Instrument at the time the Factory was last restored, or by the Convention entered into between the ..... Viscount Viscount Souillac and Colonel Cathcart.- The second Subject of complaint is contained in Mr Sarrazin's Letter

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Letter dated 28th November and entered also on our Proceedings of the 27th December ult. wherein he alledges that the same Renter of Juggapetty Rauze, had seized upon a Peninsula or small point of Land to the Eastward of Janam, which Complaints he has continued to repeat in his letters of the 26th December and 3rd Instant; So far as we can judge by the discription given, the Peninsula here alluded to, seems to be the same that was refused to the French at the end of last War, but afterwards given up to them by the Convention already mentioned; and positive orders have accordingly been sent to Juggapetty Rauze and to his Renter not to give them any trouble in that respect, but to restore the Ground specified in the Convention as also whatever may have been conveyed away during the dispute, which has already been of much longer continuance than it need have been, if we could have prevailed on either Mr Yeats or Mr Tuber to assist us with their good offices, which

they

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they will appear by the Correspondence, to have declined affording us—

In consequence of Mr Sonnerats complaints respecting an encroachment having been made upon the Peninsula which he claimed as belonging to his Nation, we wrote to Mr Yeats under date the 12th ultimo, enclosing our Answer to Mr Sonnerat, and requesting his opinion and interposition if necessary, at any time, to prevent any of the People under our authority from encroaching upon the territory or Privileges of the French. We were not only induced to this by Mr Yeats's residence in the Neighbourhood of Yanam, which might make him better acquainted than any Gentleman we could have employed; but also because the Factory at Yanam was restored by his Predecessor Mr Hamilton, and from that time to this, all Correspondence between this Board and the Chiefs of Yanam, on similar Subjects, has uniformly been carried on thro the Resident of Ingeram for the time being. Mr Yeats has not however thought proper to acknowledge the Receipt of our letter, and by

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those we have since Received from Mr Sonnerat, it does not appear that the letter which we inclosed Portion of the same date was delivered, at least for some time afterwards.—

As the Complaints preferred Taxes by Mr Sonnerat Jointly concerned Mr Tudor, we furnished him with a Copy of what had been written to Mr Yeats, which he deemed to considers as an interference with his Duties as Collector, and expressed a willingness to proceed to any parts of the District, where his Services might be wanted. Altho we never intended that Mr Yeats should have interfered, but when People under our own Authority were convinced yet as he had not acknowledged the Receipt of our letter, we readily embraced what Mr Tudor had proposed, and accordingly transmitted him Copies of all the Correspondence that had passed, Making the same Request of them, which he appeared dissatisfied with our having made before to Mr Yeats; but we were

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Nevertheless disappointed in our expectations
of assistance from him, as he declined com-
=corning himself with the matter in question

We are sensible that
neither Mr. Yeats nor Mr. Tuder, are on
any respect under us: but as both of these
Gentlemen have occasion at times to
apply to us, we conceive it not to be
unreasonable in us to expect their co-ope-
=ration for the good of the Service; when,
from their local situation, or other circum-
=stances, we may have occasion to
apply to them. Their having declined
to afford it in this instance, has at
least had the effect of disappointment
both in regard to us and the French
Chief at Tanam. We have asked nothing
more of these Gentlemen, than has been
usual, and it depends upon Your
Honor &c. to determine, how far a
mutual Co-operation between the
Company's Servants stationed in this
District, tho' professing independant
authorities, ought to take place, when
any advantage to the Service can result

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from it. If you therefore will be pleased to signify your determination on this subject of delay and Neglect, it may hereafter prevent doubts or hesitation with respect to Gentlemen acting under an authority independant of this Subordinate

Such part of our Correspondence on this Subject, as has not yet been entered on our Proceedings, is sent separate. —

We have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(Sigd) Alex. Saddler
W. Dobbyn.
And. Scott

Masulipatam
10th January 1792

To The Gentlemen of Council
at
Gentlemen, Masulipatam

I have received the two letters which you did me the honor to write me. I have not blamed your for the reception of the first which you addressed to Ajaats, waiting every day for the Answer to my Second,

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I thought as you have implied, that Mr Yeates could with a single word terminate this affair, in Consequence of which, as soon as I received your first Letter, I went to him, to request of him to do so, In Spite of all my Solicitations, I could only obtain from him this Answer. "I have "at this moment a great Deal of business "of the Company's, when I shall have "finished this, I will examine that of the "Rajah, in order to render an Account of "it to the Council at Masulipatam." From this disposition of Mr Yeates, I am much Satisfied with the part you have taken of Charging Mr Tudor with the termination.

I am infinitely obliged to you, Gentlemen for the promptitude with which you interested yourselves to render in justice, and I wait with impatience for Mr Tudor. Tippoo Saeb is no longer upon our Peninsula, he has only left some Posts there, but, before his retiring, he forced the greatest part of the Laborers to pay him two quarters parts in advance, which they have done, that they might not lose their

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Crops. He has cut down the Grain of all those who would not pay him, has detained their Cattle, which he caused to be tied up without giving them any thing to eat, and Several of them are dead. You will assuredly not Suffer the Robbery to Manifest of a Rajah who depends on you. It is only to the union that reigns between our two nations, that he owes the tranquillity I have permitted him all the time he remained on our territory. I hope Gentlemen that, M.r Tuder will make him reimburse, not only the Advances which the Laborers have paid him, but oblige him to give Damages to all those whose Crops he has destroyed. I think he ought also to restore us our little Island opposite to Compoo Soldam. The Declaration, of particulars You sent me a Copy of, can be of no value. being drawn out by Black People, who, because they are in your Service, think of making a merit to you, in prejudice of me. I shall give proofs to M.r Tuder, when he Comes to Janam, that we have always enjoyed this little Island during the thirty four years it has existed. —

Janam —
3d January 1792

Jannith Rupat
Lieu.t Col.
Sig.d Sommerat

a true Copy
of the translation
A Scott Sec.y

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To Sonnerat Esqr.
Chief of the Factory at Yanaon

Sir,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant, and are sorry that Mr. Yeats should so long have deferred his interposition to prevent the conduct of Tripetty ranze, and that Mr. Trider should likewise decline any interference in the matter in dispute between you and the Zemindar of Peddapore. - Neither of these Gentlemen being subject to our Orders, we could only request their good offices, which we are concerned they should have declined affording more particularly, as we have it not at present in our power to send a Gentleman from hence for the purpose. -

Our Chief has written letters to the Rajah Jeggapatty Ranze, and his Renter Tripatty ranze, directing him not to interfere with the Peninsula to the Eastward of Yanaon, so far as it's Possession has been confirmed to your Nation by the Convention entered into between the Viscount Souillac and -

Cathcart

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Cathcart; and directing them to restore whatever Money, Grain, or Cattle he may have conveyed away from thence: as also forbidding them to interfere in future with Your Possessions or privileges, but to make their complaints, if Occasion should require it, to us; which we trust will be the means of preventing your being liable to similar inconveniences in future.—

With respect to the little Island in the Guadavary, opposite to Comprapollam, as we do not find it recognized by any authentick Instrument to be a possession appertaining to the Factory of Yanam, the Decision upon that point does not depend upon us, but will be submitted without Delay to our Superiors the Government of Fort St George, to whom the whole of the Correspondence that has lately passed between us is about to be transmitted.—

As the restoration of the Factory at Yanam at the conclusion of the last War and whatever has since been

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been discussed between this Board and the Chiefs of your Nation has passed this the Resident at Ingeram this letter will likewise be sent under cover to Mr Yeats with a request that he will forward it to you without delay.—

I have the honor to be

With Consideration

Sir.

&c. &c.

Masulipatam
9th January 1792.

(Sigd) Anthy Sadleir
Dy Secy

(A true Copy)

A. Sadleir
Secy

To Mr Mathew Yeats

Resident at Ingeram

Sir,

I am directed by the Chief and Council to remind you of a letter which was written to you under date the 17th Ult.mo. enclosing one for Mr Somerat, Chief of the Factory at Yanam, which, by other letters since received from him, appears not to have been delivered for some time afterwards As whatever has passed between the Chief

and

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and Council of this place, and the Representatives of the French Nation at Yanam, from the restoration of the Factory at the end of last War, to the present time, has been transmitted this' the Resident at Ingeram, the Chief and Council are unwillingly to deviate from this mode, if they can avoid it; and have therefore directed me to inclose another letter for Mr. Sonnerat, as well as one for Tripatty Pauze, said to be a Renter under Juggapatty Pauze, which they request may be forwarded, the former being open for your perusal, and a Translation accompanying the latter;

I am Sir
Your
Most Obedt Hble Servt
A.W. Scott Secy.

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4th January 1791.

/a true Copy/
A.W. Scott Secy.

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To Anthony Sadleir Esqre
Chief and Council

Gentlemen, Masulipatam

I have this moment been honored with the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, with it's enclosures -

The paragraph in my letter of the 22d Instant wherein I expressed a readiness to proceed to whatever place my duty required me was perfectly plain, nor could it, I conceive, unless intentionally misunderstood, be inferred therefrom, that I meant to entail on myself the enquiry or adjustment of disputes between the Zemindars, and the Chief of Yanam having sufficient to do in guarding against their encroachments and interferences with the Havailies. The matter to which I alluded was the difference between the Fishermen of Nellapilly who were immediately under me, and the Chief of Yanam; and all I meant was, to show that, although my Countries were scattered, and the time

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of my being in any particular neighbourhood consequently uncertain, yet I should be always ready and happy to proceed wherever my presence was required for the Settlement of any disputes between the Inhabitants immediately under my authority and the French of Yanaon, or any others - but of the adjustment of the matter in dispute between the French Chief and the Zemindar of Peddapore require the presence of some Gentlemen on the Spot, with all due deference, I should conceive one of your own Council, or some one under your authority, would be the proper person to depute on as business so warmly taken up by the French Chief, and wherein one of your own Zemindars is so immediately Concerned; particularly as the latter person has Complained so loudly against me of late, and more especially as I have already furnished you with the opinion of the Public Servants regarding one of the Islands in questions -

I have the honor to be with Respect Gentlemen, Yr. &c.

Nansapore
30th Dr. 1791.

A true Copy
A. Scott Secy.
3 Feb 92

M. Sauder

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Minute on the foregoing letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

The Board are of opinion, and accordingly resolve, that the Servants of the Company residing in any of the Masulipatam Districts, tho' independent of the Authority of the Chief & Council in other respects, shall be subject to their orders in all Matters of a political Nature.—

Do. Resolved that it be left entirely to the Discretion of the Chief and Council to settle the dispute with the Chief of the French Factory at Yanam in ..... such manner as they may deem equitable to both Parties —

Agreed that Letters be written to Mr. Yeates and to Mr. Tilder informing them,

Do. that as the Authority of the Chief & Council is paramount in the District with respect to all Matters of a political Nature, the Board expect they will be prepared to execute, with Promptitude and Chearfulness, such Instructions as the Gentlemen at Masulipatam may have occasion to send them, regarding the Dispute with Mr. Sonnerat —

Read the following

Letter from Masulipatam —

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To The Honble Major General Sir Alexr Mcdowall

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam further Correspondence with Colonel Brathwaite respecting Mr. Mc Mahon's Application for leave of Absence. Remarks thereon. Particular Instructions required for their future Guidance.

It is always with Concern when we find ourselves obliged to make references to you, regarding differences of opinion between us and Colonel Brathwaite, and more particularly when the matter in question seems to have been determined by preceding orders and Regulations —

That we may not detain you longer than necessary however, we beg to observe, that two letters having, in the course of Duty, been sent by the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison, to the Chief, for his perusal, previous to the orders they contained being carried into effect; and as they appeared to him to Contain matter that might effect the Civil Establishment here, he laid them before Council. Copies of these letters are herewith enclosed Nos 1. and 2; the first being a letter from Colonel Brathwaite to the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison, is the only one on which

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which we shall offer any observations, the other
written by the Actg. Deputy Adjutant General
to Colonel Brathwaite, being, as we conclude,
founded on the Colonel's own communications
to General Musgrave.

Colonel Brathwaite, in his
letter, censures Mr. Binny for irregular conduct
in the mode he adopted for obtaining permission
for Mr. McMahon Medical Storekeeper at
this place to proceed to the Presidency; and
orders Lieutenant Colonel Patterson to send
for Mr Binny and acquaint him that he
and every other Medical Officer, are, in all
cases of Duty, or when absence from Duty
is required, to consider themselves under the
Command of the Officer Commanding the Troops
in Garrison. We have always understood
it to be the Duty of the Surgeons and
Assistant Surgeons stationed here, to attend
the Civil as well as Military Part of the
Establishment; but Colonel Brathwaite
appears to consider the matter otherwise,
and that the former have no right to
Medical Assistance, unless the Officer
Commanding the Troops in Garrison should
order a Surgeon to attend them. This is

matter

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matter that we believe never occurred before to any Officer but Colonel Brathwaite, and we have been accustomed to find him so little disposed to accommodate us, that we should be very sorry if the Civil Servants of the Company Stationed in this District were any way dependant on him for the Medical Assistance they may have occasion for: and Request that the Medical Gentlemen Stationed here, may be put, if they are not already, on such a footing as may not oblige us to enter into a Correspondence with Colonel Brathwaite upon occasions when their Assistance is wanted by the Civil, or when the Civil power may require Medical Assistance upon emergencies in distant Situations.

As Colonel Brathwaite had, on a former occasion, threatened to make Mr Binny feel the whole weight of his authority, for venturing to differ, as he seemed to conceive, from himself; in opinion, on a Medical point, we wished, on the present occasion, to know the grounds of the Colonel's Censure; and accordingly applied for Copies of the Correspondence

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that had passed, as well as for a Copy of the Orders under which Mr Binny acted. These he has furnished accordingly; and, so far as we may be permitted to offer an opinion, founded upon the orders of the Hospital Board to Mr Binny, or upon Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 19th February last to Colonel Brathwaite, we think that Mr Binny, in applying for leave of absence for Mr McMahon, adhered strictly and literally to the line prescribed to him by the Hospital Board in such cases. It cannot be considered, we think, as any Reflection upon Colonel Brathwaite's Conduct as a Military Officer, for us to suppose that the Head Surgeon at the Station, and Hospital Board ulteriorly, may be better judges than him of the propriety of the Medical Storekeeper's being permitted to quit his Station, and whatever irregularity there may have been, seems rather to have arisen from Colonel Brathwaite's endeavoring, by his own Authority, to screen from the Hospital Board, a part of that trust which you have thought proper to repose in them, with respect to those of their

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own profession, by changing the usual mode of application for leave of absence, into another Channel, which he must have known had never been adopted before, even by himself. We inclose No. 3 a Copy of the Letter received from Mr. Binny, in answer to the one we wrote him, which clearly points out what has hitherto been considered the line of Duty in such cases; and which Colonel Brathwaite has now taken upon himself to alter, without assigning any reason for it.

We are sensible that references of this kind are troublesome, and might, in the present and other instances, have been avoided, if Colonel Brathwaite would be satisfied with the established Rules of Service, instead of constantly omitting, in some way or other; which tends very much to embroil the Heads of different Departments with one another, as may be observed by your records to have happened from his first appointment to Command a Detachment against Vizianagaram to the present time.

A Copy of this Letter

shall

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shall be sent to the Colonel for his information, and if he should think it necessary to offer any thing in reply, it shall, if transmitted, also be forwarded to your Honor &c. without delay.—

We have the honor to be— &c. &c.

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11th January 1792.

(sd) Anth. Sadleir
W. Dobbyn
Andw. Scott

No 1

To Lieutenant Colonel Patterson
Commanding the Troops in Garrison
Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that some time since Mr Binny addressed a letter to me, to communicate to me that Mr Mc Mahon the Medical Storekeeper at Masulipatam had applied for leave to proceed to the Presidency; my reply to this communication of Mr Binny's was, that I conceived it to be irregular, and

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and that, as Mr Mc Mahon belongd to the Garrison under your Command, the application, in the first instance, ought to have been made to you, and by you to me: that, however, as I knew it to be of importance to Mr Mc Mahon to be soon at the Presidency, I would apply to General Musgrave for his leave, and, at the same time, inform the General of my Sentiments; the result of which should be communicated to Mr Binny—

I have this day Sir received a letter from the Acting Deputy Adjutant General conveying to me the General's reply, as also his Commands, a Copy of which is herewith enclosed: You will be pleased therefore to send for Mr Binny and communicate the same to him; and I trust this will finally Satisfy that Gentleman, that he and every other Medical Officer Stationed at Masulipatam are, in all cases of Duty, or when absence from Duty is required, to consider the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison

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at Manulipatam, as the Officer under whose Command they must immediately act, and to whom, therefore, in the first instance, in all such cases, reference must be made.-

I have the honor to be &c.

(Sigd) John Brathwaite

Ellore
30th Decr 1791.

(No 2)

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Northern Division of
the Army
Ellore.

Sir,

Having had the honor to receive and lay before Major General Musgrave your letter of the 15th I am directed to Communicate his permission for Mr Mc Mahon, Assistant Surgeon, to proceed to the Presidency Agreeable to his request; as also to inform you, that Major General Musgrave's opinion, with respect to the Channel of application which it was undoubtedly the Duty of Mr Binny to have pursued in the first instance, is precisely the same, as given by you to that Gentleman, and to signify, as the General's Order, with which he requests Mr Binny may be made acquainted)

that

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that every application of a similar nature, either on the part of himself or any other Medical Gentleman belonging to the General Hospital at Masulipatam, must in future be made to Head Quarters thro' the Commandant of the Troops in Garrison the Officer Commanding the District or Division.—

I have the honor to be &c
(Sign'd) Frederick Pierce
Acting Deputy adjt Genl
(Sign'd) Wm Willson
Secy

Head Quarters
24th Decr 1791.

No 3

Anthony Sadleir Esqre
Chief &c Council.

Gentlemen,

I am favored with Mr Secretary Cook's letter of Yesterday's date with it's enclosures; and in Obedience to your Commands, have the honor to lay before You, Copies of the correspondence on the subject of Mr M.c Mahon's obtaining leave to proceed to the Presidency, containing a letter from me to Colonel

Brathwaite

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Brathwaite, the Colonel's reply, and my letter to the Hospital Board: together with an Extract of the orders of the Hospital Board of the 14th of March last, under which I acted in addressing Colonel Brathwaite upon this occasion. Previous to this, ever since the institution of the Hospital Board, the mode of procuring leave of absence for Medical Gentlemen in the Bengal Line had been, for them, in the first instance, to obtain the approbation of the Chief and Council, or Resident, if in a Civil Settlement; or of the commanding Officer, if in a Military Station; and to intimate their having done so to the Head Surgeon, who, addressed the Hospital Board, and, in reply, they signified to him the pleasure of Government, which he accordingly communicated to the Surgeon who had applied for leave.-

In addressing Colonel Brathwaite it was my earnest wish to fulfil the orders of Government of March last, and I am sorry to find he should be of opinion I did not so altogether do so.-

I

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I have the honor to be
most respectfully
Gentlemen,
Your Obt.
Humble Servt.
(Signed) George Binny

Masulipatam
the 4th Janry 1792.

P.S. I have shewn Mr. Secretary Cobbs
letter to me, with this reply, to the Officer
Commanding in Garrison, Conformably to
your desire.-

(Signed) G. Binny

No. 1 to No. 2.

True Copies
(signed) Alex. Scott
Secy.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam -

Resolved to resume Colonel
(Brathwaite that at Settlements where
there are Chiefs and Councils, it
would be inconsistent with the respect
due to their Stations, if the Officer Com-
-manding in the Garrison were to receive
and refer to him an Application for leave
of Absence from any of the Medical
Servants, without a previous Commu-
-nication with them: That tho' there
may have been an irregularity on the
part of Mr Binny in referring Mr
Brownlow

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Macmahon's application to him of Colonel Brathwaite / instead of to the Officer commanding in the Garrison, there can be no matter of dispute with Regard to the Propriety of referring the applica-tion, in the first instance, to the Chief & Council for their Approbation - That it has been the usage of the Service from the Institution of the Hospital Board to the present time, that all Applications from Medical Servants for Leave of Absence should come through that Board to Government, and that as there does not appear to be any necessity for altering the Mode, it is to be understood upon all occasions in future, that applic-ations of the above nature be referred in the first instance by the Head Surgeon to the Chief and Council, and if their Approbation be obtained, that the Application be afterwards referred to the Officer Commanding on the District, through the Officer Commanding the Troops in Garrison, and if his Sanction be had, the Surgeon is then to

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to report the Matter to the Hospital Board, for the Decision of the of the Governor in Council.-

Agreed that the above be

Do.- Communicated to the Chief and Council.-

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from the Barrack Master in the Center Division.-

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary
&c &c &c

Sir.

From the Barrack Master in the Center Division - inclosing the Affidavit respecting the Cots furnished for the use of the Recruits of the Season 1791. Drawn out in the form prescribed by Government.

I have the honor to inclose the Oath taken before Major General Medows agreable to the form prescribed by the Hon'ble the Board.-

I am Sir
Your
Most Obt Servt
Signed F. Casspar
Barrack Master
Center Division

Camp
14th Janry 1792.-

I Francis Casspar do Swear that fifteen hundred new Cots delivered by me at Pondamalee for the use of the Recruits quartered there were made up for the express service of the Recruits of the Season 1791. that they were

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were not, nor any part or number of them, taken from any former supply, nor ever paid for by the Company, nor charged to them before- nor had ever undergone any repairs, or been in use upon any occasion whatever until they were so delivered for the use of the said Recruits. And I do further swear that the actual original cost of the said Coats to myself including their Carriage to Pananalee is Star Pagodas three and a Quarter 3¼ each Coat

So help me God

Camp 14. January 1792. /sgd/ Francis Caspar

Barrack Master
Center Division

Sworn before me this
14th of January 1792

/sgns/ W.m Medows-

Lieutenant Caspar having complied with the Orders of the Board, by Declaring upon Oath that he delivered for the use of the Recruits of the last season fifteen hundred new Coats, and that the actual original cost of the said Coats to himself, including their Carriage to Pandamallee, was Star Pagodas /3¼/ three and a Quarter each Coat- Ordered that a Company's

Minute thereon.

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Company's 8 p.Cent Bond, bearing date this Day, be made out and granted to Lieutenant Capper for the Sum of four thousand, eight hundred and seventy five /4875/ Pagodas.-

Ordered, at the Request of Lieutenant Francis Capper, that the Bond be delivered to his Attorney Mr. Francis Lautour.-

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Dindigul

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have inclosed you a Detailed Account of Hircarrahs from the 5th of August 1791 to the 21st of December Total, 445. Star Pagodas 22½ Fanams - and you will be pleased to Inform the Honble the President in Council, that I have, agreeable to Orders, recalled all my Hircarrahs - but beg leave to recommend my keeping on Monthly Pay, 1 Head Hircarrah, and Five others, the reason I recommend this is, that these Men are particularly

From the Commandant at Dindigul inclosing a Bill for Intelligence and recommending that he be allowed to keep up an Establishment of Six Hircarrahs.

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well informed of all and every part of the
Country, not only on this side of the Ghauts,
but as far as Seringapatam —
I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.
Dindegull
Jan.y 13.th 1792.
(Sig.d) T Bowser
Capt.n Commanding

The Honble Company —— Dr

To Secret Service Money declared upon Honour
to have been paid by me, and to the best of
my opinion deservedly, after strict examination
of the Parties, and which by this, I, of course,
hold myself to make Oath of, if called on
by the Honorable the Governor in Council. —

To Hircarrahs employed in procuring Intelligence
and carrying Letters from Dindegull, Pale-
-gaud Chevy Combetore, Karroor, and
Trichinopoly —

Star Pag.s 445. 21 Fanams.

(Sig.d) T Bowser
Capt.n Commandg
Dindegull

Dindegull
January 13.th 1792.

Ordered that Captain
Minute thereon — Bowsers Bill for Intelligence, amounting
to Pagodas four hundred and forty five —
twenty one fanams be discharged. —

Read

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Read the following Letter
from Mr. Benjamin Torin.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Board
Department

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge your Letter of the 5th January
with the Orders of Government; And shall
inform Captain Torin that he is no longer
to be supplied with Cash from this Quarter.
You will be pleased to inform Government
that my actual Advances to Captain Torin
amount to 40,000 Pagodas: and those to the
Bullock owners and Maistries to about
20,000. for which I have been obliged to
draw Bills on Mr. Cockburn
at Madras, and I request they may be
immediately honoured, as the Public Funds
in my charge had been appropriated by
the Board of Revenue up to February 1792.
and as those Sums were supplied by my
own Credit I shall suffer great inconve-
nience if they are not immediately
discharged.—

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From the Collector
at Tinnivelly—
requesting that
his Bills on Mr
Cockburn on
Account of Cash
advanced to Captn
Lieutenant Torin
may be immedi-
ately discharged.

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Have the pleasure to inform the Honble Board, by a letter of the 1st January from Captain Torin, that the Carnatick Bullocks are much approved in General Abercrombys Army, and that the Gunny Bags, which were lost on the forced March from Dindigul to Paliganet-churry have been replaced in part by Cannan-

Have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Sgd) Benj.n Torin
Collector

Tinnevelly
15th January 1792.

The Board will be pleased
Minute thereon to discharge the Collector's Drafts upon the
Agent on Account of Cattle provided for the
use of General Abercrombys Army-

The Acting President informs
the Board that Mr. Cockburn is in much want
of Cash, and recommends that Thirty Thousand
(30000) Pagodas be advanced him on Account
of the Bullock Department.

Thirty Thousand Pagodas to be advanced to Mr. Cockburn on account of the Bullock Agency

Ordered Accordingly.

Read the following
Letter and Enclosure from Colonel Agnew

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To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council &c &c

Honble Sirs,

I have the honor to submit to your consideration, a Letter from the Town Major, with two Bills for Sloop Money to Men enlisted from His Majesty's Regiments; which, being an Allowance specifically stated in the Regulations for Recruits arriving from Europe, I cannot take upon me to authorize it without the Sanction of your Honble Board: I request therefore to be favored with your Commands, begging leave to Remark that it was allowed previous to the adoption of the present Regulations -

I am, with great Respect
Honble Sirs
Your &c &c
Capper
C.G. &c

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From the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army Accounts - inclosing Bills presented by the Town Major for Sloop Money to Men enlisted from the Honble Regiments - and a Letter from that Officer on the Subject - The Orders of Government required thereon -

Col. Capper
Commissary Genl &c &c

Sir

I am sorry to find there is any objection to passing the inclosed Bills for Sloop Money for the Men enlisted into the Company's Service from the Honorable

Rec.

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Regt returning to Europe: I must beg leave to refer to your own recollection to establish that it has invariably been drawn by the Town Major for 20 Years past for every Man, from his first Entering the Company's Service, and was drawn by Major Shapham, at the close of the late War, for several Years received from his Majesty's Regiments ordered home, and has ever been drawn since that period by Major Campbell, and myself, without any Idea of an objection; the trivial Annual Amount is very trifling, often not 10 Pagodas per Annum, nor can it ever be an object, but when Corps of his Majesty's Service are ordered to Europe, and the Men permitted to remain in India, which is an event not very likely to occur in future -

It was formerly owing to its being of so little importance, that it was not more particularly noticed in the late Regulations; or, may I be permitted to suppose, that it is owing to a pure, false or casual Omission; for, notwithstanding the care that was taken in correcting those many Omissions and mistakes have occurred, and you Sir well Know, they are not, nor cannot be, implicitly followed at this Day.

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unless this Idea has some foundation, it can scarcely be supposed, that a Custom so long practised, would have been suffered to remain, uncontested, to this Moment, if it had been intended by the Regulation expressly to destroy it.—

Permit me Sir to hope that upon considering every Circumstance you may with propriety affix your Signature to the Bills.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most
Obedt Servt
Signed/ R. Gomonde
Town Major

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

Agreed that the Bills for Slop Money be discharged.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bt Baronet
Acting President in Council.

Sir,

From the Military Board signifying that the Bills of the Contractors for Repairs and Brick & Chunam for work executed and materials provided be discharged. and that some Repairs be made to the Powder Magazine on the Island for drying Powder and the small Magazine thereon. Estimate of the Expence thereof enclosed.

The Contractor for Repairs having presented their Bills for Works done by them, Amounting to Pago. Star 2981.16.65.

and

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and the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam, for Materials Delivered in the Months of October November and December last, Amounting to Pagodas 326. 34. 38.— We beg leave to Recommend that they may be discharged, the whole having undergone the usual Forms of Examination.—

The Commissary General of Stores having represented to us the necessity of the Platform upon the Island for drying Powder, and the Small Magazine thereon, being repaired, previous to the probability of it's being used, and as the Gunpowder Manufacture is commenced, We directed the Commanding Engineer to prepare an Estimate of the Expence to be incurred, a Copy thereof We beg leave to Submit to you, with our Recommendation that the Repairs may be immediately undertaken

We have the Honor to be.

Sir,

Your

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Thos. Musgrave

Captain

Geo: Maule

George Hall

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Estimate Expence of Repairs wanted for Flat form and Magazine for Drying Powder on the Island -

The old Roof is to be taken off and Replaced with new Palmeras, Rafters Nails, Flat and Pan Tiles and Chunam Borders. Supl. feet 586. @ 9/12 Pags. per Square	55.	24 12
Brick in Chunam to Beams filling &c. Cub feet 132 @ 2. 35. per foot . .	7	27 60
Pointing to Wall. Supl. feet 135 @ 19 Pr Pag. .	"	25 52
Cement Chunaming 2 Coats to Walls Floor and Flat forms - Supl. Ft. 3603 1/2 @ 4 Pr. Pag.	147.	13 52
White Washing - 7 3/4 Squares @ 3 Pr. Pag.	"	23 20
One Pair of New Venetian Window Shutter 2 - 4 by 2 - 10. with Brass Hinges	2.	30
Two Pairs of Window Shutters to be repaired with 4 New Rods, & 6. Brass Hasps and Bolts and Hinges repaired.	3.	" "
Red Wood Posts 8. 6 each 13 feet by 8 Inches Diameter @ 4 Pags.	32.	" "
28 Small Iron Hooks of 6 Inches and 20 Large of 12 Inches	9.	21 -
Pagodas.	253	39 36.

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Sd/ Hen: Meade
a true Copy/ Comm. Engr.

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board

Agreed that the Sum of Pagodas two Thousand nine hundred and Eighty one, Sixteen Fanams and Sixty Six Cash /2981-16-66/ be paid to the Contractors for Repairs on Account of Work Executed by them -

Agreed that the Sum of Pagodas three hundred and Twenty four - thirty four Fanams - and thirty eight Cash /326-34-66/ be paid to the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam, on account of Materials delivered by them in the Months of October, November, and December last -

Ordered that the Repairs required to the Flat form and Magazine for drying Powder on the Island, amounting to Pagodas two hundred and fifty three, thirty nine Fanams - and thirty Six Cash, be executed,

Read the following Letter and Enclosure from his Highness the Nabob /as entered also in b. b. N.o 8/ -

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

From the Nabob enclosing his Reply to the Acting President's Observations and Remarks on his Highness's Statement of his Accounts with the Company -

Dated 20.th Jmaudelawell 1206 Hegry
or
15.th January 1792.

Received 28.th -Do-

I have received your Letter of the 9.th

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Mohaveram 1206 Hegory answering to the 9th Sept.r 1791 with the Papers enclosed, and send you my Reply thereto; from which you will understand particulars - The twelve Volumes of Accounts which you sent I shall carefully examine -

What I can say more -

a true translation

(Sgd) David Haliburton

Persian Transl.r -

I have now to reply to your Letter inclosing a Copy of Your observations on my Account transmitted with my Letter of the 9th Day of July last: and in doing so I have those impressions on my mind which I had no conceptions could possibly have been occasioned by the Subject before me, and which is out of my Power to express. I never could have imagined, that an Account regularly investigated under your Orders by your Deputy Accountant General, and bearing his signature: an Account made up from Documents and Vouchers drawn from the Authority of the Right Honourable the Governor General should have met Objections such as those contained in your observations

and

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and remarks - and, under the Consideration that my Statement is just - that the Sums arising from it amounting to Pagodas 1,672,515-26-66. is due to me, and that the Explanation I have given of the several Items composing the Appendix subjoined to it, is fair and candid, warranted by the Authorities it refers to, and made by the General detail of Facts to which it has reference I feel it my Duty, a Duty which I owe to myself and to my Friends to make such Comments upon your Remarks and observations as may appear necessary to remove any clouds that may rest on the Matters I have brought forward, and which it has been your pleasure, in some Degree, to approve -

A In taking credit in my Acct for the Sum of S. 60,000 under this Reference, I have been guided by the Letter from Sir Archibald Campbell, and an Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors; and strictly adhered to the Letter and Spirit of both: Sir Archibald Campbell proposed, and the Court of Directors acceded to, the Remission of the Sum just mentioned;

nor

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nor can I conceive how it is possible to plow the construction you have done on the aggregate circumstances; That the Carnatic was not at this time nor at any subsequent period adequate to the discharge of the whole subsidy, will fully appear by a reference to the Record. The Company in mild anchaly Colours, therefore did not rest with me to prove that which was self-evident.-

The paragraph of the General Letter which you have noticed as relating to a new Arrangement has nothing to do with, nor does it relate to, the Remission- it contained terms that I could not agree to,- and therefore it remained as you found it without any the whole then I must prove the fact as I have represented it: and surely never was a fact more strongly evident, or one that stood upon a better foundation.-

B 5. In regard to the difference between the Sum of Pagodas 44,879 established by the late enquiry, and the Sum charged by me, I have to observe, that such difference has

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has been proved, as far as the Nature of the case would admit, by the Evidence of Mr. DeSouza who paid the Amount to the late Governor Holland. Where people in Authority, at the head of the executive powers, are guilty of frauds, they have a variety of means by which to avoid detection, and I submit to you, how difficulty I must have encountered in tracing the Fact; fortunately, and accidently, I obtained the Evidence of a Man who stands in the opinion of the World for honor and integrity; and when such Evidence is considered, with leading and corroborating Circumstances, I should conceive it, very way ample and sufficient—

C In remarking on the Credit I have taken for the Sum of 11,637 Pgos I say that if it is insisted on the Court of Directors have signified that I must be charged with 5/6 of the Balance transferred to me upon the surrender of the Assignment. This circumstance obliges me to observe, that when my Country was restored to me under Mr Davidson's Government I was not furnished either with an Account of the Balances outstanding nor the Mutchil-

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Mutchilka of the Renters, by which I might have been enabled to collect them. A made which I had observed in delivering over my Country to Lord Macartney, at which time there was a balance due to me in the Country of Pagodas of about 9,12,449, which, added to the Sum of 116237 amounts to the Sum of Pagodas 10,29,286; and thereupon, if the Court of Directors should insist upon the Sum of 24,3773 of which I have never yet seen either a Statement or the Mutchilkas of their Renters, they will draw upon themselves a still greater Sum than that which I had brought forward. I deliver over the Revenues of my Country to Lord Macartney during the continuance of the War and it was agreed that he should not make any alteration in the Samahbundee. I did not deliver over the Revenues for any fixed period, nor at any stated amount, that You should demand the balances. It was agreed upon, that His Lordship should Restore the Country to me immediately on the conclusion of Peace. How then can balances be demanded of me? I am the hereditary

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Sovereign of the Country, and at liberty to act as I please. The balances which were outstanding in the several Districts I delivered over to Lord Macartney at the time I resigned over the Country to him - His Lordship forcibly Retained the possession of the Country for a twelve Months after the conclusion of Peace, and the deficiency that he made in the Annah-bundy of the Country, amounts to a very large Sum, which sum is due to me; and, from the Day my Country was Restored, and a Treaty, stipulating the Rents executed, no claims whatever remained against me. -

D As you have admitted the justness of the Sum of £6368: 9: 6d. I shall only to suggest that the circumstance which obliged me to enter into an explanation of this Item in my Account, will shew to you how many difficulties and impediments are thrown in my way by the Servants of the Company; and, in some measure, elucidate the Item immediately following it: -

E The Sum of 1,32,087: 15: 32, which, from the nature of it, properly belongs

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to and was therefore introduced as a part of my Last Cundy Account.

F The Court of Directors have admitted, and you have also stated, as the truth really is, that Arnee is a Jaghire now Sir I have to observe, that Jaghires however the conception may be otherwise, are not hereditary, are at the disposal of the Prince of the Country to which they belong, they are generally conferred as a mark of favour, and in Reward for Services and on the Demise of the Party who had rendered those Services, and to whom in consequence they had been granted the Grant to the Prince who granted them is ended by that means, he is enabled to Reward others otherwise Men, at a future Day, who might deserve still more at his hands than the Deceased Jaghiredar had merited in his Life time, must go unnoticed and would suffer that Mortification, of which the comparative Losses would naturally produce. Of these Circumstances Sir Archibald Campbell seemed to be convinced when he received an Order from the Court of Directors in the Year 1784

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For the Delivery of the Sagbire of Arnee to the Sagbiredar; he did not conceive the Subject had been fully considered, and therefore did not carry the Order into effect; and the Arnee District remained in the Hands of the Company until the late Governor Holland delivered it into those of Tremenheere, not from a principle of Justice or as a matter of right, but under the Reprobated influence of venality and corruption, which, in the Appendix now before me, and which You had under Your consideration, is set forth and Demonstrated- a promised Bribe of 60,000 Pagodas, and he actually receiving 30,000 Pagodas as a part discharge of it: Jany. the Sovereign: and the Country is mine; but on this I shall expatiate at a future Day- For the present, I shall confine myself to the point in question- The Collection of the Revenue of the Arnee District during the time it was held by the Company and, which You say amounted to no more than Pagodas 27441: 35: 10: Now, admitting that to be the case, it from thence follow is injured that because the Company

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thought proper to rent it at so low a rate
I am to be the sufferer? they might have
rented it for 5,000 Pagodas or any Lesser
Sum; they had the power of doing so,
because they had the Country in their
possession, in common Justice therefore
it must be theirs not mine, my
concurrence was neither given nor required
to the measure; and, under these considera-
tions, I should be justified in charging
50,000 Pagodas as the annual Revenue
which was actually received by me
previous to the time when Lord Macart-
-ney took upon himself the management
of my Country — But I made allowances
for the calamities of the War — and have
therefore reduced the Sum, as it stands before
you, to the Sum 30,000 per Annum and
which is agreable to what Lord Macartney
had actually rented the Country for. I admit
that the Court of Directors have given an
Order to deliver up the Saghire of Arnee,
but they had not those explanations which
were necessary to elucidate the matter-
or I am convinced such an Order never
would have been issued; but, be this as it
may, I am persuaded that the Court of
Directors must approve of an Act which

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is founded in Justice - I therefore urge the Claim I have made; and in the manner I have stated it - If the Company's Servants were negligent in their Collections, the fault was their's, not mine. I only assigned over the Revenues of my Country during the War; and they should, of course, have been restored to me in like manner. where was the necessity of Interfering with my Right, and with my Country by giving away the Sovereignty of Arnee?

G It did not enter into any imagination that a point so well established as the Sum of 15,80,000 could have been objected to by You in any manner: but, on the Contrary, I was fully convinced that it would have met Your entire concurrence - The Treaty clearly expresses that, from the day War commences, the Hostilities are to cease; and this Circumstance to Mssrs. Williams and Turing at a very early Period of the present hostilities, and insisted on a due observance of it; but, for Reasons best Known to themselves, they refused to listen to me; I was then Reduced to the necessity of having Recourse to the Governor General, and his Lordship, in his great Wisdom and Justice, has

sanctioned

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sanctioned my Representation, and has given his Orders in conformity to the Treaty, so that the Reference You now make to his Lordship must appear unnecessary - He has already Decided -

The manner in which You have stated the Collections has nothing to do with the question of Right, as I have stated it - I have been governed by Circumstances as they have occured and have set forth the Facts which those circumstances involved, and if I have not erred in Fact, I must be correct in every other Respect; and that I have not erred in Fact You yourself candidly acknowledge; and, upon all those considerations, the Sum of £150,000 is Regular and Just. -

If a doubt should yet remain in Your breast, my Accounts are open for Your inspection: From those You may satisfy Yourself in every particular; but You have those Accounts already in Your possession; they are with my Amildars and Revenue Servants, whom the Servants of the Company had imprisoned

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long ago, and who are still in confinement, nor can there possibly be any deficiency in those Accounts as at the time the Company's Servants so confined my People they broke open the Rooms and Chests in which those Accounts and the Records of the Country were deposited, and seized upon the whole.

The present War it is most certain did not commence in the Carnatic; nor did any act of mine cause it, It originated with the Rajah of Travancore and commenced in his Districts. Yet notwithstanding, my Country suffered its banefull effects. The Enemy has made incursions into it and have committed their depredations. Troops have been constantly Kidnaping and Kidnaping Throughout it: Waste and Injury has followed; my Ryots have been disturbed in their Cultivation, and their Cattle and Grain, in common with my own, has been taken from them. may they themselves have been seized on for Coolies and carried from their Homes many of them never to Return again. I must not be understood as opposing any Measure which pressing exigences might render necessary; but of stating the Fact as it stands in order

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to shew the losses I have sustained, and must yet sustain; and that my Country cannot afford a Sum any way equal to that engaged to be paid in the time of Peace- It is hard that I should suffer for what I am in no wise interested-

H&I As you leave the Sums of 169,000 and 22,1160 dependant upon the Matters set forth in Your Remarks upon the Item immediately preceding them- I do the same on my part and am confident that it is not in the nature of things to deprive me of those Sums so justly my due.-

K The deposit of 100,000 of Pagodas I have fully explained to be my property both in the Appendix to my Account & Current and by various Letters now in Your Records- but should You think otherwise I leave to your consideration the following Extract from Your Letter to me under date the 3d October 1791 "I have the honor to inform Your Highness that His Majestys Attorney and Solicitor General and the Company's Standing Council have given it as their opinion that

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that your Highness is entitled to the Lacks of Pagodas deposited in the Company's Treasury by the late Rajah of Tanjore — The Honourable Court of Directors have, in consequence of such opinion, instructed this Government to write off the Amount in part discharge of the Debt due from your Highness to the Company —

L. It is stipulated in the 14.th Article of the Treaty that every assistance of Military Force shall be given me to compell my Tributaries to pay their Peishcush — that Assistance has been frequently asked by me without success, and my Revenues have suffered in consequence, as already explained under this Reference — My claim therefore for the Sum of ₹ 200,000 is founded on the non-performance of the Treaty which has occasioned a Loss in my Revenues to that Amount — Former Governors might have made a shew of giving me support; but I must insist that it was, in many particulars, merely a shew, and the extra Expences attended on such support was equal, if not superior, to the object to be attained; and, instead of establishing my Authority, served to render it more contemptable in the Eyes of my refractory Subjects. —

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M Under this Reference I have so clearly demonstrated my Right to the Sum of 200,000 that any thing I can say further would be superfluous - The 17th Article of the Treaty provides for a deduction under the Head stated in my Account, and I am surely entitled to the benefit of it -

When You consider the various changes my Country has undergone, and the unsettled and deranged state of my Affairs from the Year 1779 to the present moment, You will see the impossibility of making Statements at the Period, circumstances might lay the foundation for them; and will then be of opinion that the Account of the Loss on Account of the Dry Seasons &c. could not have been delivered into Government at the time the Calamity happened; and, although it might not be recorded in Your Memory, it is too deeply impressed on mine to be so soon eradicated, and the difficulty You suppose of ascertaining a just Account of my Loss on that Head will cease on Reference to Books, Vouchers and the Testimonies of my Surrildars and other Servants - And as to the circumstances

which

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which you are mention of my having been able
to make good my Public Engagements at
least to the close of Sir Archibald Campbell's
Government in the Year 1709 it is no way
Remarkable, nor can it be inferred from
thence, that I had no cause of Complaint—
my Zeal for the welfare of the Company,
and my anxiety to meet their approbation,
has frequently induced me to struggle
with distress and plunge deeper into
debt in order to pay Money into their
Treasury; and such was exactly the Case,
in the present instance— It was from
the Assistance I received from my Creditors
that I was enabled to make good those
Public Engagements which you now
bring in Judgement against me; I feel
at this time most severely the consequences
of the Loans I then raised to pay to the
Company— This fact is known to the
Settlement at Large; I could illustrate
it if such should be deemed necessary—
But the actual state of
my finances at that time can be best under-
stood by a comparative view of the Facts
that have come under Your Knowledge, and
stands upon Your Records— When I rented the
Company's

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Company's Sagture I paid four Lacks of Pagodas annually paid, since it has been under Your Government, You have not been able to Realize a fourth part of this Sum: and if such is the decrease - a decrease of 3 Lacks in the few Miles of Country which, compose the Company's Sagture, and which may be said to be in a manner under the Guns of Fort St. George, what must be the decrease of the Revenues of the whole Carnatic lying entirely exposed to the invasions and depredations of every Enemy.-

This Item is comprehended in the Reference N

O I am not surprised that the Accountant General should be ignorant of the Sum of 9000 Pagodas comprehended under this Reference; but if You had ordered Mr Torin to furnish you with a statement of it, You would then have been informed that my mention of it was correct: and as You say that Mr Torin would naturely have endeavoured to secure it for the Public Service, I must receive the observation as corroborating the matter as set forth by me - and consequently the Sum of 9000 is properly carried to the Credit of my Account.

Resolved

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Minute respecting the official Signature of the Deputy Accountant General affixed to the Note at the foot of the Nabob's Statement of his Accounts —

Resolved, that the Deputy Accountant General be directed to state his Reason for affixing his official Signature to a Note at the foot of the Nabob's State-=ment of his Accounts with the Company —

The consideration of the foregoing Letter from the Nabob Deferred —

Resolved that the Consider-=tion of the Nabob's Letter be deferred till the next Meeting. —

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob, (as entered also in C C. No 9)

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

Dated 18th Jumaudelawell 1206 Hegery

13th January 1792.

Rec.d 20th do

From the Nabob advising of his having written to Lord Cornwallis respecting the Suit instituted against the Company by his Agent in England.

I have the pleasure to receive your Letter of the 9th Instant, which has Conveyed to my Bosom more Sorrow than I can express: — It has ever been my first wish, to live on terms of the utmost harmony and most sincere Friendship with my Friends the Company — judge then of

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of the pain I must experience in learning from you, that they entertain Ideas very unfavorable towards me.-

I saw now addressing Lord Cornwallis on the Subject; and have no doubt on my Mind, but that his Lordship will be perfectly Satisfied, with the explanation I shall give him.-

What can I say more.

A true translation
(signed) David Walliburton
Persian Translator

Agreed that the above be communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Major Macdonald of the Nabobs Service,

To W. C. Jackson Esqr. Secretary to the Military and political Department &c &c Presidency of Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of a letter from you, under date 28th December 1791. intimating to me the Expectation of the Secret Committee of the Honble Court of Directors

That

From Major Macdonald stating that the full Information obtained by the late Committee on all the Articles of Charge against the Administration of Mr Holland precludes the Necessity of his Interference.

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"That, from various Communications I
"had made, I would be of material use
"in aiding the objects of the prosecution comm-
"-menced against Mr. John Holland, so far as
"they had any Connection with the Dewan of
"this Highness the Nabob" and the permission
of the Honble the President in Council,
to inspect, for my more full Information,
the proceedings of the Committee appointed
by the Government for enquiring into the
Charges preferr'd against Mr. Holland's Ad-
-ministration — I have the honor to inform
you that I have carefully read over those
proceedings —

The very full Information
there brought forward by order of this High-
-ness the Nawab (to which I was necessarily
a stranger, Where, impressed with a
Conviction of it's being useful as well as
honorable to this Highness that such Inves-
-tigation should take place, I had the honor
to communicate my Sentiments, and
promise my assistance to the Secret
Committee and the Honble the Board
of Control) preclude the Necessity of my

interference

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interference, as his Highness has, by a voluntary act, come forward in that open and friendly Manner; to which my best Endeavours and persuasions should have been exerted to induce him—

I have the honor to be,
with great Respect,
Sir,
&c.ra &c.a
Forbes Ross MacDonald
Major— Service of
the Naval

Read the following Letter from the Private Secretary to the Governor General William Collins Jackson Esqr Secretary &c.a Fort St. George.

Sir.

From the private Secretary to the Governor General enclosing further Dispatches for England— Instructions regarding their Transmission.

I was yesterday favored with your letter of the 5th and have acquainted Lord Cornwallis of the intention of the Board to dispatch the Deptford on the 20th Instant. If the Phœnix should not arrive at Madras and be in readiness to sail from thence for Europe before the departure of the Deptford, His Lordship desires

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Desires that, in the event of the Deptford's being the first Ship, you will include all the dispatches that I have hitherto transmitted to you from his Lordship in the Honble Company's Packet by that Ship instead of the Phenix, and that you will then be pleased to forward the Dispatches which Accompany this letter, and which are chiefly Duplicates of the former, by the latter of those Ships. —

These Dispatches consist of;

1 Letter to the Court of Directors. —
1 do — to the Secretary of State.
1 do — to the Rt Honble Wm Dundas
2 do — to his Grace the Duke of Richmond.
2 do — to the Secretary at War.
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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
[signed] Henry Haldane
Pvte Secy to the Gov. Genl

Camp near Outradroog
January 12th 1792. —

Minute thereon. Ordered that Lord Cornwallis's Dispatches received with the above Letter be transmitted by the Deptford. —

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Memorandum respecting the Duties & Situation of the ten Gentlemen Recruits arrived on the Dublin. The Acting President's Recommendation thereon.

The Acting President lays before the Board a Memorandum of respecting ten Gentlemen Recruits arrived on the Dublin last Year, and recommends that Letters be written to Major General Meadows and to Colonel Bruce; desiring the former will give Orders for Lucius Lucas, and Oliver Eustace Stone to be employed in the Manner directed by the Honorable Court; and instructing the latter to order Adam Cuppage to proceed to Vellore and attend to his duty in the Regiment to which he has been appointed.

— Memorandum respecting Ten Gentlemen Recruits arrived on the Dublin 16th August 1791. —

Roberts Moore —
Charles Armstrong
Roberts Beatty
Michael Grace
William Hughes
Lucius Lucas.

} Were drafted to the Artillery, and joined a Detachment of that Corps at the Mount — the first five attended the Drill with great assiduity and as soon as perfected in their exercise, did Duty; and, behaving with great Sobriety, attention and diligence, they have been appointed to act as Corporals, in which Capacity they are now Serving with the entire approbation of Major Tull their Commanding Officer. —

A.T.

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Mr. Lucas was, soon after his appointment, permitted to go to the Army with Lieutenant Nelson, who had Charge of some heavy Guns, and is now returned "absent from the "Mount, with leave.

John MacKay-
George Paynor
Adam Cuppage-

} Were Drafted to the 3rd Battalion of European Infantry at Vellore, the two first are now at Drill; and are reported to be attentive, diligent young Men.--

Adam Cuppage, is now on a Visit to his Cousin Lieut. Cuppage Commanding at Amboor with permission from Major General Musgrave.--

Mr. Eustace Stone. Was Drafted to the 4th Battalion of European Infantry Serving with the Grand Army, and proceeded to join his Corps with the Escort under Colonel Floyd.-

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18th Janry 1792.

Signed P. Gomond
Town Major

Minute thereon.

Ordered accordingly.

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A Tender to be made to the Revrend Mr Gericke of the office of Dutch Translator with an Allowance of 10 Pagodas pr Mensem —

As none of the Company's Servants at the Presidency are qualified for the Office of Dutch Translator, the Acting President recommends that the Board avail themselves of the Services of the Revrend Mr Pericke in that Line, until one can be found; and proposes that the Monthly Sum of ten Pagodas be tendered for Mr. Gericke's Acceptance, as a Compensation for his trouble in translating such Dutch Papers as may be received by Government.

Approved and ordered Accordingly.

Instructions to be given to Major Yonge, relative to his Return from Vellore to the Presidency.

Resolved that Major Yonge be directed, after seeing the Treasure now on the Road to Camp safe to Vellore, to return, with the Recovered Horses, and take up a Position near to the Presidency, for the Protection of the Environs of this Settlement —

Major Tuckt to be called upon to report the Steps he took in consequence of the appearance of the Enemy's Horse in the Neighbourhood of the Mount.

Resolved that the Officer Commanding at the Mount be directed to report at what time the irregular Horse which made their appearance

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appearance Yesterday, were Sent discovered, and from whence - also what Steps he took, in Consequence, to protect the Cantonment, and to prevent their passing on this Side Marmalong River, as the Board have heard, with Concern, that a Party of those Looties plundered the Village of Sidapet which is within two Miles of the Mount Station, and that, even at the Mount itself, one or more Houses were plundered. -

Instructions to be given to Major Tull &c.

Resolved also that Major Tull be directed to Keep a Constant Watch at the Top of the Mount, according to the regulations established, and that he consider it as his Duty, and a very material part of it, to protect the Environs as far as the Force under his Command will permit. —

Substance of a Petition from Seemeaspyngen.

Read a Petition from Seemeaspyngen, a Principal Inhabitant of the Villas of Saram District, (as entered in the M. B. N° 146) stating that at the breaking out of the present War

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War with Tippoo Sultaun, he took
refuge at Pondicherry, where he
was soon after placed in Confinement
in consequence of the non-payment
of a debt said to have been due by
him to Savaratoya Telly upon a
Bond of 4000 Pagodas executed by
the Petitioner's great Uncle, jointly
with two Inhabitants of the Verdachillum
District, about thirty three Years ago-
that twelve Years previous to the
execution of this Bond the Petitioner's
Father and Great Uncle divided the
Family Estate- that consequently
he could not, from thenceforward,
either in Law or Equity be answerable
for the Debts of the latter- that after
he had been in Confinement two Months
he found himself under the necessity of
calling upon two of his Friends to be
Security for his Appearance, who had
since been Compelled to pay three
thousand Rupees in part payment
of

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of the Bond abovementioned, and that they were now prepid for the remainder and praying the Interposition of the Board with the French Government to relieve him from his Distresses.—

Minute of the Board thereon.

As, from the above Statement, it would appear that the Petitioner was not the proper Person against whom Sawaroya Pilly should have sued for the Recovery of the Money, it is agreed to write to Colonel de Fresne, requesting he will give orders that an enquiry take place, and, if it shall be found that the Petitioner's Case is as it has been stated by himself, that he will afford him Relief from the Injuries under which he has suffered.

One Thousand Pagodas to be advanced to Mhedy ally Khan, the Nizam's Vackeel.

The Acting President recommends that one thousand (1000) Pagodas be advanced to Mhedy Ally Khan, the Nizam's Vackeel, in order to enable him to proceed on his Journey to Hydrabad; and that

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the Amount be Carried to the Head of Soubah of the Decan.-

Ordered accordingly-

The Acting President

Death of Ensign John Taylor of the Pensioned List-

Reports to the Board the Death of Ensign John Taylor of the Pensioned List, at Trivatore, on the 17th Instant.-

Chas Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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21 This Evening the following Letter was received from Major Sater

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

Sir,

From Major Sater advising of his Arrival at Trepalmadore and having pitch'd the Treasure in the Pagoda

I am, with the Detachment this Instant arrived at Trepalmadore, and have the happiness to inform you that I found the Treasure perfectly safe, and well posted in the Pagoda. The Enemy have committed their Depredations mostly to the Eastward of the Road - it's out of my Power correctly to ascertain their Numbers as all the Villages are evacuated. I'm of opinion they are but few and of the lowest order of Looters - The Junction being now effected, the Treasure safe, and nothing to apprehend, with your Permission, I shall my Presence [illegible] unnecessary longer with the Detachment, I will deliver it over to the Infantry Officer who seems well calculated

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21 calculated for the Charge, and return
to the Presidency with a Naick's Guard
Not having a Buzzar with
the Detachment, and the Country not
capable of affording any Supplies it's
rather Distressed. —

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

Trepalmadore
Saturday
in the Morning. —

(Signed) J. Slater.
Major Comm.g the
Detachment

Sent the following Letters —

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

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis giving
the Retreat of the Enemy
Horse — and of the Intelligence
received of the Perfidity of
their Monarch — Measures
adopted for the Protection
of the Environs of the
Presidency — The Enemy
supposed Strength &c.a

We have the honor to inform
your Lordship that on the Movement of our
Party from the Fort the irregular Horse
which appeared Yesterday in the Environs
of Madras retreated with great expedition
to the Southward. —

At nine o'Clock Yesterday
Evening we received Intelligence from
the

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21st the Officer commanding at Chingleput dispatched at 10 o'Clock the preceding Night advising that a party supposed to be 500 Horse, crossed the Palar that day near Tevenam Hills, and in the direction of N.E. N.E.— Hence it is evident their march must have been forced and very rapid, as they reached the Mount Yesterday Morning several hours before the Receipt of the Express

We have judged it necessary to direct Major Young, after seeing the Treasure safe to Vellore, to return with the recovered Horses and take up a position near to the Presidency, and we have resolved to add 25 Men to each Company of the Native Battalions doing duty here, by which means we hope to be able to protect the Environs from Insult in future.—

We have just received advice that Major Paker with two Companies of Sepoys has joined the Money Tumbril at Sreeperumadore

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

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(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&c. Council

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To Edward Hay Esquire

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort William

Sir

I am directed by the Honble

To the Secretary at Bengal
advising of the retreat of the
Enemy's Horse & the
Rapidity of their advance
towards the Carnatic

the President in Council to acquaint you
for the Information of the Supreme Council
that on the movement of our Troops from
the Fort, the Party of irregular Horse —
which appeared Yesterday in the Environs
of Madras retreated with great expedition
to the Southward.

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Evening the Board received Intelligence
from the Officer commanding at Chingleput
dispatched at 10 o'Clock the preceding
Night, advising that a Party, supposed to
be 500 Horse, crossed the Palar that day
near Sweriam Hills, and in the direction
of N.E. N.E. — Hence it is evident their
March must have been forced and very
rapid, as they reached the Mount yesterday
Morning

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21 Morning several Hours before the receipt of the Express.—

I have the honor to be,

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Sir,

Your most Obedt
humble Servant

(Sign'd) C. W. Jackson
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and
22 Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in the MB of Nos 145.146.
147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.—
158. 159. 160.—

To the Deputy Comptroller General of the Army Accounts

To the Deputy Comptroller
General of the Army Accounts — informing
him that the Charge made in Mr Young's
Accounts for Batta paid to Sepoys of the
1st Revenue Battalion in the Year 1790
is to be admitted.—

To the Commandant at Vellore

To the Commandant at Vellore—
desiring him to forward to Amboor with
all Expedition, and under a proper Guard,
the Treasure Tumbrills that will be delivered
over to him by Major Young.—

To the Private Secretary to the Governor General

To the Private Secretary to the
Governor—

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To the Governor General informing him that Lord Cornwallis's original Dispatches have been forwarded to England on the Phanix and that the Dispatches which accompanied his Letter of the 12th Instant will be transmitted by the Deptford.—

To the Secretary at Bengal—enclosing Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 11th Instant.—

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Northern Division—informing him of the Mode to be invariably observed in all Applications from Medical Servants for Leave of Absence, at Stations where there are Chiefs and Councils.—

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam—enclosing Copy of the above mentioned Letter to Colonel Brathwaite

To the Resident at Ingeram—and Collector in the Northern and Centre Divisions of the Masulipatam Havelly.—informing them that the Board consider the Authority of the Chief and Council at Masulipatam Paramount in their Dist[ricts] with

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and 22 with respect to all Matters of a Political Nature, and desiring them to be prepared to execute with Promptitude and Chearfulness such Instructions as they may receive from them regarding the Dispute with the French Chief at Yanam

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To the Chief & Council at Masulipatam — communicating the Orders given to Mr Tudor and Mr Yeates - and desiring them to settle the Dispute with the Chief of the French Factory at Yanam in such Manner as they may deem equitable to both Parties.

To the Reverend Mr Swartz

To the Reverend Mr Swartz — informing him that the Board will not take any further Notice of the transaction regarding the Money levied by the Rajah from the Inhabitants, provided the Amount be repaid - and desiring him, if his Excellency cannot immediately satisfy them, to obtain his Sanction to it's being paid by the Collectors out of his Proportion of the Revenue —

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery — enclosing copy of a Petition presented to the Board of Assumed Revenue by Ram Presaud an Hindostan Brameny, complaining of

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2d of Timma Naick, - and desiring him to
represent the Matter to the Rajah of Calastry
and obtain such Redress for the Petitioner
as his case may be found to merit.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - informing
them that Government have been pleased
to appoint Lieut.t Colonel Collins a Member
of their Board - that they have resolved
that the Amount due to the Contractors for
Repairs and Bricks and Chunam be
discharged; that the Repairs required to
the Platform and Magazine on the Island
for drying Powder be executed - as also the Repairs
required to the Fosse Bray Wall at Fence
and the Artillery Cantonments at the Mount -
enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Deputy
Adjutant General regarding an irregular
Issue of Clothing to the Men of the 1st
Battalion of Coast Artillery who were not
entitled to receive it - and desiring them to
report their opinion upon upon Estimates
received from the Storekeeper at Chinglput of
the Expence that will attend the Repair of
the Breaches of the inner and outer Forts

To Captain Kelly
Macalister & Mr Cundy

To Captain Macalister informing
him

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22 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; and that six Months Pay will be advanced him.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly — desiring him to instruct Lieutenant Jennings to receive from Mr Andrews, the Collector, the Money wanted for the Repairs of the Banks of the Cavery - and informing him that it is the Intention of the Board that the Engineer shall be the Purchaser of the Materials as well as the Superintendent of the Work. —

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — communicating the Orders given to Colonel Bridges; and informing them that Government do not consider the Reason given by Mr Hoyer for Patchiappah's Presence at Chillumbrum as sufficient to induce them to acquiesce in his Recommendation. —

To the Civil Paymaster General —

To the Civil Paymaster General — desiring him to pay to the Reverend Mr Gericke the monthly Sum of Ten Pagodas on account of the Office of Dutch Translator —

To the Reverend Mr Gericke

To the Reverend Mr Gericke — tendering for his acceptance the monthly Sum of Ten Pagodas

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22 Pagodas as a Compensation for his Trouble in Translating such Dutch Papers as may be received by Government — and informing him that the Civil Paymaster General will discharge his Monthly Bill. —

The acting President sends in Circulation the following Minute. —

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The acting President's Minute proposing that a Detachment be formed for the Protection of the Environs of the Settlement and that Captain Macalister or Cornet Montgomery be ordered to proceed immediately with the Governor's Body Guard to the Race Stand, there to be joined by the recovered Horses at Poonamallee

As the Strength of the Garrison at present will not admit of our Stationing any part of the Troops for the Protection of the Environs, I beg leave to propose, until the arrival of Major Young and the Return of the 2 Companies with Major Slater, that such of the Horses at Poonamallee as are recovered, with the Governor's Body Guard, be immediately put under the Command of Captain Macalister or Cornet Montgomery, and placed at the Race Stands, where they will be able, with the assistance of the Artillery at the Mount, to protect the whole Space between that Cantonment and the Sea — To this Party, I propose Major Young with his Cavalry and as many Sepoys as can

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and
22 be spared, with two field Pieces, shall be joined as soon as possible — This Detachment will be fully equal to the object of covering the Environs and of moving occasionally into the Country to protect the Inhabitants, and to convoy Stores or Money going from hence to the Westward. —

Signed C. O.

Mr. Petrie approves the plan suggested by the Acting President and recommends that Cornet Montgomery be ordered to proceed to the Race Stands. —

I highly approve of the above plan, but as I have just seen a Letter — respecting Capt. Macalister's proceeding to Europe or the Cape, I should think the — appointment would with much more propriety fall upon Mr. Montgomery — But I think all that Detail should be left to the acting President. —

(Signd) Wm. Petrie

Mr. Huddleston approves the Plan suggested by the Acting President and recommends that Cornet Montgomery be permitted to purchase a few Horses. —

I approve most entirely, and as I understand there are among the — dismounted Troopers here some veteran — Troopers I shall be extremely glad if the President will add to his Proposition that Cornet Montgomery be permitted to purchase

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No 22 a few Horses to mount them, if he can meet with any in the Settlement fit for the Purpose. —

I Signed T. Hudleston

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In consequence of the acting President's Proposition it is resolved to publish the following General Order —

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23d. January 1792.

G. O.

General Order to be published regarding the Detachment to be formed for the Protection of the Environs of the Settlement — Cornet Montgomery to proceed immediately with the Body Guard to the Race Stand

The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to direct that a Detachment be formed as soon as possible, to protect the Environs of this Settlement, consisting of the Cavalry under Major Young — the recovered Horses at Poonamalee; the Governor's Body Guard, with as many Sepoys as can be spared from the duties of the Garrison, and 2 Field Pieces; and that Cornet Montgomery do proceed this Evening with the Body Guard to the Race Stand, where he is to be joined immediately by the recovered Horses from Ponamalee —

By order of the Honorable

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No 23 The President in Council. —

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Received the following Letter

from Major Younge

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

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Sir,

Major Younge communicating Intelligence received of the strength and Movements of the Enemy's Horse — applies for Instructions for his Guidance in the Event of the Enemy's appearing in force —

I have the honor to send for your Information, Copy of a Letter received late last Night from Captain Mackay commanding at Arnie —

To Major Younge

Commandg the Cant

at Arcot —

Sir

"Tho' I have had no official "information myself yet having now before "me a Letter from Captain Flint to the "Collector Landon, I think it incumbent to "inform you, that Captain Flint mentions "a body of 400 Horse having come thro' "the

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23 "the Attoor Pass on the 15th Inst. in the
"afternoon. Mr Landon has since got —
"accounts from some of his Aumildars that
"1,000 Horse with a howder Elephant were
"at Villepenam on the 17th.

Arnee
19th Jan.y
2 P. M. —

"I have the honor to be
"Sir,
"Your most ob.t Serv.t"
(Signed) R Mackay

This Morning early I received
a Letter from Mr Kindersley, who has been
for some time past in the Neighbourhood of
Coverypauk, who mentions "that a Man
"is come in from a little beyond Trivatore,
"who says he say saw a Man there last
"Night who had escaped from the Cooties at
"Veelamood (between Pondicherry and Valangon)
"and whose companions were taken by
"them. that the People about Wandewash
"had taken the alarm, & that the Horse
"were said to be very numerous. I do suppose
"suppose it is a Party gone towards
"Pondicherry as they have often done. P.S.
"further accounts from Conjeveram confirm the
"Reports. —

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Mr. Kindersley is arrived in the Cantonment who mentions the Alarm has taken place, but that the People continue passing & repassing towards Madras as usual. I have stationed a small Party of Mounted Cavalry towards Arnee to bring Intelligence from that Garrison & from other Quarters with all Speed.

As our Force at this place is very inconsiderable, I wish to be honored with your Orders how I am to act in case the Enemy appear in force whether I am to take post in the Fort of Arcot, or fall back to Vellore not having the Means of carrying from hence any Baggage I propose sending it to Arcot so as to enable me to move at a Moment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
With the greatest Respect
Your most Obt.
Humble Servant
(Signed) Wm Younge
Major Commdg Arcot

Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot
Jan.y 20th 1792 – ½ past 10 A.M.

Sent the following Letters —

To

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To W.m Thomas Pearce
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Deputy Accountant General

Sir,

To the Dep.y Accountant General - desiring him to explain his Reasons for affixing his official Signature at the foot of the Nabob's Statement of his Accounts with the Company.

The Board observing observing your official Signature to a Note at the foot of the Nabob's Statement of his Accounts with the Company, direct me to call upon you to explain your reasons for signing that account.

I am Sir &c &c

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22d January 1792.

(Signed) W.m C. Jackson Sec.y

To W.m Samuel Johnston
at
Tranquebar

Sir,

To W.m Samuel Johnston in Reply to his last Application for leave to proceed to Europe.

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 12th Instant with its Enclosure, and to inform you that, as you have taken up your Residence at a foreign Settlement without the Sanction of Government, the Board cannot consider you

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23 ave in a dilication in which they are authorized
to grant any Permissions of the nature you
desire; but as your Health obliges you to embark
for Europe they will consider your Letter as
Notification of your intention to do so and
report the same to their Honble Court of Directors

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2d January 1792.

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

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

Honble Sir.

We had the honor to inform
your in our Letter of the 11th Instant, that
Major General Musgrave had intimated
his Intention of proceeding to Europe on
the Phoenix, and we have now to acquaint
you that he embarked on the 19th

We have written to Lord
Cornwallis on the occasion of the General's
Departure, and shall make no Arrangements
regarding the Command of the Troops in the
Center Division of the Carnatic until we hear
from his Lordship or from you on the Subject

Colonel

Major General Medows —
Acquainting of the Departure
of Major General Musgrave
Colonel Cuppage appointed
Lieutenant Colonel Kelly
who may have succeeded
Musgrave to the Presidency
&c as the Siege of
Seringapatam is over
Inclosing Extract of a Letter
from the Court of Directors
respecting the Gentlemen
recently arrived on the
Bombay and Copy of
Captain Baillie's Letter
relating some Allowance
during his Suspension

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23 Sir Colonel Capper, the Comptroller General of Army Accounts, having proceeded to Europe on the Phoenix, we have appointed Lieutenant James Brunton, who had been for some time an assistant in the office, to be Deputy Comptroller General. — We hope the Services of Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm may be soon dispensed with in the Field, and that, as soon as the Seige of Seringapatam is over, you will be pleased to give him Permission to return to the Presidency —

We have the Honor to enclose Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors respecting ten young Men who arrived on the Dublin last Year; and as we understand that two of them Lucius Lucas, and Oliver Eustace Stone, are now with the Army, we request you will give orders for their being employed in the manner directed by the Honble Court. The former was drafted to the Artillery, and the latter to the 4th Battalion European Infantry

We beg leave to refer for your

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No. 23 Your Consideration and Opinion Copy of a Letter from Captain Simon Baillie, soliciting some Allowance during his Suspension from the Service

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

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

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

My Lord,

Lord Cornwallis - 180,000
Pagodas ordered to the Dispatch
from the Presidency in a
few Days - Instructions
inquiries with regard to the
Command of the Troops in
the Center Division

We have had the Honor to receive your Lordship's Letter of the 4th Instant.

In addition to the Sum already dispatched, and now on the Road to Camp, we hope to be able to forward in a few Days one Lack and eighty thousand Pagodas, mostly in Golds. —

We wish to know from your Lordship what arrangement you think most advisable with regard to the Command of the Troops in the Center Division of the Carnatic

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No 23 Carnatic, in consequence of the Departure of

Major General Musgrave —

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St George

with the great Respect and Esteem

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&c &c &c

(Signed) Tha. Oakeley

Sec. to Council.

To Major Younge

Commanding the Cavalry Cantonments

at Arcot.

Sir,

To Major Younge —
desiring him, after sending the Treasure to Vellore, to return with the rest of the Cavalry to the Neighbourhood of the Presidency

I wrote to you on the 20th Instant by order of the Board desiring that a Party of irregular Horse had appeared on the Vicinity of Madras, and desiring you would have an Eye towards the Treasure at Sriuperumbadore, and, if necessary, move with the Cavalry towards that Place —

I am now directed by the Honorable the President in Council to inform you, that after you have provided for the Safety of the Treasure as far as Vellore, you are to return

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23 return with the whole of the Cavalry to the Neighbourhood of the Presidency, where you will receive orders for your future conduct

I am &c &c

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22d January 1792. (Signed) W. C. Jackson Lt Col

To Colonel de Fresne

Knight of the Royal and Military order of St Louis
Commandant of the French Settlements in India
and Governor of Pondicherry &c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that a Petition has been presented to me from one Seenevasiengen a principal Inhabitant of the Villoopooram District, stating that at the breaking out of the present War with Tippoo Sultaun, he took refuge at Pondicherry, where he was soon after placed in confinement, in consequence of the non-payment of a Debt said to have been due by him to Savaroya Pilly upon a Bond for 4000 Pagodas executed by the Petitioners great Uncle jointly with two Inhabitants of

To the Governor of Pondicherry
communicating the
substance of the Petition
received from Seenevasi
engen and requesting,
that should the Petitioners
case be such as he has
represented it, he will
afford him every Relief
from the Injuries under
which he has suffered

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23 of the Verdachellum District about thirty
three Years ago - that twelve Years previous
to the Execution of this Bond the Petitioner's
Father and great Uncle divided the Family
Estate, that consequently he could not,
from thence-forward, in Law or Equity be
answerable for the Debts of the Latter - that
after he had been in confinement two -
Months he found himself under the Necessity
of calling upon two of his Friends to be
Security for his appearance, who had since
been compelled to pay three thousand
Rupees in part payment of the Bond -
abovementioned, and that they were now -
pressed for the Remainder.

As from this Statement, it
would appear that Seenevasenger was not
the proper Person against whom Sawara-
roya should have sued for the Recovery of
the Money due on the Bond, I trust, Sir,
you will be so good as to give Orders that an
enquiry take place; and, if it shall be proved
that the Petitioner's Case is as it has been
stated by himself, I can have no doubt
of

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23d of yours affording him every relief from the Injuries under which he has suffered—

I have the honor to be,
with distinguished Consideration,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Chas. Cakeley—

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To Major Tuft
Commanding the Artillery
at the
Mount

Sir.

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to desire you will State, for his Information, at what time the irregular horse, which made their appearance on the 20th Instant, were first discovered, and from whence, also what Steps you took, in consequence, to protect the Cantonment, and to prevent their passing on this side Mamalong River, as the Board have heard, with concern that a party of those Looties plundered the

To Major Tuft desiring him to report the Steps he took in consequence of the appearance of the enemy's Horse in the neighbourhood of the Mount.

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2nd 25 the Village of Sedapet, which is within two miles of your Station, and that even at the Mount itself one or more Houses were plunder-ed —

The Hon.ble the President in Council directs that you keep a constant watch at the Top of the Mount, according to the Regulations established, and that you consider it as your indispensible duty & every material part of it, to protect the Environs as far as the force under your Command will permit.

I am &c.a &c.a

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(Signed) W.m C. Jackson Jun.r

Received the following Letters from Lieutenant Rollo Acting Commandant at Chingleput

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

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

Madras

(Duplicate)

Sir,

From the Acting Commandant at Chingleput. A body of the Enemy's Horse appear with a View to the Bank of the Pork Nose Tank in Consequence — the Inhabitants report that there is a large Body of Infantry with Guns near Mandavaud

Since I did myself the Honor of communicating to you, as far as I could get Information, the motions of the Enemy's Horse

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23 Horse. I have the honor of acquainting you that about 9 o'Clock this Morning a party of them appeared on the west Side of the Nello about ½ Miles distance from this Garrison— I immediately ordered 2 Guns to be fired in order to alarm the Neighbouring Villagers, that they might drive their Cattle &c. into some place of Safety—

The Soldiers in Garrison were immediately under Arms and I detached Lieut.t Stamford 76.th Reg.t with 3 Non Commiss.d 24 Rank and File with 3.ve Js.r to prevent their attempting the Pettah. The Enemy's party soon disappeared and the Party I detached returned—

The Information Received this Evening (from the People I sent in quest of it) is, that 300 of the Enemy's Horse halted at Momindore Top, Carringooly Road 4½ English Miles from this Garrison —Flying Reports are likewise brought in this Evening that Comrowdeen Chauvn is at Wanderwash with a Body of Infantry and several Guns. I immediately dispatched

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23 a confidentiae Man for intelligence from that Quarter, which I will do myself the Honor of communicateing to you as soon as he returns

I hear that the Treasure sent off for the Army is arrived at Conjeveram The People I sent out in quest of the wounded men have been successful. 9 have come in and one more this Evening: all miserably wounded —

I have the honor to be
Yr. Yr. Yr.

Chinglepet
21st January 1792 —

John Rollo
Lieut. 76 Reg. Act. A.
Comm. Yr.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Yr. Yr. Yr.
Madras

Sir,

From the Letters Commd. Out of Chinglepet the Inhabitants being in a State cannot procure any Information from them intends sending him to the Presidency

Since I did myself the Honor of dispatching you Accounts last night of the motions of the Enemy's Horse, a Cootie has been brought in here by the Natives. I have had him examined but cannot possibly get any information out of him

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23 Inst. He gives a very contradictory account of himself, and will therefore keep him close Prisoner, till I have a safe opportunity of sending him to Madras — He is a Moore Man —

The Report of Comrawdeen Shawn's being at Wandewash, with a Body of Infantry and several Guns Still continues I have therefore sent out another Harcarah to that Quarter by a different route —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c. &c.

Chingleput
22d January 1792
10 O'Clock A.M.

(Signed) John Rollo
Lieut 76th Regt acting Comdt

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in MD. Nos 161. 162. 163. 164 165.

To the Acting Commandant at Chingleput

To Lieutenant Rollo desiring him to communicate to the Board such Intelligence only, regarding the Situation and Motions of the Enemy, as he can rely on — and to be very cautious how he gives consequence to the absurd and extravagant Reports of the Country People —

For

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To the Officer commanding the Artillery at the Mount

23 To the Officer commanding the Artillery at the Mount — desiring him to furnish the Detail of European Artillery for two three Pounders intended to be sent from this Presidency to the Raee Mandy —

To the Commandant at Vellore

To the Commandant at Vellore desiring him to order Adam Cuppage, a Recruit of the last Season, who is now on Leave at Amboor, to proceed immediately to Vellore and to attend to his Duty in the Regiment to which he has been appointed

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ships Deptford

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Deptford — enclosing a List of Men ordered to embark on his Ship as Charter party Passengers for England —

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal transmitting Copy of a Letter with it's Enclosure received from Lord Cornwallis —

From the Officer Commanding at the Mount

Received Letter from the Officer commanding at the Mount (as entered in M.B. No. 166) advising of his having sent a Detachment of Artillery Men

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23 to join Cornet Montgomery at the Race
Stand —

24 Received the following Letter
from Major Young

William Collins Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th
dispatched at 1 P. M. on which this Instant
came to hand

A European who left —
Streepalmadore the day your Letter was
dispatched arrived here last night who
informed me the alarm of the Enemy's
Horse being in the Country had reached
that place, in consequence of which the
Havildar in charge of the Tumbrils took
post in the Pagoda of Streepalmadore,
and dispatched one of the Sepoys to
Madras with the Information. The
Tappal People confirm the same. —

I therefore humbly presume
from the time which has elapsed since
the

Major Young
receives Intelligence of
the Enemies being seen
on the Road to Tripatore
Cannot collect
any Information
regarding the Motions
the Enemy's Horse

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24 the Dispatch of your Letter, and relying on the Information I have received to be authentic, that the Tumbrils are secured by being in the Pagoda, and a Reinforcement sent either from the Presidency or Pondamalie, that the Movement of the Cavalry would not be attended with any advantage from the Distance; for were we to march immediately I could not reach Strepalmadore before the 24th in the forenoon, owing to the State of the Horses —

Some Carts arrived this Morning at Wallawjawnagur with Stores from Madras

I did myself the honor of writing to the Governor on the 20th wishing to have his Orders how to act in case the Enemy appeared I have had parties ad... from this Place towards the Route the Coolies generally take, but they have not seen any

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Wm Younge
Major

Arcot
22d January 1792
q Acl —

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

William Petrie Esquire

The Honorable Major General

Medows absent upon Service

Mr. Huddleston indisposed

Tuesday
24th January 1792.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved —

Letter from the Nabob regarding his accounts, entered on the Minutes of last Consultation, taken into Consideration

Read the Letter and Enclosure from his Highness the Nabob, entered on the Minutes of last Consultation. —

Minutes of the Board thereon. —

The Nabob's Letter, though dated the 15th Instant, before the sailing of the Phanix, was not sent in till after her Departure — The Board have no doubt that a Copy went home by that Ship,

but

but it is not an unusual thing for the Nabob to take this advantage in his transmission to England —

There are very few points in the Nabob's Letter that require any observation.

His Highness says "he never "could have imagined that an Account "regularly investigated unders our Dr[illegible] by "the Deputy Accountant General, a[illegible]nt "bearing his Signature, should have met "such objections as those contained in the "Observations of the acting President."

The Deputy Accountant [illegible] Pearce was at the Nabob's Request, permitted to go to the Durbar to give such explanations as his Highness might require upon the Items of his account — He had no authority to enter into investigations, or to put his Name to any Paper; and, having been called upon for signing the Note at the Foot of the Nabob's Statement, the following Letter is received from him on the Subject —

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To the Honble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter received from Mr. Paxton respecting his Signature affixed to the Note at the foot of the Nabob's Statement of his account with the Company—

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of this Day's date, in Reply to which I beg leave to say, that I examined the Nabob's Receipts with the amount to which the Company credited him—and His Highness Mutsiddy signed his Name at the bottom of the opposite side, being the Claims the Nabob made on the Company, after this was finished, His Highness desired, for his own private Satisfaction, I would put my Name to a Copy of it, - as I do not nor did not conceive that this could amount to more than an acknowledg= =ment of my having submitted such Demands of his on the Company to Govern^t it did not occur to me there could be any Impropriety in doing this; but if in this respect, I have erred, it has been without intention—

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intention, and I shall in future take particular care to be more guarded.

I have the honor to be,

Honble Sir

Your most Obed. Hble Servt

(Signed) T. Pearce
a.a.G.

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The Board observe that it was very indiscreet in Mr. Pearce to affix his official Signature to any Paper at the Request of the Nabob; but if his Highness (as it would now appear) perswaded him to this act, in the view of obtaining a sort of Colour to the Claims he had introduced in the Statement, the artifice is equally weak and improper. It bears a complexion so extraordinary, indeed, that the Board cannot without great difficulty, allow themselves to think the Nabob could give such a Design the smallest countenance.—

Supposing however this to be the object, what can it avail? Does the Nabob imagine that Claims not admitted by Government, can be passed under an unauthorized—

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unauthorized Signature of their Deputy Accountant? The Board are disposed to believe that Mr Pearce was surprized into this imprudent act, and that his Intention went no further than he has stated in his Letter; but what are they to think of a Cause which resorts to such Means like these for its support.

The Nabob observes, under the Letter "C." that on the Surrender of the Assignment he was neither furnished with Accounts of Balances outstanding, nor the Muchulkas of the Renters; but the * Minutes of the Committee of Assigned Revenue will shew the attention that was paid in this particular; and the Board are of opinion that throughout the Proceedings of the Assignment the Nabob had no just cause of Dissatisfaction.

The Board think it unnecessary to make any further Remarks on the Nabob's Letter

* Vide Committee of Assigned Revenue's Minutes 15th August 1785.

Ordered

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Resolutions in consequence

Ordered that Copies of his Highness's Letter and Enclosure, and the Board's Remarks be transmitted a Number in the Packet by the Dejpatches —

Agreed that Copy of Mr. Pearce's Letter be transmitted to his Highness the Nabob; and that it be observed to his Highness that the unauthorized Signature of the Deputy Accountant to the Note at the foot of his Highness's Statement of his Claims on the Company cannot possibly give the smallest Validity to those Claims; and that it is matter of surprize to the Board that he should have thought it necessary to persuade Mr. Pearce to sign the Statement —

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis —

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

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis enclosing Copies of the Letter received from Tippoo Sultaun & of his Lordships Reply — & intimating his expectation to arrive at Anantapur the 15th Instant —

I inclose Copies of the Letter that I received from Tippoo Sultaun and of my Answer; on which Letter not given

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given in concert with Hurry Punt & Purseram Allum —

I have to request that you will direct Copies to be transmitted to Bengal, and, by the first opportunity, to the Court of Directors

Sir John Kennaway informed me in a Letter dated the 12th Instant that the Prince & Minister would yesterday reach the Neighbourhood of Ouscottah

I am, with much Esteem
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant —

Camp near Outradroog
16th January 1792. —

(Signed) Cornwallis

From Tippoo Sultaun

Received 13th January 1792.

At this time, with a view to strengthen the friendship and remove the disagreements between the Ahmudy Sirkar, the Company, His Highness the Nawaub Asoph Jah, and the Peshwa, and to Cultivate

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cultivate the ties of Intimacy between these four Sirkars, a confidential and experienced Man belonging to this Sirkar will be deputed to your Lordship, in order that by negociation personally with every one, the displeasure of the Mind may be done away, and a Reconciliation which is for the good and quiet of Mankind may take place. If this meets with your Lordship's Approbation be pleased to notify it that the abovementioned Person may be sent to a place appointed, and the ancient Friendship may be renewed.

Dated 12 Jemmadie ul Awel 1206 Cheric
or 7th January 1792 —

A true Translation
(Signed) G: F: Cherry
P: Tr:

To Tippoo Sultaun —

Written 16th January 1792
After recapitulating the
Letter received 13th January
It is well known that after
having

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having made every conciliatory Proposition in my power to prevent this War. I was forced by the dictates of Honor and good-faith to have recourse to Arms to save one of the Company's Allies from destruction; and I have ever been desirous to make Peace as soon as proper Compensations can be received for the Injuries and Losses that have been sustained by the Company, and by those Allies with whom it is connected in the Strictest Bonds of Confederacy. —

But with what confidence can a Negociation be carried on with a Man who not only violates Treaties of Peace but also disregards the faith of Capitulations during War.?

The Garrison of Coimbatoor ought, by the Capitulation, to have been set at liberty upon certain Conditions, & immediately after it's Surrender, and I have a just right to demand that the Agreement should still be executed on the Spot where it was made; but, being unwilling

at

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at this critical Time to occasion any delay
that can be avoided, in opening a Negociation
I shall not insist on a literal performance
of the original Stipulations on account of
the length of time that the execution would
require.

Let therefore the Garrison of
Coimbatoor be sent to this Army, to be set
at liberty according to the conditions of the
Capitulation that were settled between Lieut.
Chalmers and Cummer and Deen Khan;
and I shall then be ready, in concert with
the allies, to fix upon a place, where Vakeels
from you may conveniently meet proper
Persons that will be deputed on the part
of the three confederate Powers, for the
purpose of endeavouring to arrange the
Terms on which a general Peace can
be re-established.

A true Copy

(Signed) G: T: Cherry
P. Tr.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis.

Ordered that Copies of the
foregoing Letters be transmitted to Bengal,
and

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and to England by the Deptford —

Read the following Extract

from the Minutes of the Public Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 9th —

January 1792 —

Extract from Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department for Increase of Allowance for House Rent to be discontinued in consequence of Orders from the Court of Directors —

Ordered that the Paymaster General be furnished with Copy of the Court's Resolution; and that the late Increase of allowance for House Rent to the Civil and Military Servants be — discontinued —

Extract of a General Letter from England dated 4th August 1791

Para 11 — Entirely disapproving of the encrease of allowance for House Rent to our Civil & Military Servants, as contained in the Statements you have transmitted to us. The same must be immediately discontinued, and we direct that no encrease to permanent Allowances be made in future without our previous Consent & Approbation —

True Extracts

(Signed) Robert Clerk
Dep. Sec.y
Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that a General Order be published notifying that the Encrease of Allowance for House Rent to Officers at the Presidency, and at St. Thomas's Mount is to be discontinued from the first of next Month—

The Nabob to be supplied with Rice from the Company's Stores—the Value thereof to be carried to the account of his fifth

The Acting President informs the Board that his Highness the Nabob has applied for a Supply of Rice for his People from the Company's Stores—and recommends that he be allowed 500 Bags, for the present, to be carried to the account of his fifth

Approved and ordered accordingly—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Robertson

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

Letter from Mr. McDowall stating that a Committee may be appointed to investigate the Grounds of the Charge exhibited against him during Mr. Holland's Administration and which was made the Pretext of his Removal from Office

Honorable Sir,

I have been honored with the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 15th Instant, with Copy of the Charge

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Charge brought by his Majesty's Attorney General against Mr. John Holland for arbitrarily removing me from Office without just cause, and am informed, in the same Letter, that such observations as I may have to make in consequence will be received and attended to by the Board —

I am truly thankfull for the interest the Honorable Court have taken in my behalf; but, in this Stage of the Business, have no Observations to offer; since it appears to me that the breach and Violation of the orders of the Honorable Company of the 29th. March 1774 are the part of Mr. Holland are sufficiently evident, from the informality observed on my removal from my offices as stated in the Records. —

As however the Honorable Court of Directors have been pleased to bring Mr. Holland to Public Justice for a violation of their orders, in removing a Servant of theirs from office before he had an opportunity of making his defence, I conceive it

proper

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would be a great aggravation of Mr Holland's offence if it were proved, as I have no doubt it will be, that I was innocent of the accusation, which was made the pretence of such removal — On this fresh consideration, which has occurred to me since the receipt of the information by the last packet from Europe, I make it a particular request of your Honorable Board (notwithstanding the resolution you lately came into in consequence of my declining a further investigation of this affair, for the reasons which you approved) that you will favour me now, so far as to appoint a committee of gentlemen to investigate the points of accusation laid to my charge in September 1789 — and I have moreover to request you will make my present application known to the Honorable Court of Directors by the present dispatch —

I have the honor to be

Honorable Sirs

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) David Haliburton

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Minute thereon — Agreed that M. Halliburton's Letter be taken into consideration after the dispatch; and his Application for a Committee be notified to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors by the Deptford —

Read the following Letter from Captain Gerrard —

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

Honble Sir.

From the Commander of the Deptford — representing the Detriment that may — eventually arise to the Public Service from sending on board his Ship the Number of Invalided Seamen proposed — and requesting that the — Board will be pleased to resume their Resolution on this Subject —

By Mr. Deputy Secretary Clerk's Letter of the 21st instant I am required to receive on Board the Deptford twenty seven Men who are certified, by the Honble Commodore Cornwallis Commander in chief of his Majesty's Ships of War in India, to be unfit for Persons Service —

By the Description of those Men they ought to have full accommodations and an Hospital also; if their ill health should call for it; instead of which they must

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must, if received on Board the Deptford, be
Stowed away with the Ship's Stores and
Men's Provisions, and the sixty three Invalids
already in the Ship, on the Orlop Deck —

I should therefore be wanting
in duty to Government, and lost to the Feelings
of Humanity, did I not relate Matters as
they are, for your Information: In fact the
Ship is so crouded, that I deemed it necessary
to explain her Situation to your Honor when
I received the order for the thirty Invalids
from this Establishment, in addition to the
Thirty three shipped at Bengal.

The Gun Deck is always
appropriated to the Ship's Company — the
Orlop Deck for Recruits or others ordered on
Board —

When the Ships are outward
bound all the Ships' Stores and Provisions
are Stowed away in the Hold, even the Cables —
so that the Orlop Deck is quite clear for the
accommodation of Recruits — In our Return
to Europe, and particularly so in my case,
the Honble Company's Home Investment
entirely fills the Hold, so that the Ship's Stores
and

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and Men's Provisions must be on the Orlop Deck.

Those Articles occupying so great a Space of the Deck, that the Number of Men in Question, tho' in full Health on being received on Board, could not, without a Miracle, be preserved from Sickness during the Voyage, and it is far from probable but that they may create a general Disease, threatening infection to the Ship's Company.

I therefore submit to your Consideration the above Circumstances, assuring your Honor in Council that altho' in the event of your persisting to have them received - I shall of course do the best in my Power to avert those probable Evils, I am most seriously apprehensive, not only of an eventual Mortality among the Invalids, but of the Voyage being much retarded from the presumptive Necessity, as far as I judge, of going into Port more than once, on their account, before the Ship's arrival in the Channel — Having stated the above from Principles of Duty and Humanity and to relieve myself from all eventual Responsibility —

I —

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I beg leave now to submit to Your Honor in Council that this Order will be an individual Grievance from which I trust you will be pleased to relieve me, if possible, when I explain the Claim I have manifested by my past Conduct to the Courtesy and Indulgence of Government

When I took leave of the Honble. the Court of Directors I was addressed by many of the Gentlemen individually stating that the critical Urgency of Matters on the Coast required a quick Supply of Men and Money, that I was to be in the Charge of both, and that they looked to my Zeal for the Public Service as their best Security for the Deptford making an expeditious Voyage

The Event justified their flattering Opinion, for I arrived above fourteen Days before some Ships dispatched ten Days before me and landed all the Money safe and two hundred and thirty Recruits in full Health - not one Casualty on the Voyage -

Having compleated my Voyage to this Port I expected sailing orders for Calcutta, being

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being the original Destination of the Ship, instead of which I was ordered to Fort Marlborough to take thence three Hundred and thirty, Recruits to Fort William

In the interim a Request was made from this Government to the Governor General for a Ship to be here by the thirty first December to take in the Home Investment I was ordered for that Service, and was here by the second Instant, and in loading the Cargo have used such personal Exertions that the whole was on board and my Ships reported for sailing within the time originally prescribed, and many Days before it was imagined possible to have compleated her Equipment - and if not encumbered with those Invalids, I expect to complete my whole Voyage in thirteen Months - By the Deviation to Fort Marlborough I have incurred great Loss in the Disposal of my Investment and the only Chance I had of a partial Reimbursement was by my Passengers - From the Character I have hitherto supported, the Accommodations of my Ship were soon bespoke; but I am now

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now likely, if your Honor in Council persist in your Requisition to receive these twenty seven Invalids, to disappoint my Passengers as well as myself by a Voyage unexpectedly long and proportionably expensive to me—

I therefore solicit on their and my behalf, as well as for the more weighty Public Reasons previously set forth, that your Honor in Council will be pleased to reconsider the order of the 21st Instant which will much oblige

Honble Sir,

Your most faithful and
most obedt Servant

Fort St George
January 23rd 1792.

(Signed) Jn. Gerrard

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Captain Gerrard

Agreed to inform Captain Gerrard that as there will be but fifteen Seamen belonging to his Majesty's Navy sent on Board, (instead of twenty seven as before ordered) and as the Commodore has very particularly desired that they may be sent home by the first opportunity, the Board hope he will be able to find accommodation for them on the Deptford—

Read

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Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Ingeram —

Public Department

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From the Resident at Ingeram Remarks on the Bill presented by Messrs Hamilton & Klaumann.

I have had the honor to receive ayour Secretaries Letter of the 4th Instant, covering a Bill of Charges, given in to your Honble Board by Messrs Hamilton & Klaumann, upon which you have been pleased to require my Opinion. Unpleasant as such a task is, it is my duty to submit the following Remarks to ayour Consideration

1st The Charge of seven & a half M. Pagodas ℔ Trip, for a Cutter appears to me rather high; from the burthen of the Vessel, five or six M Pagodas ℔ Trip, I am of opinion, is all that ought to be charged —

2nd The charge of four M Pagodas ℔ Trip for a Schooner, is also rather too great;

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I am well assured, she does not carry more that a long Boat belonging to the Master Attendant, who only charges eight Rupees ₱ Trip; or, if the Vessel she is sent to, lays over the bar, three Pagodas ₱ Trip.— The last Sum I think reasonable—

3dly The Charge of one Rupee ₱ Pr. ₱ Leaguee of Water, is extremely reasonable if Freight is included in it; but it appears to me that Freight is charged both upon the Water, and upon the Vessel; which is certainly erroneous — It is incumbent on Messrs. Hamilton & Klaumann, to shew for what purpose so many Trips of large Boats were made, and for what purpose so large a Quantity as one hundred and thirty eight Leaguees of Water was wanting — The Master Attendant is allowed fourteen Fanams a Leaguee for Water; and if sent over the Bar, he charges one Pagoda additional, for the hire of his long Boat

Lastly — If the Bullocks were supplied by Contract, which I understand was the case, the Contractor ought to pay the Bill

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I have also had the honor to receive your Secretaries Letter of the 17th. past respecting Mr. Corsan's Claim for a Boat lost on Public Service —

His Statement is, I believe, correct; The Boat was lost in endeavouring to regain the Port, after carrying Pilots to the Transports, commanded by Lieutenant Worsley She was new, twenty-four Feet Keel, eight Feet five Inches Beam, and rowed eight Oars

It is impossible for me to say what her real Value was, but I suppose about two hundred M: Pagodas —

A Flag Staff is much wanted at Coringa, there not being at this time any land Mark for the Direction of Vessels coming into the Roads

In November 1786 Government allowed one hundred M Pagodas for a Flag Staff at Coringa: which was carried away by an Inundation of the Sea, in May 1787; since which time not any has been erected —

I have the honor to be with great Respect
Sir — Sir — Sir —

Ingeram
12th. January 1792 — (Signed) Matt. Yeates

Agreed

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Agreed to inform Mr. Kennaway that his Bill must be made out conformably to the Remarks of the Resident at Ingeram

Read the following Letter from the Military Board —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council —

Sir,

(Works)

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant in consequence of which we deem it incumbent upon us to enter into a particular Explanation of the Measures taken by us for securing a Supply of Lascars for the Army —

From the Military Board dating the Measures taken in consequence of the Orders of Government for securing a Supply of Lascars for the Army — and recommending that the Amount due to the Contractors for Repairs be discharged

The frequent applications to us for Lascars, and particularly a Representation from Lieutenant Colonel Piels, early in September, that many would be required to replace the Deficiencies in the Department of the Commissary of Stores in Camp, induced us to give Directions to the Paymaster in the Carnatic Circar to raise and send hither as many as

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as possible; and being, on receipt of your Commands of the 25th of that Month, in expectation of their Arrival, we were led to await it, in preference to ordering any from this Presidency, where their occupations were at that time abundant, and indeed indispensible to forwarding the Preparations for the field. In that Expectation we were however disappointed, and as our Exertions for raising Lascars at this Place were attended with little Success, we resolved, on the 17th October, to direct the Paymasters at Vellore and Arnee to use every Endeavor at those Places, and in their Vicinity for procuring them. To this Mr. Porriano replied, that he could not give any hopes of his Success; but that he should make the best use of the Letters he had obtained from the Collector, Mr. Kindersley, to all the Renters of the Districts under his authority, altho' he was convinced with very little Effect. ——

On the 9th November, you were pleased to repeat your Directions that we should give orders for as many Lascars

to

to proceed to the Army as could be furnished without material Inconvenience, from hence and other places in the Carnatic; in obedience wherefore, we dispatched Letters to the Paymasters at Chinglepat and Arnee, and to the Officers commanding the Regiments of Dismounted Cavalry at Arcot, Copies of which we beg leave herewith to enclose, together with the Reply of Mr. Torriano which will evince to you the Number he received in consequence of such Orders; and which having been encreased from hence to three Hundred, he informed us on the 14th Instant, that they had been dispatched from Vellore with Lieutenant Hayter of the Royal Artillery, for the More Department in the field.

Independent of these, we beg leave also to inform you we dispatched seventy-two Store Cazeans with the Quarter Master's Department of the Royal Artillery, under the Command of Major Scott, and, in further Elucidation of the Subject before you, we have the honor to submit Copy of a Letter we lately received from Mr. Paymaster Young, advising of 400 more having been dispatched from

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Angola on the 24th Ultimo; directly to Amboyna

It is with much concern that we have felt ourselves under the necessity of obtruding upon you so long a Detail, and of encreasing the Matter by laying the accompanying Letters before you; We trust however it will appear to you the most satisfactory mode by which we could obey your Commands, and will, we hope, prove to your Conviction, and that of Lord Cornwallis, that every possible Measure has been pursued by us to procure a Supply of these People for the Army, and whose Services in the field we were sensible were of the utmost importance

The Contractors for Repairs have presented to us their Bills for Work performed by them amounting to Pagodas 3767.19.64 which, having been duly certified and audited - We request you will be pleased to direct that they be discharged

We have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servants

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Signed Geo: Maule
George Hall

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To Mr. John H. Skardon
Store Keeper at Chingliput

Sir,

Government having directed that every possible Exertion may be used in sending Store Lascars to the Army — I am directed by the President & Members of the Military Board to desire that you will immediately dispatch to Vellore forty of the Number composing your Garison Establishment, which may be hereafter replaced by an equal Number of Recruits — But as it is essentially necessary that those you send should be the most experienced Lascars in the Business of the Store Department in the Field the Board desire that you will pay the utmost attention to this point in the Selection you shall make — On their leaving Chingliput you will be pleased to transmit to the Paymaster at Vellore a List of the Lascars, specifying their Ages and Length of Services, a Copy of which must be forwarded hither for the Information

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Information of the Military Board

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Fort St. George
13th November 1791.

(signed) Danl. Ince
Secry

The same to Mr. John Wynch
Store Keeper at Arnee

A true Copy
(Signed) Danl. Ince
Secry M.B. Board

To Major Murray
Commanding the 1st. Regiment of
Native Cavalry at Arcot

Sir,

In consequence of the Requisition of Lord Cornwallis that every possible Exertion may be used for sending Store Lascars to the Army, and as your Regiment is struck off Field allowances, I am directed by the President &c. Members of the Military Board to desire that you will give Directions for its Establishment of Lascars being dispatched to Vellore without Delay — on their leaving Arcot it will be necessary that a List of their Names be transmitted

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to the Paymaster at Vellore, a Copy of which you will be pleased to forward hither, for the Information of the Military Board

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Danl. Ince Secry

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The same to
Major Pater — commanding the 2d Regiment
Major Young D° — 3d D° —
A like Copy

(Signed) Danl. Ince
Sy. M: Bd.

To Mr. Daniel Ince
Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir

The Lascars I now have for Camp Service are as follows —

		S.	P.
Received from 1st Regt of N: Cavalry	1	1	22
Ditto — 4 D°	"	1	16
Ditto — Paymaster at Chingleput	"	"	30
D° — Paymaster at Arnee	"	2	47
Raised at Vellore	"	"	10
	1	4	125

There

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There were 20 Lascars raised at Vellore, seven of which have been distributed on Indents signed by Order of the Military Board, and three have deserted. Please to acquaint the President & Members of the Military Board with the above —

I am
Vellore Sir
25th November 1791 — Your most obedient Servant

(signed) W. H. Torriano
Storekeeper

A true Copy
(signed) Danl. Ince
Secy. M: Bd.

To Daniel Ince Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir.

Agreeable to your Instructions to me, when at the Presidency, I have used my utmost endeavours to raise Lascars for the Service; I have this day dispatched 400 fine stout young Men to Amboor — with a Return of their Names to the Paymaster

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Paymaster of the Army — They have been practicing the pitching of Tents and most of the usual Store Duties, for some time past — they have all left their Families in this or Guntoor District, and have left family Chits for a certain portion of their Pay — monthly to be stopt for their use — This I thought the best Security for their Fidelity and good Behaviour, and have accepted of none who did not leave their Families and a portion of their Pay for them — accompanying them are 8 Tindals, who I have promoted from my Garrison Lascars, in consequence of their exertions in raising the Men, and teaching them their Duty — they have been many Years in the Company's Service, and are worthy of Promotion. I request, therefore, the favor of a confirmation of them by the Board, and of the Syrang, my former Tindal, whose Names are at the foot of the Roll: I ordered them with all expedition to Amboor, being the nearest [illegible] to the Army

I am &c
(signed) Sam.l Young Pay.r

2d. December 1791 — a true Copy
(sign.d)

Dan.l Ince

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board

The Board are entirely satisfied with the Measures pursued by the Military Board in consequence of Orders for procuring Supply of Store Lascars for the Army — and it is Resolved to transmit to Lord Cornwallis a Copy of the above Explanation

Agreed that the Contractors Bills be paid

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department
of Government

Sir

From the Secretary to the Military Board — recommending that the Ship Sydney Meadows be taken up for the transportation of Stores to the Southward

The Military Storekeeper having been called upon, agreeably to the late Resolutions of Government, respecting the freightage of Stores to provide Tonnage for Stores and Gunpowder for the Service of the Southern Garrisons, he has in consequence reported to the Military Board a Tender made him by the Commander of the Ship Sydney Meadows and as the Terms are on an Average equally reasonable with those

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those hitherto paid, and the Season for the transportation of Stores to the Southward is now far advanced, I have the directions of the President & Members to request you will obtain an Order from Government for receiving the Stores on board —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Dan.l Ince
Secy

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As the present Juncture is favorable for procuring Freights on much more Reasonable Terms than would be required for a Ship taken up solely for that purpose, it is agreed to direct the Military Board to make Enquiry whether there are not other Vessels in the Roads on which the Stores could be shipped at a less Expence to the Company —

Read the following Report from the Board of Assumed Revenue

To

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

Honble Sir,

Para 1. We have the honor of laying before you Copy of our proceedings continued from 3d September to the present Date; and we take the liberty of pointing out such parts as appear to us most deserving your attention

2 We had the honor of representing to you the Loss which was likely to arise in the Duties of Ongole from the Establishment of a new weaving Village by Mr Scott in Nizampatam; but the Honble Board were pleased to express their approbation of Mr Scott's Plan, — and to wave the Consideration of the trifling deduction in the Revenue compared with the advantages to be derived from a Remission of

Taxes

From the Board of Assumed Revenue — containing a General Report of their Proceedings from the 3d September 1791 to the 24th Instant together with Statements of the Collections in the Tanjore Country to the 31st November 1791 and corrected Statements of the Accounts — Collections &c in the Assumed Countries of the Nabob for the same period explanatory particularly upon the Points of Information required by the Honorable Court of Directors in regard to the present State of the — Sivagunga District &c and the Progress made in establishing a Court of Justice in the Tanjore Country agreeably to the Plan suggested by the Revenue Mr Swartz. —

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Taxed in the other District

3 In consequence of your Letter under Date 22d September, enclosing Captain Mackay's answer to the Complaint preferred against him by the Sageerdar of Arnee, We resolved to place the Sageerdar under the immediate Controul of Mr Kindersley. We were induced to this Measure by considering the personal attendance which that Gentleman's Situation would enable him to give, and also the good Effects which had resulted from a similar Measure in the case of Bommauze

Cons.n 28 Sept.r

4 ——— This arrangement you were pleased to approve. In consequence, however, of a subsequent application of the Sageerdar, in which he deprecates the intended Change in the most earnest Manner, we recommended that his Sageer should be relieved from the Collector's Controul, because we could speak from

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from Experience of the dislike with which the Natives submit to any Innovation of this nature. —

Consult.n 9th Nov.r 1791 — 5th ——— This Indulgence also you were pleased to confirm; but the Jageerdar proving inattentive to it, as appeared by a Petition we had the honor of submitting to your Consideration under Date 5th Instant, the Arnee Jageer was reduced, in consequence of our Recommendation, which you were pleased to approve, to a dependance on Mr. Landon's Collectorship. —

Consult.n 29 Sept.r 1791 — 6th ——— Under Date 30th September we had the honor of reporting our

Diary to Cons.n 2d Oct.r 1791 — opinion upon the payments of Money to his Highness the Nabob on account of his Proportion of the Revenues by Bills upon the Collectors: and we beg leave to refer you to our Proceedings where the Matter is detailed at large

7th ——— As upon Examination of the Collectors' accounts there appeared a very great Difference between the daily Charities actually existing at the

time

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time of the assumption and those allowed by the Treaty of 1786, we have been under frequent necessity of addressing the Honble Board upon that Subject. as it was found, however, impracticable to obtain any satisfactory answer from the Nabob, We particularly recommended, under Date 30th September, that in disposing of the 21,366 Pagodas, allowed by the Treaty for Fasly 1201, all established allowances and Charity for Service of Mosques &c. should be first granted and that the remainder should be distributed in equal Proportions to the other Pensioners, - the whole not exceeding the Stipulated Sum. - This Recommendation your Honble Board have been pleased to confirm, and the whole Sum has been accordingly divided in proportionate Ratios to the different Districts of the Carnatic

Cons.n
29th Sept.r 1791

Consult.n
13th Oct.r 1791

Consult.n
28th Sept.r 1791

8 — — — We have had occasion

at

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at different times to observe the numerous and vexatious Taxes, which have been levied upon Articles of Provision; and as the Grievance seemed to fall particularly hard upon the lower Class of Inhabitants, We came to a General Resolution of abolishing all Duties upon Articles of Provision, Grain Arrack, Beetle and Tobacco excepted 9th ——— In consequence also of your Orders under date 6th October,

Cons.n 9th Oct.r We issued circular Orders to prohibit the levying of Taxes upon Cattle or Goods coming from the Mysore Country. We had the Satisfaction

Consult.n 26th Oct.r 1791 of learning from the Collectors in the Northern and Center Divisions of Arcot, on whose Districts lie most convenient for the Reception of Emigrants, that every encouragement had been held out; that Money had been advanced to assist them in settling, and that vast

Numbers

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Numbers had in consequence taken refuge in the Carnatic—

Cons.n 5 Oct.r 1791 10th — — — As Mr. Torin's Report upon the Tinnevelly Poligars, is in some measure connected with the foregoing Subject, We beg leave to recommend it again to your Consideration —

Consult 5 October 1791 11th — — — In consequence of a Letter we received from the Calastry Rajah, under date October we recommended that 3000 Pag.s p annum should be remitted from his Peishcush till the whole Sum of 15,500 Pags (the amount of the Grain plundered by the Sepoys during the Expedition against his Zemindary in 1787) should be liquidated —

Bd — — — As the Honble Board acquiesced in this Recommendation, our President writ a Letter to the Rajah informing him of the favor which had been bestowed —

your

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13th ... Your Honble Board having already decided the point of contention between Mr. Landon and the French Government at Pondicherry, we forbear to obtrude the Subject farther than to point out the Dates of the Transactions, and to remark that Mr. Courbon has since acknowledges the justice by paying the amount of Mr. Landon's Demand

Cons.a 26th Oct.r
9th & 30th Nov.r
2d & 3d Dec.r
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14th ... Under Date 31st October We had the honor of laying before you Copy of a Letter from Mr. Erskine setting forth the Devastation, which Ram Rajishwarow had spread through the Palnaud; but we beg leave to refer you for particulars to our Report under date 5th Instant, upon the Jummabundy for the current Year of Fusly 1201

Cons.a 5th & 23 Nov.r
21st Dec.r

15th ... We also have had frequent occasion to mention the Interferences of the Nabob's Sepoys at

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at Bountaurepollam, and, as it seems to involve a Matter of no little consequence, we trust that the Honble Board may be able to adopt Measures for restraining their Insolence, and suppressing their Exactions—

16th — — — The Collector at Tinnevelly having convicted the Renter of Theroor of certain irregular Practices, for the particulars of which we beg Leave to refer you to our Proceedings, we directed the Collector to remove him in such a Manner as to deter other Renters from similar attempts, and at the same time hold out encouragement to the people to make Public Complaints against any unjust Grievances to which they may be exposed — We have the pleasure of informing you that the District has since been re-let upon an increased Jummabundy —

Con. 7th Dec. 1791.

17th — — — — At the same time We

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Cons.: 3d Dec.r 1791 Mr. Torin informed us that the Boats, which were sent to make Experiments upon the Pearl Banks had returned; and that the Oysters they brought from seven Banks off Tuticorin afforded hopes of a Fishery for about Twenty Days in the month of March or April next.

Cons.: 10th Dec.r 1791. 18th We expressed our Satisfaction at the Prospect of a Fishery at Tuticorin, and directed the Collector to take measures for carrying it through in the most advantageous Manner to Government.

19th Accordingly under Date 16th December Mr. Torin informed us of his having published an Advertizement for disposing of the Fishery by Rent; and an Advertizement of the same tenor was also made public at the Presidency. When the Terms are adjusted, we shall have the honor of reporting them: Mean while

Cons.: 28th Dec.r 1791

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while it may be necessary to observe that the Produce, whatever it may be, must be added to the Estimate which we laid before the Honble Board under date 5th Instant —

Cont. the 20th ——— The Honble Board having, upon a Reconsideration of their Orders of 1st December 1790, relative to Mortgaged Property in the Tinnevelly Country been pleased to direct that the amount due to the native Claimants should be paid from the current Revenues of Fusly 1201, with an Interest of 8 P Cent P Annum from the time their Property was taken possession of on the part of the Company, we accordingly

Dd 21st Decr 1791 issued the necessary Instructions to Mr Torin —

21st ——— Some time ago We directed Mr Erskine to make an experiment in working the Diamond Mines of Palnaud

Our —

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22d. Our expectations of
advantage from this branch of
Revenue were not very sanguine,
and altho' Mr. Erskine's Efforts
have not as yet been successful;
yet, while we were assured of the
produce defraying all the Charges,
which has hitherto been the case,
we considered the attempt worthy
our attention, and we doubt not
you will approve of it—

Con. 11th Dec. 1791 23d. You were pleased
in your Letter of the 12th. December
last to order that the most
positive injunctions should be
given to the Collectors under us
to dispatch in future their
Monthly accounts by the 15th. of
the following Month, and all
other Papers agreeable to our
Instructions on the application
of our Accountant: and that the
Collectors should be apprized
that you should consider instances

of

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of Neglect and Disobedience with
regard to Accounts as a Disqualification
for Office, and that you were determined
to punish the Persons guilty thereof
by a Removal from their Employs.
24th ——— We had the honor to
Cons. 15 Dec. 1791 represent to you in our Letter of the 15th
of that Month, in answer to the
above, that we had ventured to
delay the final Execution of these
your Orders until you should be
furnished with our Sentiments
on the Subject; and more commended
that the Collectors should only be limited
to the 25th of the succeeding Month
for sending in their Accounts, especially
as so heavy a Penalty as Disqualification
for Office was annexed to any deviation
from the Rule; conceiving it to be
our Duty to your Honble Board, to
represent the Matter, in order to prevent
disappointment, and the issue of
an Order which, in our Opinion,
could not be carried into execution

Your

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Cont.d 4th January 1792.

25th ——— Your Honble Board having been pleased to acquiesce in the above Recommendation for the Transmission of the Collectors accounts; We communicated your Orders to all the Collectors under this Department, and are happy to inform you that they have been properly attended to.—

26th ——— These Orders produced from Mr. Ram, one of the Collectors in the Tanjore Country, an Explanation for not having till then forwarded the accounts of the Joint Collection under himself and Mr. Tallofield for the Months of May, and June, and part of July of the pushy Year 1200, ending the 12th of July last, and after representing the Difficulties they had met with in completing them, he assured us no time should be lost in furnishing and sending them to us early in January, provided

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we would wait for the Accounts of his seperate Collections some time longer than your Orders directed. —

27th. ensuing We informed Messrs. Raw and Fallofield, in answer to the above Letter, that after the Lapse of so much time: we knew not how we could be justified in entering into any Compromise with them for future Regularity, but as it was of the utmost Importance, at this particular Period, that the Board should be furnished with the Accounts of Pusby 1200, we consented that these Accounts should be first completed — but we warned them that unless they were transmitted immediately after the Receipt of the present Order, it would be our duty to place their Conduct in such a point of View, as would make them liable to the Penalty denounced in

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in the Orders of Government.— In
This Letter, we have the pleasure
to inform your Honble Board,
that the intended effect, for we have
since been furnished by these
Gentlemen with all the Accounts
of their joint Collection to the Close
of the Fasly Year 1200.

28th ——— You were pleased
in your Letter of the 28th September
1791 to direct us to ascertain and
report to you the present State
of the great and little Marawa
Districts, including the situation
of the Widow and Descendents of
the former Poligar of Shevagunga,
the Disposition and Conduct of
the two Murdas, and what
other Points were required by the
Honble Court of Directors; at the
same time furnishing us with
an Extract of their Orders under
Date the 6th of May 1791 relative
to that Subject.— In order to
enable

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Consult 9th Oct.r 1791.—

enable us the better to give the Information required of us, we thought it necessary, in the first place, to call upon Mr. Macleod, the Collector of that Division in which they are situated; and having accordingly received from him on the 28th. of last Month his Report of their present State, we now have the honor of laying before you a Copy of it, together with such other information on the Subject as we have collected.—

2dly.— The Rammaut and Sheraguna Districts, or (as they are commonly called) the great and little Marwas, composed, at one time, a single dominion under the Family of the present Rajah of Rammaut, they were first separated about the Commencement of the present Century, in consequence of a Marriage between the Daughter of the Rammaut Rajah and the Representative of

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of a Family which then possessed considerable Lands in Shevagunga, and with whom that District has since continued for the most part a separate Domain, known by the Name of the Little Marwa to distinguish it from the former.

30th. —— Although these Districts had escaped the general Invasion of Hyder Ally in 1780 they were thrown into Confusion by the two Murdas, Servants of the Shevagunga Family, who, after the Reduction of the Country by the Nabob in 1772 had received protection in the Mysore Dominions, and now returned with the Widow and Infant Daughter of the Rajah (who had been killed by our Troops during the Expedition) intending to set up their Claim. The young Rajah of Ramnaut was at this time in close Confinement at Trichinopoly, where he had remained since

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since the Reduction of his Zemindary.
but the Nabob now thought proper
to release and restore him to the
whole joint Domain of Ramnaut
& Shavagunga, as the most likely
means to reduce these Countries to
allegiance - the Rajah agreeing
by his agents, to pay a Peiscush of
three Lacks and fifty thousand Rupees
for them both - about a twelve-
-month after this Transaction,
the Nabob assigned over his Revenues
to Lord Macartney, when, by the
Recommendation of the Committee
of assigned Revenue, the Rajah of
Ramnaut was was allowed to hold
both Districts on the same Terms
as had been agreed upon with
the Nabob - It appears however
that this agreement was never -
fulfilled on his part: and indeed,
circumstanced as things were at
that period, he never could be
said to be in compleate possession
of

of the Country which continued in trouble, (owing in a great measure to the Feuds between him and the Family of Shevagunga supported by the two Murdas) until Mr. John Sullivan, who had a general Superintendance over the Southern Countries, went there in 1784, and proposed to Lord Macartney a Division of the Countries, between the two Families, according to the original Compact between them; and this was accordingly effected. It does not appear from the Proceedings of that time that any separate Cowles or Instruments for giving them Possession of these Districts were granted by Government; but the Accounts afterwards transmitted by Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Irwin, (who succeeded him) state the Peishcush received from them separately to have been two lacks and eighty thousand Rupees

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Rupees from Ramnaut and —
2,20,000 Rupees from Sheoagunga;
and in settling these different
Tributes Mr. Sullivan seems to have
been guided by the comparative
Extent and Value of the Districts;
for, in his Report to Lord Macartney
under date the 29th. August 1784
(which, though full of very important
matter concerning the Districts
in question, would be too long to
recite here) he says, of the first
Division of Territory which had
taken place between the two
Families "That on this occasion
a partition was made of the
whole Country in the Proportion
of two fifths to Woriar Tavee of
Sheoagunga, and three fifths to
Settoopulley of Ramnaut."—
31st. ——— We have been
more full on this Subject as it
is connected with our late —
Recommendation for fixing the
Peishcush

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Peishcush of Shevagunga at the Rate abovementioned of two Lacks and twenty thousand Rupees.—

32d.——— To return, however, to our Narrative,— while the assignment continued with the Company, the two Families remained in possession of their respective Divisions — and regularly paid their Peishcush, the Principals interfering but little with the management of their affairs, but leaving it to the Servants under them, as is generally the case with People in their Situation — The Pardani, or Minister, of the Rajah of Ramnaut was Mutall Ulla Pilly, a Man highly spoken of by Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Swartz and Colonel Martinz — Chinna Muda had the Chief management at Shevagunga under Vejya Ragonaut Tauer who derived his authority from his Marriage with the Heiress of the

Family

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Family.— Chinna Murda is represented as an active and able Person, to whom the People are much attached, and has shewn great Zeal in the interest of the Family on all Occasions.—

33d — Any Differences that might before have existed between the two Families appear to have been hushed from the time the Districts were divided by Lord Macartney: but the Carnatic was no sooner restored to the Nabob than fresh Disputes broke out between them, while, on the other hand, his Highness expressed his Dissatisfaction at both:— he was probably not pleased with the Terms on which they have settled their Peishcush with the Company, and encreased his Demands upon them —— The Rajah of Ramnaut submitted to the new Exactions made upon him

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him; but at Shevagunga, there was another Cause that afforded the Nabob a pretence of interference, which, if he had succeeded in, it could not but be attended with benefit to him:— we mean the removal of Chinna Muda from his office of Minister under the Ranny, who, through some dissatisfaction, and probably without being aware of the consequences, which would befall herself and Family if the Country was reduced by the Nabob, had, it is said, made her complaint to him as her Superior. Whatever was the pretence, the Consequences of the attempt to remove Chinna Munda by force were such, as might have been foreseen from the extensive authority and Influence he had acquired in the Districts.— —

34 — It would be superfluous here

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here to give an account of the
Expedition against Chinna Mirdu
in 1789, since the Particulars are
in the Public Records; and it
appears to have been highly
reprobated by the Honble Court
of Directors.— Suffice it to say,
that it ended in a Reconciliation
between the Nabob and Chinna
Murdu; and in this State Mr.
Macleod found matters in that
District, when he took charge
of his Collectorship in September
1790.—

35th ——— His Report of the
present State of the Ramnaut
and Shivagunga Districts is full
and detailed, and leaves us little
more to say on the Subject.—
Your Honble Board has approved
Con. 5 March 1791— the Reduction of the Ramnaut
Peishcush to the Standard at which
it was fixed during Lord Macartney's
Government, that is 2,20,000 Rupees
which

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which has since been regularly paid by the Zemindar, Settoo putty, the same Person who was released from Confinement in 1781 and restored to the Zemindary as the Heir and Representative of the ancient Family.—

Cons. 23 Nov. 1791 — 36th — You have likewise been pleased to approve of the Reduction of the Shevagunga Peishcush to the former Standard viz. 1,75,000 Rupees — the Person who has the Charge of this Zemindary is Vyya Ragonaut Worriar Tavei who married the Heiress of the Family, since dead; and being, at that Time, appointed Maupillah, or Deputy Zemindar, has remained in that Office ever since. — The Issue of that Marriage is a Daughter, who is now the Heiress of the Family. —

37th — The Office of Maupilla is merely nominal,

since

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since the whole Management is
in the Hands of Chinna Murda,
who, as well as his Brother —
Vella Murda, is particularly
mentioned in Mr. Macleod's —
Report. The Ranny and her —
infant Daughter are at Sheva-
ganga in the District of Shevaganga;
and Mr. Macleod says an ample
provision is allotted for their —
Expences, and that they are allowed
to go wherever they please attended
by a Guard of Cobonel Martinz. —
Your Honble Board must be fully
sensible that, in the present —
situation of affairs, every thing
should be avoided that could tend
to excite Disturbances in the —
Country, which would certainly
ensue if either the young Heiress
or her Grand-Mother should be
formally declared Zemindars of
the Districts; because as their Sex
precludes them from the Public
Management

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Management of their own affairs the ostensible Power would of course, fall into the Hands of the Persons about them — and dissatisfied, as the old Ranny is at present represented to be, with her Servant, Chinna Murda, she would previously stipulate for his Removal, which could not be done without force and the assistance of the Company's Troops. —

38th. —— —— Trusting that the Honble Board are as well assured, as ourselves, of the personal safety of the Ranny and her Grand Daughter under the Protection of so excellent a Character as Colonel Martinz, we beg leave to state our opinion that no change should be attempted in the administration of the Zemindary, until the young Heiress shall be married, when her Husband (who must of necessarily

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necessarily be of the same Cast and Family) will virtually become the Zemindar with Liberty to employ such Servants as he may chuse; but at the same time we would recommend that Col: Martinz should be directed by Government to pay particular attention to their Safety, that they should be under no personal Restraint: and that he should report whether the allowances given them are sufficient, and whether they are regularly paid —

Consult. 6 January 1792 39 — — — Your Honble Board has already been furnished with a Statement shewing the different Settlements made in the several Divisions of the Carnatic for the current Year of Fusly 1201. which with star Pa 38,000 (the supposed Produce of Palnaud which has not been yet rented) makes —

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makes the Estimate of Gross Revenue amount to Star Ps. 21,56,483.4.47 exclusive of Jageers, amounting to Star Pags. 2,13,911.—ceded to his Highness the Nabob according to the Treaty of 1786 of this

Comdt. 11 Jan. 1792

your were pleased to express your approbation under date 7th January last, as well as of the Estimate shewing the expected Receipts and Disbursements in the two Divisions of Tanjour for the same Periods —

40. We now do ourselves the Honor of laying before you an Abstract No. 2 shewing the amount actually collected from the Districts of the Carnatic since the Commencement of the current Fusly 1201 or 13th July 1791 to 30th November last — the latest Period to which we could bring it down — according

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according to your Orders relative to
the transmission of the Collectors'
Accounts to the Presidency. The
whole amount collected during
this period is Star Pags. 5,31,985.16.6
net the net Revenue accruing
to the Company, after defraying the
Charges, is Star Ps. 3,36,687.12.66
41 ——— The Honble Board
will observe: that in this Sum
is included Star Pags. 2,02,631.27.
19. collected in part of the
Balances outstanding at the
Close of the preceding Year —
The Statement itself shews
what these Balances were, and
also what has been received in
part of the current Revenue for
the above Periods —
42 ——— Our Accountant
has likewise given in a Statement
of the Gross Collections, and Charges
upon the Revenue of Fasly 1200
which is more correct and
accurate

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accurate than that we had the
Honor of laying before you
with our last Report under
date 19th. September 1791. —
The former (as appears by
Mr. Place's Letter, Copy of which
we enclose) was defective in
some particulars, owing to his
not having received all the
Collectors' Accounts before the
Statement was finished. —
43d. —— The difference
between these two Statements
appears to be that in the
former the Gross Collections
for Fusly 1200 were set down
at Pag. 16,30,164-19-36
and the net Revenue accruing
to the Company at P. 11,04,460-
2-27. whereas, in the latter
Statement, the gross Collections
amount to Pagodas 16,79,219. 4. 11
and the Net Revenue accruing
to the Company amounts to
Pag.

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Cag.s 11,44,693--6--15.—

44th ——— Having now received all the Accounts of Messrs. Ram and Fallofield, as joint Collectors of the Tanjour Revenue to the end of Fusly 1200,—Our Accountant has just been able to draw out an abstract of Collection and Disburse=ments from the time of the Assumption in September 1790 to the 12th July last, a Copy of which (No. 3) we have the honor of inclosing —

45— ——— We also lay before the Honble Board Copy of another abstract (No. 4) shewing the Collections and Disbursements in the two Divisions of Tanjour under the separate Management of Mr. Ram and Fallofield from the Commencement of the present Fusly 1201 to 30th November —

46th —— ——— Our accountant's Letter informs us that the foregoing Statements

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sold at Prices considerably lower than those stated in the Estimate.—

50th ——— As Mr. Ram however in a Letter of 2d ult. December 1791 says that Cont. 4th Jany 1792.

the Estimate transmitted under Date 15th November 1790. Has proved to be a very just one? We can only conjecture that there must still remain a Quantity of Grain, the Produce of Fusly 1200 unsold: and our Opinion is corroborated by observing in Messrs. Ram and Fallofield's separate accounts for the subsequent Months that the sum of Ps. 30,454. 2.— is brought to account as Collections of the Balances of the former Year of Fusly 1200.—

51 ——— But as we have no Accounts, by which to ascertain the Quantity of Grain remaining unsold in the two Divisions of Tanjour at the Expiration of Fusly 1200; It is not in our Power to explain, further than by Conjecture, the Causes of Difference between the Estimate of November 1790 and the

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the actual Receipts for Fusly 1200.—

52d. ——— As the accounts of the
joint Collection, which could alone
point out this Circumstance to our
Notice, have been received but within
these very few Days, we have had no
opportunity of observing the Difference
till this time; but we beg to assure
this Honble Board that it shall be
the Object of our earliest Investigation
and we request that until their
Explanation be received, you will
suspend your Judgment.—

53d. ——— The Abstract (No 4)
shews the Gross Receipts from the
Tanjour Country, under the separate
Management of Messrs. Ram and
Fallofield, from the Commencement
of the current Fusly 1200 to 30th November
to be Star Pags 1,75,689.32.62.—
In this Sum however is included Star
Ps 62,292.1.6— which was borrowed,
by the Sanction of your Honble Board,
in order to be advanced to the Inhabitants
for

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Statements may not be altogether free from
error; but when we considered the Necessity
of furnishing your Honble Board as
soon as possible with every information
respecting the Tanjore Revenue, and
that various Circumstances (already
represented by us) have so long though
unavoidably, delayed it, — We thought
it more expedient to lay the abstracts
before you in their present state than to
wait for the Forms of official Precision —
47th. ——— The Abstract (No. 3) shews
the total gross Collections under the joint
Management of Messrs. Ram and
Fallofild, to have been Star Ps. 7,15,738.
„12„52 — and the net Revenue Pags.
5,57,404„18„70 — from this Sum
one Lack and one fifth, upon the
net Revenue being the Rajahs
Proportion are deducted, and the
Remainder of net Revenue accruing
to the Company is Ps. 3,65,451.27.72. —
48th ——— The Report made to
Government by Messrs. Ram and
Fallofield

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Consult. 6th Dec. 1790 Tallofield and transmitted to us in Mr.
Secretary Chamier's Letter of 24th November
1790 (until which period this Board
had no Controul or Superintendance
over the Tanjour Revenue) was
accompanied with an Estimate of
probable Receipts and Disbursements
for Fasly 1200. And they inform
Government in the same Letter that
"the whole Expence being deducted
the net Revenue appears by that Estimate
to be Star Pag.s 8,57,570.— exclusive of
Gunjayish" — a Branch of Revenue,
which was deemed incompatible
with the Company's System —
So great a Difference
had given us much Concern, and the
more so, as we have it not in our
power, from the Materials sent us by
these Gentlemen, to furnish your
Honble Board with any Information
on the Subject, further than that it appears
upon comparing the Estimate with the
Monthly Accounts, the Grain has been
sold

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for the Purposes of Cultivation.— The
nett Receipts for the same Period amount
to Star Pags. 1,62,812. 9-60.—

54th. ——— In Conformity with
your Commands of 28th. September
Cons. 28 Oct. 1791 — 1791 we called upon the Collectors in
the Tanjore Country to report how far
the Plan for establishing a Court of
Justice had been carried into execution.—

55th. ——— We have learnt from
them that no Steps of any consequence
were taken by his Excellency the Rajah
Cons. 19 Oct. 1791 — 21 Dec. 1791 — to reform his Court of Justice in the
Palace agreeable to the Plan before
mentioned; and that upon the Assumption
of the Country this Court almost entirely
ceased to act.— Petitions for Redress
having, from that time, been generally
addressed to the Collectors.—

56th. ——— It has been in
Contemplation to establish a convenient
Number of Persons to examine and
report upon the Subjects of Petitions
relative to private Property: the —

Rajah

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Rajah being apprized of this, desired through the means of Mr. Swartz, that all such Matters might be referred, as before, to his Judges sitting in his Palace. But it being represented by that Gentleman that this would not answer the purpose intended, on account of the continual Interference of Persons connected with the Palace, to the Delay or Hindrance of Justice, it was proposed to his Excellency through Mr. Swartz that he should name two or more Persons; that the Collectors should name a like Number; that these should chuse an additional Number, and that the whole should meet daily in some Place of public resort.

57 Clause But this Proposal was not agreeable to the Judges in the Rajah's Palace; and it was entirely rejected by his Excellency, who informed Mr. Swartz that his Count must be either wholly adopted by the Collectors in

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in every respect as it has been before, or wholly rejected.—

58th ——— Nothing was finally established 'till the Month of April last, when five Persons recommended by Mr. Swartz were appointed to meet regularly, to examine and report upon Petitions.—

59th ——— This was termed the Nyac Mahal, all Petitions relative to private Property were referred to it, and a Register kept of the Petitions, the Names of Complainants, Defendants, the Decision of the Suit &c. and this was at different times laid before the Collectors for their Approbation.—

60th ——— When the Division of the Tanjour Country took place the Nyac Mahall remained in Tanjour where it was first established; and appears in the Opinion of the Collectors sufficient for most of the Purposes for which it was intended.—

61st ——— After holding out for

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to your Honble Board the sanguine hopes that might be cherished from the favorable Settlements in the different Districts of the Carnatic, We feel a infinite concern in being obliged to mention the Enemy's late Irruption, an Event which, at this Season of the Year, when the cutting of the principal Crop is already commenced cannot but prove a serious Loss to the Revenue. —

62d — — — — — W.m Floyer, Collector in the Southern Division of Arcot; acquaints us in a Letter of 17th Instant, which we received at the moment of closing this Report "That 400 "Sooties had entered his Division "on the 15th and were then in the "District of Trewanamellour". —

63d — — — — We are the more anxious, because the Rout the Enemy must have taken, and the consequent alarm which has spread even to the Neighbourhood of the

Presidency

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Presidency Cease and no Room to doubt
that the Consequences of their Disruption
will be felt throughout the Province
of Arcot.—

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Wm Petrie.
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

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

The Province of Shevagunga
is at present under the sole Management of
China Mudoo, the Dadanie or Minister, a
Person eminently well qualified for the Office
he holds; His just and able administration
has gained him the Attachment of the Inhabitants
of

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of the Province, which evinced itself particularly on his Return from the neighbourhood of Dindigul, subsequent to his Expulsion by the Detachment under the command of Colonel Stewart. Independent of the Influence arising from his Popularity among the Inhabitants he possesses a great ascendency from the Number of his Relations, Connexions and adherents, amounting nearly to 700 Persons of a warlike Disposition, and great personal attachment to him.—

In this account of his Relations, however I must except his elder Brother called Vella Murdoo, who shews no attachment to him: but, on the contrary, is continually endeavouring to raise his own Consequence in the District by lowering that of his Brother.— He lives upon an allowance from China Murdoo (with which, tho' ample, he is dissatisfied) and maintains a Number of Followers: he is a Man of no abilities or Knowledge in Business, having all his Life attended to little else than the Diversion of Hunting.— The Mildness of China Murdoo's Disposition leads him to allow of more turbulent and encroaching Behaviour from this discontented Man than is consistent with his own Case. altho' Vella Murdoo is not personally

attached

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attached to his Brother, yet I presume he would act with him as in a common cause, where his Interest and Power were at stake. —

The Constitution of Shevagunga resembles in a great degree the Feodal System which prevailed in the North of Europe: many of the Lands are held of the Supreme Power, on Condition that the Tenant shall bring into the Field, when required, a stipulated Number of armed Followers; and each portion of Land receives its Denomination from the Number of Men whom its Possessor is engaged to furnish. —

The nett annual Revenue of the Province of Shevagunga is five Lacks of Arcot Rupees. —

The Constitutional Sovereign authority was in the Hands of a Poligar or Rajah, and the Rajahship hereditary — both in the Male and female Line; with this Peculiarity, however, that the Succession of the Daughter cannot take place till she marries, and then her Succession serves only to invest her Husband with the Sovereign Right and authority. —

There is now a Granddaughter of the late Rajah who, as the Male Line of the Family has failed, is at present Heiress: in the Event of her Marriage her Husband would of course become the legal Sovereign of Shevagunga — She is now about 10 Years of age and lives with the Widow —

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Widow of the late Rajah (usually called the Ranny) at Trepatore. Her Father is living, and resides near Sheravaie. Chinna Murdoo's usual place of abode. — The Father, the Ranny, and Grandaughter were kept in a state of Confinement by his Highness the Nabob. The Father made his Escape. the two Females, are at Liberty to go wherever they please. attended by some Guards of Colonel Martinz' Battalion — an ample Provision for their Expences is allotted from the Revenues of Sheva gunga District. The Ranny and Chinna Murdoo have been a considerable time at Variance with each other. — This Animosity is increased by the intrigues of interested Persons about the Ranny, who have no hopes of acquiring Influence & Profit but by involving part of the District in Confusion — The Ranny wishes to place a Dependant of her own in the Office of Tondaman. But should Chinna Murdoo, by any means, be divested of that Office, there is every reason to believe that the formidable Exertion of his extensive Influence would create most serious Confusion in Sheva gunga and the adjacent Provinces. — It is my opinion that Chinna Murdoo would be desirous of seeing the old Family restored provided he should continue to fill his present Office. —

With regard to a Restoration of the Family there could exist no doubt as to the Person to be vested with the Sovereignty if the Heiress was unmarried, but as

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as she is still single it remains to be determined whether her Father or the Ranny are legally entitled to the temporary Government of the Country. upon this point, after much Inquiry, I could gain no satisfactory Information — Indeed it seems impossible to do it; for the only Persons well qualified to afford it are deeply interested in the Question —

But the Ranny, having been for some time at the head of the Country as Regent and the Inhabitants preserving a Respect for her as the Widow of their former Rajah, the Restoration of her to the Regency, with Chinna Murdoo as the Pradanie, would be a Measure highly agreeable to the Inhabitants and beneficial to the Country by doing away much Cabal & Intrigue, which to a certain degree, embarrasses the Administration of the Revenues —

The Variance between the Ranny and Chinna Murdoo might I think be easily made up: it's present Countenance must be ascribed, almost entirely to the Flattery of her Dependants, who imagine

Erroneously

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(erroneously I believe) that her Reconciliation with Chinna Mundoo would leave them in a worse Situation than they are in at present

When Chinna Mundoo was expelled from Shevagunga in 1789 he retired to the Country between Madura & Dindigul; from whence he returned to the Shevagunga Borders & began to commit Depredations — Immediately upon this the whole of the Inhabitants of the District revolted to him and assisted him while he blockaded some of our Troops in the Fort of Kelacoil, from whence they were relieved by the approach of the 16th Battalion of Sepoys — Soon after this I understand, he came to an agreement with his Highness the Nabob to hold the Shevagunga Country as Renter: the Rent to be 3,00,000 Arcot Rupees p.c Annum.

Having heard it reported that Chinna Mandoo, during his Expulsion, sought Refuge in Tippoo's Country; I think proper to observe that the Report is without foundation — The elder Brother went to Dindigul, when Syed Saheb, the Ingardar of

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of that Place, received him, and endeavoured, thro'
his means, to Daxur Chinna Murdoo into the Pindigul
District — This he could not effect; and Chinna
Murdoo remained in one of the Pollams situated
between that District and Madura. —

The Rajah of Ramnad some
Months ago dismissed his Minister who had
governed the District many Years with great
Credit and Ability. —

The Pusthcar and others under the
Minister had, in the absence of the latter, taken
Steps that were highly injurious & insulting
to the Dignity of the Rajah; who, receiving these
affronts as the acts of the Minister, dismissed
him and confined the Pesthcar. —

To shake off the Power of a
Minister who had acquired so great an
ascendency during a long Administration
shewed more Firmness than commonly falls
to the Lot of Men brought up as the Rajah
has been. He shewed much ability & address
in conducting the Business & in getting the
Pisthcar into his Power. He has also shewn
much Discretion in choosing another Minister
Mooloo —

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(Mootoo Coman Pella) who is said to be the fittest Man in the Province to execute the Duties of his Station. The Rajah pays some attention to Business himself, and his Economy amounts almost to avarice.—

The net Revenue of Ramnad — including the Profit on its Manufactured & foreign Trade, amounts to five Lacks of Arcot Rupees P Year.— The Soil is poor compared to Shivaganga and the Scarcity of Water is a continual Obstacle to the full Cultivation of the Country.— There is very seldom enough Water in the River to flow more than 10 or 15 Miles beyond Madura: and till the present uncommonly heavy Monsoon, the Water of the River has not reached the Sea during many Years.— The late Amildar Mootall Vella Pilly, had proposed a Plan to remedy the Evils arising from this continual Scarcity of Water.— The Ramnad River flows thro' the Hills at the head of the Dindigul Valley, where a great Obstruction of its Water is occasioned by a large Mound of Earth and Rocks.— Mootal Vella Pilly cause a Survey of this to be made, and on finding that by the Removal of a sufficient

Body

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Body of Water would be obtained for the purposes of Cultivation he proposed to carry his Project into execution whenever Circumstances might admit of it.

The Expence of this undertaking was estimated by him at about 35,000 Ps a sum which would have been soon replaced by the augmentation of the Revenue from the consequent Increase of Cultivation.

A continual Jealousy subsists between the Ramnad and Shevagunga Provinces, which frequently breaks out into violent Disputes, to the infinite prejudice of the Inhabitants of both Countries. In consequence of this Jealousy, Quarrels which, in other Districts, would be settled by Arbitration are here frequently decided by force of Arms

I am doubtful whether in the foregoing Statement I may have fulfilled the Interest of your Board's Order for reporting on the present State &c. of the Marravars; particular Information regarding their Revenue &c. may have been required.—

Should my Conjecture be right, I request to—

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to be honored with further Instructions and
Orders on the Subject.—

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Madura Your most obedient Servant
19th December 1791.— (Signed) Alexr. Macleod

A true Copy (Signed) J. Webbe Secy

To William Petrie Esqr.
President and Members of the Board
of Assumed Revenue
Gentlemen.

In obedience to your Secretary's
Letter of the 5 Instant I have the honor
enclose No 2 an Abstract shewing the
Balances of Revenue outstanding at the
Close of Fasely 1200 in the assumed
Countries of His Highness the Nabob, the
Amount Settlement for the present Year; —
Collections on these two Accounts, and of Extra
Revenue, Charges of Collection, Balances
outstanding, amount of his Highness's one
fifth, and net Revenue accruing to the —
Company — comprehended between 13th July
and

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and 30th November 1791.—

In my Letter of the 16th Septem-
ber last I mentioned the incompleteness of
the Statement accompanying it, from a
want of the Madura and Setwadoo Accounts
to 12th July: these were soon after received,
and Mr. Macleod's Explanation of the
Differences, which I also noticed, having
enabled me to draw out, I believe, a correct
State of his Collections and Disbursements,
I have the honor to lay before you a No. 1 a
complete abstract of the Revenue, Settlements
&c. &c. &c. to 12th July last, which I
wish to substitute in the room of the one
submitted to you on the 16th September.—
Exclusive of the alteration made in what
regards Madura, which before was brought
up only to the 30th June but now to 12th
July; I discovered an oversight of Pagodas
3,558..5..57. in the amount Debited to His
Highness the Nabob. In the Examination of
the Books, I found that this Sum, which
was paid at Tinnevelly to His Highness's Troops,
had been carried to Charges of Collection, from no
particular Order having been given for carrying
it—

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it to any other Head: but conceiving it to be the Intention of the Board that this, as well as other Disbursements of a like Nature, should be carried to the same Account, I deducted it from the Charges of Collection at Tinnevelly &c which of course made an alteration in the Nett Revenues, and in the calculation of His Highness's one fifth.—

I have the honor also of laying before you, Nos 3 and 4, similar Abstracts to the above for Tanjore—In the one No 3, I have made a Calculation of His Excellency the Rajah's one Lack and one fifth, but however must apprise you that the Nabob has, how Debited for the Collection he made on account of Shaseley 1200 previous to the Assumption, so I apprehend it is your Intention that the Rajah should; but the Difficulty, or perhaps the Impossibility, which the Collectors at Tanjore have experienced of obtaining an account of them has prevented my observing this Rule. If, however, a Judgment may be formed of what he Collected of the

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the Revenue of 1200, between the Commencement of the Year and the Date of the assumption, by the Collections made in the same Period by the Collectors on account of 1201, we may suppose that it amounted to a considerable Sum —

In the Account No. 4 no Calculation of this Excellency's one Lack and one fifth is made, because, as the one Lack is to be deducted before the one fifth is taken, this can be done only at the End of the Year. —

I must beg leave to observe that, as these Statements have always been taken from loose Papers, Errors may creep in, which the Books alone, when brought up, can shew and rectify. — Few I imagine however of material Consequence will be found. —

I have the Honor to be —
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant
(signed) Lionel Place
Accountant to the Board of Inland Revenue

Fort St. George
19th January 1792.

A true Copy —
(signed) J. Webbe Secy —

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Statement shewing the amount of the Settlements made by the several Collectors Phasely 1200; the Remissions to be allowed to the Renters for Jaghires afterwards Enemy, Collections on accounts of the remaining Rents of outstanding Balances of Balance remaining to be collected; Amount of His Highness the Nabob's one fifth between the Date of the Assumption and 12th July 1791. &c.

	Amount of the Settlement	Remissions for Jaghires	Remissions Jaghires	Collections for Losses occasioned by the Enemy	Collections on account of outstanding Balances of Phasely given up	Collection on account the Settlement of Phasely given up to the Nabob	Balance remaining to be collected
	1200						1199
	S. Pags.	S. Pags.	S. Pags.	L. Pags.	L. Pags.	L. Pags.	
At Madras	37,832 . 35.	1516.12. 5.	"	"		32,482.2.10	2732 8 52
Palnaud	40329 12 10	"	"	"		28,680 20 52	128 3 33
Ongole	109165 11 73	"	"	"		84,487 13 29	6,732 6 17
Nellore	403217 16 12	7040	"	"		319,160 17 56	22231 12 39
North Division of Arcot	230613 23 53	13010 30 63	61296	"	31,025 5 18	167,614 5 17	1143 6 55
Center Division of Arcot	172799 23 7	"	"	"	9237 7 8	47,024 2 20	277 13 58
South Division of Arcot	1960425 24	282	8.610 35 12		72,771 1 65	1,511,102 437	432.11 26
Trichinopoly	329262 73	"	63.992.23 69		38,603 12 15	2,26913 8	900 13 67
Madura	196429 37 40	"	"	"	"	195,571.28 64	"
Tinnevelly	339294. 6 31.	"	"	"	"	3,100 92. 16. 75	5 4794. 6.31.
	22,805,795 70	23779 19. 73.	122,999 22 1		236,916 26 19	15,76,617.10.12	9,147 10. 78.

Note of what the Revenue of the Year of Phasely 1200 might probably have amounted; had not the Enemy entered the Country. —

Total amount of the Settlements		22,805,795 35. 70.
Deduct private Jaghires given up	23,779. 19. 73	
The Jaghires of His Highness the Nabob given up	122,999. 22. 1.	146,778 4. 74
Remaining Rent, inclusive of Losses Occasioned by the Enemy		21,658,973. 30. 76

To which may be added the difference between the Estimated Value of the Annexed Districts and their Actual produce not included in the Columns of Losses. —

	Estimate	Actual	difference
At Palnaud	10.387. 1. 66.	4569. 5. 10.	5817. 31. 51
Center Division of Arcot	15000. — —	2090.23 7	17909. 7. 73
Southern Division of Arcot	52.000. — —	27824. 15. 36.	24175. 20. 66
	77.387. 1. 66.	34424. 12. 51	42.902. 25. 16.

To which difference may be added the Gifts sustained by the first Twenty Renters having absconded their Rents — as under. . . . . 50000. — —

His Peymaish and the Subsequent Renters of the district was. . . . . 22500. — —

Gifts . . . . . 27500. — —

Add Collections of Prior Revenue belonging to the year of Phasely 1200 inclusive of Collections from his Highness's Jaghires . . . . . 1992. 6. 36.

Probable amount of the Fifth Revenue of the Current year had not the Enemy entered the Country. Star Pags. . . . . 29492. 31. 50.

Star Pags. 29265,7220. 46.

Note shewing the calculation of His Highness's Fifth Collections

Total Fifth Collections

Deduct Collections on account of outstanding Balances of 1199 to be carried to the Credit of the Nabob's Privat account what was collected from his Highness's Jaghires upon the resumption of them and in the Collections of Prior Revenue but to be carried to his Credit 1792

In the Northern Division of Arcot	2127. 15. 3.
At Trichinopoly	9024. 33 39.

Remaining Fifth Revenue

Deduct charges upon the Revenue of Phasely 1200.

Pensions and Charitable allowances

Nett Revenue upon which the Nabob is to be calculated

One Fifth

Add Collections from his Highness's Jaghires given up

Total due to His Highness Star

of which he has received

Balance due to His Highness

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For the Rents of the assumed Countries of His Highness the Nabob of Arcot for the restored to His Highness and others, and for Loses occasioned by the Irruptions of the — Phasely 1199. and of Extra Revenue, Charges of Collection, Pensions, Nett Revenue and actual Nett Revenue accruing to the Company: the whole comprehended

Collections of Extra Revenue	Total Gross Collections	Charges of Collection Salaries to the Members of the Board of assumed Revenue Cuts to Collectors & every other Charge incident to the Rev.e of Phasely 1200	Charges to be set off against the Revenue of Phasely 1199	Pensions & Charitable Allowances	Total Charges	Nett Collections	Balance of current Revenue for Phasely 1200	Amount of his Highness the Nabob's one fifth as shewn in the Note subjoined	Nett Revenue accruing to the Company
1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda	1st Pagoda
7.33.10	55172 34 72	29,583 19 63	" " "	1619.241	31203-7 64	23969 27 8	3.838 25 60	" " "	" " "
922 4 18	36730,28 43	6,003 33 2	" " "	890 238	6894 2010	24836 8 33	4648 2738	" " "	" " "
1145 15 69	93920 35 65	69714 24 64	" " "	3,310 335	10485 2459	83435 11 6	22675 3414	" " "	" " "
44 35 71	37436 30 -6	22,553 13 51	" " "	561 6 633	34169 20 4	283267 10 2	84116 3436	" " "	" " "
13776 12 35	131,233 24 27	11,797 27.21	" " "	7870 432	19667 31 53	1,62,165 28 54	3167 23 37	" " "	" " "
239 4 44	47,540 20 62	7955 12 4	" " "	" " "	7955 12 4	39,585 8 58	32,251 18 39	" " "	" " "
1,970 11 15	137363 10 72	28229 15 38	" " "	72 11 40	28,301 26 70	89,26 120	" " "	" " "	
10,44622 74	239340 - 69	20,335 " 46	" " "	1701 32 50	25,036 33 16	2,13,303 3 53	1711 1763		
262 23 46	195.834.11.30.	7843 2.20	16.903 " "	407.32.47	25,153.34.67	1,70,680.12.43	849. 2.36.		
38.35.16.39	4.8.46 22.12	49.083 20.56.	3.931.4.64	2035. " 40	5.50.79.262	3.39.745.32.40.	168.928.25.36.		
27.854.18.72.	16.79219. 4. 14	1.96.359 25.47.	20.834.4.64.	26.774.27.6.	2,43,968.21.37.	14.35.252.18.37.	3.32,144.30.39.	290.857.12.42.	11.44.693. 6.15.

Abstract

Nett Revenue appearing in the 13th Column . . . . . 14.35.252.18.37.
Payments into the Purrua Treasury at the Presidency . . 496.269 - 65.
Advances to Paymasters and Storekeepers 424.593.4.64
Sums to be debited to the Military Paymaster + General for Rons from Vincatagherry, Calatty and Bomraeze Pillam, employed with the Army, and for money advanced for Elephants sent from Bengal. } 13684. " 67½
Balances of advances and Repairs recoverable . 25.831. 15. 21.
930.977. 21. 44.

His Highness the Nabobs Collections previous to the Assumptions of the — Revenue of Phasely 1200 included in the Column of Collections . . . . } 62106. 24.72
Payments to, and on account of His Highness by the different Collectors } 67.157. 7.64
Payments to His Highness at the Presidency . . . . . } 160.000. " " 239263 32.56
12.22.83. 13.20.
Balance of Cash in the Collectors hands Star Pagodas — 215.089. - 37
Star Pagodas 14.35.252.18.37.

Deduct the Nabobs one fifth
. . . . . 1679219. 4. 14.

974.749. 10. 78.

Balance of Cash
Pagodas
Arcot . . . . . 16.610-15.12.
Vellore Division of the . . . . . 6.092. 33. 28.
Northern Division of the . . . . . 12.772. 16. 47.
Carnatic . . . . . 21.062. 31. 33.
Ceded Districts of the . . . . . 11.585. 8. 53.
Southern Division of the . . . . . 2.241. 14. 12.
Carnatic 20981. 5. 2
Tinnivelly . . . . . 21.546. 31. 34.
. . . . . 34.958. 13. 24.
Deduct Balance due to the Collector . . . . . 2.500. " "
to on the Northern Division of the Carnatic . . . . . 32.44. 14. 12.
. . . . . 15.86.609. 16.5.24.

17862. 12. 42 — 92.609. 23. 40

1679219. 4. 14.

1963.59. 25. 47.

26774. 27. 6.

223134. 16. 53.

one fifth is . . . . . 13684. - 1.

. . . . . 272.695. " "

Jagheers before . . . . . 17862. 12. 42.

Pagodas — 290557. 12. 42

. . . . . 239263. 32. 56.

out 1st July 91 = 1293. 15. 66.

19th January 1792.

Errors Excepted (Signed) Jno. Place.
accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue

A true Copy (Signed) J. Webbe Secry

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Abstract shewing the Balances of Revenue outstanding at the close of the year of Phasely Phasely 1201. Collections on these two accounts, and of Extra Revenue, Charges on the Revenue of every and Nett Revenue accruing to the Company, the whole Comprehended between the Com=

	Estimated Revenue for Phasely 1200 Outstanding on the 12th July 1791.	Amount of the Balances Sent for Phasely 1201	Remains for Ensuing account of Phasely 1200	Collections on account of last Standing Balance of 1200 made to 30th November 1791	Collections on Accounts of the Statement of Phasely 1201 made to 30th November 1791	Collections of Outstanding Balances of Phasely 1199	Collections of Extra Revenue made since 12th July 1791	Total Gross Collections
	S.a Pd	S.a Pd	S.a Pd	S.a Pd	S.a Pd	S.a Pd	S.a Pd	S.a Pd
Madras								13232.23.72
Palnaud								
Outstanding 12th July	24634.27.32							
Sumani Collection to 30th Nov	743. 5. 4.	5391.32.42	1167.5.67	" "	29.54.22	62.67. 5.67	179.26.11.	116. 20. 4457.19. 6.
Ongole		2267.33.16	1122.64	"	40.24.35	990. " "	" " "	" " 5012.29. 35.
Nellore		24.116.24.36	7990.44 h	"	436.77	6.50. 72.79	29.56 49.24.57	" " 116.525.22.3.
Northern Division of Arcot		5067.21.37	2257.32.36	53.32.	4.14.29.	4.52.65. 1. 40.	" "	" " 29.25.29.41. 82.46.22. 5.
Center Division of Arcot		32.25.2.39	7.65.22	" "	"	19.74.4.74	12.99.26.4.	53.19.32 541.6.21. 3329.20.11.
Southern Division of Arcot		" "	5.22.12.16	" "	" "	" "	24.29.35.64.	" " 35.9 - 22.35. 7 64.
Tichinopoly								
Balance of 1200	9.17. 17. 40							
Sumani Collection	2.451. 8. 50.							
Settlement of 1201	374.596. 23. 20.							
Sumani Collection	4.400. 9. "							
								15.22.0.18.30.49.34.21.9.
Madura								
Balance against Madura Renter for 1200	349. 3. 36.							
Polygars Pickard out before Known	3.701. 10. 60.							
Sumarily								
Settlement for 1201	522.457. 20.							
Sicca gained in the remitt from the Renter	326 5. 7.							

		1.62.92.21.36	12.22.22.7.	" "	111.78.12.36.	61.99.22.39. 9.	4.66.19.37.	2.48.23.22.1.87.21. 6.11.
		3.14.90.12.72	49.20.10. 6.	1.20.2.13.	9.26.1.77.49	23.13.74.21.57	49.29.12.17.	49.92.8.21. 5.96.21. 8.69.

Calculation of His Highness the Nabob's one fifth

Nett Revenue appearing in the 13th Column		S.a P. F. 5.11.21.6.30. 76
Nett Collections of outstanding Balances of Phasely 1199. 6	49.29.12.17.	
to arrive to His Highness Fourth Net		
Also a small sum received at Tellicherry of the account	116. 20	
more for collections included in the Column of Extra Collections		5045.13. 37
Sum upon which His Highness one fifth is to be calculated		4616.29.17 39.
One fifth of which is		32.33. 32.24
Add Balance due to His Highness on account on account of his fifth of the Collections to 12th July 91		1493.15.66.
Total due to His Highness to 30th November		34.27.12.10
The Payments to and on account of His Highness made since 12th July last amount to		1.00.74.24.02
Due to him as above		34.27.12.10
Over paid to His Highness		66.47.2.12.

Madras 6101. - 12
Palnaud 1.65.11. 27.49
Ongole 1.13.46. 22.29
Nellore 2.00.64. 25.72.

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1200 or the 12th July 1791. in the Assumed Countries of his Highness the Nabob. The amounts Settlements for discription, together with the Balances outstanding, Amounts of His Highness's one fifth, = mencements of Pharsley 1201 or 12th July 1791. and 30th November 1791.

Charges of Collections of every denomination.	Account Salary and Commission	Pensions and Charitable Allowances	Total Charges	Nett Revenue.	Balance of Cash on the 12th July 1791.	Total Nett Collections and Balances of Cash	Balances of the Revenue of Pharsley 1200 outstanding 30 November 1791.	Uncollected Revenue of Pharsley 1201 on the 30th of November 1791.	Amounts of His Highness the Nabobs one Fifth as shewn in the Note subjoined	Nett Revenue accruing to the Company
Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.	Sr. Ps.
2438.24	15.915.	"	"	"	18.33324.5.	"	"	5101. 12	"	35311.17.62
3546.16.70	"	"	"	177. 15. 8.	5723.31.78	16610. 16. 58.	15.304. 3. 46.	2437. 9.54	"	"
4591.24.36	1740.	"	"	1329. 17. 70.	7601.16.26.	6327. 33.28	3741. 8.37.	12.611. 6. 39.	11778	62.22.64.
14532.20.3	1434.22.44			76.22.56.	16043.29.55.	100.48.	22.28.	12772. 16. 47.	11325.	3.75.40439.27.
4582. 6.4	1172.30.64.			1928.33.57.	10784.35.2.	7621.25. 2.	2106. 31. 38.	9369. 20.43.		8942.33.47.
3322.35.70	1214.32.72	"	"	"	9737.32.62.	23569.	22.69.	11585. 3.58.	9.15.	14.32.47.
3066.29.32	1391.	"	"	6. 17.	6.9644.37.17.	351. 3.32.	2241. 14	11. 13.	109. 2521.	"
3660. 9. 2.	1260.	"	"	"	"	4360. 9	2. 42514.	12. 7.	30980. 5. 2.	73494. 7. 9.
3259. 10	16. 1000.	"	"	854. 26. 10.	5714.	26. 21834.	1623. 8.	1546. 31. 34.	10.	3381. 11 57.
20624.	3.	3. 6892.	3. 24.	937. 33. 78.	28455. 10. 25.	151825. 31.	69.	36358. 15. 24.	182184.	11. 13. 57750. 12.
4437.	2. 70			5311. 22. 39.	113619. 13. 73.	130203. 32. 11.		641. 323. 31. 46.		12286. 14. 37.
	35. 320. 17. 44.				8994. 1. 76.	21. 249. 14. 49.		5101. 12.		196. 282. 9. 24.
					121. 214. 34. 76.	2215. 14. 11.		636222. 31. 34.		345. 27. 12. 10.
						21500. 38.				

Balance of Cash at Fort St. George on the 12th July 1791. 18119. 22. 2.
In the Northern Circars 11405. 29. 75.
Ditto D.o at Trichinopoly 9104. 23. 42.
Ditto D.o at Madura 19491. 22. 41.
Ditto D.o at Tinnevelly 19691. 15. 49.
Amount 78846. 9. 74.
Deduct the Balances 15676. 3. 23.
To cast the Balance 103401. 15. 21.

Abstract

Nett Revenue and Balance appearing in the 15th Column	606222. 31. 34
Payments into the Revenue Treasury	23664. 13. 58.
Advances to Paymasters Storekeepers Bullock Contractors and Agents	13477. 9. 24.
Sums to be carried to the debit of the Military Paymasters, Farrial for pray advanced to Horsekeepers and Peons Cutting for the Cavalry and on Accot. of Captain Reads Detachment	2180. 35. 74.
Advances for Cultivation made since 12th July last outstanding - ing but recoverable	11593. " 9.
Advances for Mulberry and Cinnamon Plantations	867. 34. 15.
	433782 21. 20.
Payments to and on Account of His Highness the Nabob	110374. 20. 22.
	544156. 5. 42.
Nett Balance of Cash on the 30th November 1791	92064. 25. 72.

Fort St. George. 19th January 1792. E. E. Ff. Signed Lionel Place
Acct. G. the B. N. R.

A true Copy Signed J. Webbe Jr.

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Abstract of Collections and Disbursements in the Tanjore Country from

disposal of the Nett Revenue and Calculation of

	Collections from the Sale of the Grain produced in the Districts for Fasly 1200	Collections from Sundry Branches of extraordinary Revenue for Fasly 1200	Collections on account of the outstanding Balances of Fasly 1199	Total Gross Collections	Charges of Collection of every denomination incidental to the Revenue	Pensions and Charitable Allowances	Colleges and Commission
	S.Ps. f. C.	S.Ps. f. C.	S.Ps. f. C.	S.Ps. f. C.	S.Ps. f. C.	S.Ps. f. C.	S.Ps. f. C.
Tanjore to 12th July 1791	1049258. 2.42	111090. 15.27	589. 29.63	1161937.58.12	111329 25.15	36449. 25.12	10754.11. 35.

Calculation of His Excellency's One Lack and one fifth

Nett Revenue	557404.58.70
Deduct Collections on Accounts of Fasly 1199	589.29.63
Remaining Nett Revenue	556814.25.70
One Lack of Pagodas to be deducted before the Calculation is made	100,000.-.-
Sum upon which one fifth is to be calculated	456814.25.70
one fifth of which is	91362.33.6
Add One Lack	100.000.-.-
Total due to his Excellency	191362.33.6
of which he has received	185294.24.1
and there remains due to him	6068.9.5

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163 the date of the Assumption to 12th July 1791. together with notes shewing the His Excellency's one Lack and one fifth —

Total Charges	Nett Revenue	His Excellency the Rajahs one Lack and one fifth.	Revenue remaining to the Company.
Spes Fs Cs	Spes Fs Cs	Spes Fs Cs	Spes Fs Cs
158.333.29.	62.557.404	18. 70	191.362 33. 65

365.451. 27. 22

Abstract

Nett Revenue		557404. 18. 70
remittances to the Revenue Treasury at the Presidency	138.926. 23. 50	
remittances to the Resident at Cuddalore	10.000. " "	
advances to Paymasters, Storkeepers and Bullock Contractors	20330 24. 80	
Advances to the Family of the late Rajah independent of the 1 Lack and 1 fifth	2045. 15. 75	
	354.579 28. 80	
Payments to His Excellency the Rajah on account of his one Lack and one fifth	135.294. 24. 18	
		539.874 16. 31
Balance of Cash on the 12th July 1791.		17.530. 2. 39

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E. E. Fr. Signed Lio. Place.

Accountant to the Bd. of Rl. Revenue.

A true Copy.

Signed S. Webbe Secretary

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No. 1. Abstract of Collections & Disbursements the Tanjore Country from the 13th. July

	Collection of Revenue from the Districts for the Fasly 1201.	Collections from Branches of Extra Revenue	Collections of the Balances of Fasly 1200	Money borrowed for the purpose of advances for cultivation to be repaid next Fasly	Total Collections and Money borrowed.	Charges of Collection of every denomination incidental to the Revenue
Western Division	30247. 26. 24.	16.635. 22. 38.	11914. 12. 7	14.54.600.	1133973. 5. 4	1863. 32
Eastern Division	26.385. 4. 20.	1163. 22. 50.	1853. 25. 6.	9200.	62292. 1. 6	1960. 15. 4.
	56.632. 30. 44	24799. 15. 8	30464. 2.	63800.	175.689. 32. 6	3813. 15. 34.

Balance of Cash in the Western division 20169. 4. 23

In the Eastern Division . . . . . 3795. 29. 65.

23.964. 34. 8.

To which should be added the Balance on account of the joint Collection 17. 530. 2. 39

43.495. 4. 47.

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to the 30.th November 1791. with a note Shewing the Disposal of the Revenue.

Collectors Salary and allowances	Pensions and Charitable allowances	Total Charges.	Nett Revenue.	His Excellency the Rajah's one Lack and one fifth.	remaining revenue to the Company.	Collection on accounts of Fasly 1199.
1606. 24. 5½	955. 1. 47½	4 0 5 4 26. 5½	102982. 5. 5.			
3004. 1. 70.	498. 15. 40.	8462. 32. 3½	53829. 4. 55.			3. 21 10.
4610. 26. 4½		12877. 23. 2.	162812. 9. 60.	" " "	" " "	
1453. 17. 7½						

Abstract.

Nett Revenue		162812. 9. 60.
Remittances to the Revenue Treasury	8400. "-"	
Advances to Paymaster. Storekeepers &c.	23224. 27. 4½	
D.o to the Resident at Cuddalore	33200. "-"	
D.o to the Rajah on Account of his one Lack and one fifth.	12978. 22. 24.	
Advances for Cultivation outstanding	61043. 27. 60.	138247. 11. 52.
Balance of Cash in the Collectors' Hands		23964. 34. 8.

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E. Fs / Signed Lionel Place.
Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue.

A true Copy /
/ Signed D.r Webbe Jun.r

agreed.

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Minutes on the foregoing General Report of the Board of Revenue.

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing be transmitted a number in the Packet for Deptford.

Agreed that Colonel Martin be desired to pay particular Attention to the Safety and Comfort of the Ranee of Shivagunga and her Infant Grand Daughter — taking care that they be not under any personal Restraint, — and reporting whether the allowances granted to them are sufficient, and whether they are regularly paid.

Lieutenant Patrick Bruce appointed an Assistant in the Office of the Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

The acting President recommends that Lieutenant Patrick Bruce be appointed an Assistant in the Office of the Comptroller General of Army accounts.

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered in the Mil. Nos 167 168. 169

To the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's ship Dept ford

To the Commander of the Dept ford informing him that the Board have resolved to send on board his ship only fifteen Seamen belonging to his Majesty's Navy on shore of twenty seven as before ordered

To Do

To Do desiring him to receive on board his ship the servants attached to Major Shangenberg and Lieutenants Ofsney and Gerber, as also the Baggage belonging to those Officers

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To the Garrison Storekeeper desiring him to issue 500 Bags of Rice from the Company's Stores to the order of his Highness the Nabob, and settle the amount by a Transfer with the Treasury

Received the following Letters.

From the privateer sloop to the Governor Penang enclosing a Letter addressed to the Honble Commodore Cornwallis Instructions regarding its transmission

To

William C Jackson Esqre

Secretary Sea

Sir

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to request that you will forward the enclosed letter for the Honble Commodore Cornwallis to the Secretary at Tellicherry with directions to him to transmit it to the Commodore at any place where he may happen to be on the Malabar Coast

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If you should happen to hear of any means of sending this Letter to the Commodore that would be more expeditious than the Tapaul to Pellicherry you will be pleased to adopt them.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed Henry Haldane

Prin. Sec.y to the Gov.r General

Camp
16. January 1792

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

Sir,

From Major Parker commd. the Poonamallee Gun for the detachment under his command and reinforcement for the Treasure hopefully secure against any Body of Cavalry

Since my Letter of yesterday nothing material has happened, no army of the Enemy appeared: a villager man who accompanies the bearer, and who was taken by the Rajah Party, says they amount to 2,000 by their arms which he describes, I should conceive not more. Parties I will inform you all the honors. The detachment with some being much destressed for want of Provisions, and no assistance to be obtained from the Country owing to the villages being totally deserted, I found myself necessitated yesterday to send two Carts to Poonamallee for a supply of six gunners rice. I expect it here in a few hours. The Treasure is now perfectly safe in a very secure Post proof against every hostile Effort except that of Infantry, and Guns, nothing of course being to apprehend induced me to the Tehsildar yesterday of proposing my return with your

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2d permission to the Presidency

Tepaulmadore
22.nd January 1792
Morn.g 9 Clock

I have the honor to remain
Signed J. Pater
Major Comm.g the detachment
at Tepaulmadore.

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

From Major Pater
advising of his arrival
at Conjeveram, proceeded
upon his march on
the 21.st Instant

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you of my arrival with the Treasure under my charge at this place about noon this day. I fear the indifferent state of the Bullocks will not permit me to proceed to morrow, no time in getting on shall however be lost. The Country here is in perfect tranquility, no person that I have met with hath even seen a horseman which gives me reason to conceive they are not many, and more plunderers

I find the utmost difficulty in supplying the detachment with Provisions. The villages even Conjeveram, not being able to afford a sufficient quantity, I was therefore fortunate enough in having provided a few Bullocks Loads from Bonamallee

Conjeveram
22.nd
January 23.d 1792

I have the honor to be &c &c &c
Signed J. Pater
Major Comm.g the detachment
at Conjeveram

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From the Hospital Board 24th submitting Mr. Watson's application for sick Batta, and an allowance for Hospital Servants, recommending that Mr. Boyton be directed to do Duty at Trichinopoly, as Assistant during the absence of Mr. Simpson Assistant Surgeon

Hospital Board

for

23d January 1792.

The Hospital Board having on their Proceedings of the 18th October 1790. recommended that Mr. Watson should be allowed three Pagodas monthly for Servants during the time he does duty with the Provincial Corps, which Government at that time deemed improper to be complied with. They would not again at present recommend it to the reconsideration of the Honble Board, as Mr. Watson has not adduced further proofs in support of the extraordinary trouble and expence he is exposed to, as will appear by the Copies of the Certificates from the different Commanding Officers, and his own Letter which the Board have the honor to forward

cannot be complied with

The Hospital Board having received an application from Mr. Mein Hospital Surgeon at Trichinopoly for an assistant Surgeon to be attached to the General Hospital there in consequence of his being under the necessity of detaching

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Approved

Mr. Abernethie from an application from Major Cuppage – The Board therefore recommend that Mr Robert Bryden Assistant Surgeon at present doing Duty at the Presidency Hospital be ordered to Tuticorin

The Hospital Board are sorry to be under the necessity of acquainting Government of the death of Mr. Ferguson Assistant Surgeon of a Dysentery at Bangalore

James Anderson
Physician General

Signed/ William Roxine
Act. 1st Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Medel Surgeon

From Mrs Mary Polack representing her extreme distress in consequence of the Nabob's refusal to discharge a Bond granted to her late husband Capt. Joshua Smith on account of arrears of Pay due to him.

To

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council &c

The Petition of Mrs Mary Polack

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner's late husband – Captain Joshua Smith who for upwards of 27 years served his Majesty and the Honble Company and also the Nabob

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the
21 in this Country, and always supported the Character of
an Officer and a Gentleman, died in November 1783
and left your Petitioner and her three children totally
destitute

Your Petitioner begs leave to acquaint
your Honor that after the death of the late Captain
Smith, there was an Arrears of Pay due by his Highness
the Nabob to the amount of Pagodas 3237.9.40 and
that after a deal of trouble and expence a Bond was
granted to your Petitioner with Interest at 6 per Cent
per annum for the said sum payable in 2 years, which
is now near 5 years that the said sum is due, and still
remains unpaid, this was all the money your Petitioners
late husband had left in the world for the support of your
Petitioner and her three helpless children. Your Petitioner
sometime after the said Bond became due, applied to his
Highness for Payment: it was given your Petitioner to believe
that the Interest would be paid immediately, and the
Principal shortly after; The Messengers at the Durbar de-
manded Presents from your Petitioner in consequence of
which your Petitioner sold every little Property she had to support
those demands, But your Petitioner to her great disappoint-
ment found that all those Promises was to put off the payment
of her Bond, and your Petitioner had the mortification to see

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To

The poor orphans deprived of the Education your Petitioner wishes to give them, or even the means of procuring common necessaries of Life and herself thrown on a cruel sickness by which your Petitioner was entirely unfit to take care of herself and her orphans. And her present husband whom your Petitioner married for protection and support through heavy Losses became as indigent as herself.—

In this unhappy dilemma together with your Petitioner's distresses obliged her to attend at the Durbar for ten days successively with her children in order to represent her situation personally to his Highness the Nabob or to deliver him a petition in Persian Language, but could not get either admittance to his Highness or the Petition presented but having received a verbal message from his Highness the Nabob, alledging that his Highness has already acknowledged to the Honble Company your Petitioner's Bond to be a just demand, and that the Honble Company had taken his Country; your Petitioner therefore might apply to them for the payment of her Bond

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly craves your Honor to take your Petitioner's distressed case into your serious consideration as a woman and a sex very unfit to be ranked with the Nabobs other Creditors, and your Petitioner humbly begs your Honor

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21st will relieve her from a state of distress and anxiety which can better be conceived by Generous and Humane minds, than it is in the power of your Petitioner's pen to express. Your Petitioner therefore solicits your Honor's protection and support And your Petitioner as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

Signed / Mary Pollock

Received the undermentioned Letters

as entered on the B.R. 17th 18th 1791

From Capt. R. Lyster

From Captain R. Lyster advising of his having transmitted to Messrs. Balfour Shalding and Cobb his Bill for Pay and Allowances from the month of December 1787 to the month of May 1790.

From the Resident at Tanjore acknowledging receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 7th Ultimo. and enclosing original Invoice and Bill of lading of 186 stand of condemned Arms shipped for the Presidency on the William Pitt.

Sent the following Letter to Lord

25th

Cornwallis

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

I am commanded by your Lordship's

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enclosing Copy of the Depa-
ration given by the
Military Board of the
measures adopted to pro-
cure a supply of Store
Pasoars for the service
of the Army

25 Letter of the 9th Instant we called upon the Military
Board to explain the measures they had taken to comply
with our orders for sending Store Pasoars to the Army,
and to report where the failure (if any) had happened - upon
which they addressed us a Letter detailing particularly
the steps pursued for obtaining a supply of Pasoars for
Camp; and as it may be satisfactory to your Lordships to
know that every means had been taken by them to fulfil your
Lordships's wishes, we beg leave to enclose an Extract of their
report on the subject -

We read with much satisfaction the
account which your Lordship sent us of Sir Eyre Coote's
victory over a Party of the Enemy near Arnagoe, and we have since
been honored by the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the
16th Instant, with Copies of Tippoo's letter and of your Lord-
ship's answer, which we have sent to Bengal, and
shall transmit to the Honorable Court of Directors by the
Deptford.

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the
25 January 1792

We have the honor to be &c &c
Signed Chas Cornwallis
Wm Council

Substance of a
Paper to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered on
CC. N° 10 enclosing Copy of a letter from Mr Pearce in expla-
nation of his Reason for signing the Note at the foot of his
Highness's Statement of his Accounts and representing the
total Ineffectuality of such Signature, unless it be made officially
Under

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To
The under the Orders and Authority of Government
Do 26th

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
as entered in MS. Book for 1792. 1793. 1794. 1795

To the Military Board

To the Military Board informing
them that the Board are satisfied with the measures they
pursued to procure a Supply of More Lascars for the service
of the Army and that Orders have been given for the discharge
of the Amounts due to the Contractors for Repairs, desiring
them to make the Enquiry whether there are not Vessels
in the Roads on which Rice could be shipped on more
reasonable Terms than those offered by the Commander
of the Sydney Hoders

To the Officer Commanding at Rammad

To the Officer Comm.g at Rammad

desiring him to pay particular Attention to the Safety
and Comfort of the Ranees of Shevagunga and her Infant
Grand daughter, and to report whether the allowances
granted to them are sufficient, and whether they are
regularly paid.

To the Chief at Tellicherry

To the Chief at Tellicherry enclosing
a Letter to be forwarded to the Honble Commodore
Cornwallis with all possible Expedition

To the Commandant at

To the Commandant at Poonamallee

Poonamallee desiring him to deliver over to Cornet
Montgomery such Horses of the 19th Regiment Light
Dragoons now at Poonamallee as may be selected by that
Officer

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Received the undermentioned Letters

as entered on Mil. Sec. 176. 177

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts - recommending that two Candles per diem be allowed for the use of the Guard and visiting rounds at Chinglepet

From the Commandant at Poonamallee

From the Commandant at Poonamallee enclosing Copy of a Letter from Timma Naig offering his services in repelling the Enemy's irregular horse, also Copy of his Reply.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

27th January 1792

William Petrie Esqre

The Honorable Major General Medows absent from Service

John Huddleston Esqre absent indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows -

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From Major General Medows Instructions respecting the command of the Troops in the centre division of the Carnatic

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Senior Member at the Presidency and the Gentlemen
in Council at
Fort St. George Madras

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

I had the honor of yours of the fourteenth this day, acquainting me with your having directed the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Phoenix to provide suitable accommodations for Major General Musgrave's desire for his passage to Europe. I take for granted the Board will be able to do their military business with the commanding officers of the different districts, without its being necessary to order any particular one to the Presidency as was done before. Major General Musgrave went there

and have the honor to be
Sir &c
Sam'l Will'm Medows

Camp near Nuncadroog 29th January 1792

Read the following Letter from
the Military Board

From the Military Board forwarding an Invoice and Bill of Lading for Stores per 1792 and a Box containing medicines &c accompaniments and Tapes

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President in Council

Sir,

Herewith we have the honor to transmit to you our annual Indent upon the Honble the Court of Directors for Ordnance and Military Stores for the Service of this Coast in which we have included agreeably to your Directions a complete Set of accoutrements

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and Fifes for the Infantry, musters of which are contained in the accompanying Box.—

We have already taken occasion to remark to you that, upon particular investigation and Trial, the use of Light 12 Pounder brass Guns was found to be extremely objectionable, from an Insufficiency in the Weight of their Metal, to resist the Shock occasioned by the Explosion of a requisite Charge of Powder, which so injured the Carriages as to render them unserviceable. This Objection has been subsequently confirmed by an Experiment which we caused to be made at the Mount: and as we are beside, satisfied, from all the Information we have obtained from the field Officers of the Army upon the subject, that the medium Guns are on every Consideration, to be — preferred. We have, therefore, included in the present Indent Thirty two of that description, which we trust you will earnestly recommend to the Honble Court, to be supplied in full, by the earliest Ships of the ensuing year. It must indeed appear obvious that the considerable Expenditure of every Article of Military Store since the Commencement of the present War calls for early and ample Supplies of every kind; more especially when it is considered that the Statement for most of the Forts and Garisons subordinate to this Presidency are necessarily incomplete from the very inadequate Supplies, in late years, of the articles generally

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imported from England, and which are not procurable in this Country - under these circumstances therefore we feel ourselves compelled to urge that your recommendation to the Honble Court may extend to a supply not only of the Articles now indented for, but likewise of those due upon former Indents of 1789 and 1790 which are specified in the respective Columns of the present Indent. -

In Reply to the Commands expressed in the 3d Paragraph of the letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 1st August August last, which you were pleased to transmit for our guidance, We beg leave to inform you, it has been the established usage at this Presidency for the Commissary General of Stores to examine and report upon the musquets received from England, as far as relates to their appearance, and a similar Report of those received last Season, we shall lay before you so soon as the examination of them is fully completed. But altho' fire arms may have undergone such Examination and, from their external appearance, may be judged serviceable, yet the Test of their being actually so, can be only known from their being brought into use; for it frequently happens that the Springs of the Locks are too high, or insufficiently tempered, either of which is prejudicial to the fire arms, and must require replacing before the piece can be

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deemed fit for Service

We have the honor to be
Sir Your
E. Collins
G. Maule
George Hall

Fort St. George
25th January 1792

Signed

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing
Letter with the Indent be transmitted Numbers in
the Packet for Deptford; and that the points mentioned
by the Military Board be recommended to the
Attention of the Honble Court.

Read the following Letter from Major
Younge.

From Major Younge
sends a Detachment
to Conjeveram for the
Protection of the Treasure
same intends moving
towards the Presidency
on the 29th recommends
that the recovered horses
at Poonamallee and
Vellore be added to
his Detachment.

To William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary.

Sir

I have the honor to receive your letter of
the 22d Inst. late at Night.

This Morning I detached Lieutenant
Fry with a party of Cavalry towards Conjeveram for
the protection of the Treasure, and purpose moving with the
remainder of the Cavalry for his support if necessary
Two men I had sent out for Intelligence
are just returned, who report that Major Porter with the
Treasure will be at Covey pauk this day. As the roads
from thence to Vellore are rather heavy it will be the
20th before the Treasure is lodged in that Garrison
On the 29th I shall march for the —

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neighbourhood of Fort St George, agreeably to the orders of the Honble Board.—

I beg leave to suggest to the Honble Board, that was the horses now at Vellore and Pondamallee added to the Regiments now in the Carnatic, it would make them very respectable, and enable them to withstand a very superior force of the Enemy.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed Wm Younge
Major

Cavalry Canton-
ment near Arcot
25th January 1792

PS Since writing my letter, I have had accounts of Major Rotton being arrived at Cauvery pauk, to which place I shall march early to morrow morning.—

Minute thereon

Agreed that Colonel Bruce be directed to deliver over to Major Younge all the recovered horses of the Cavalry now at Vellore.—

Read the following Letter from

Major Cuppage.—

From Major Cuppage takes possession of Damiel Cotah—sends a detachment under Captain Cuppage to capture the Zemindary Polygar intends moving to Satamungulum on the 18th.

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart:
President and Governor &c &c &c
Fort St George.

Honble Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I took possession of Damiel Cotah this morning with the Grenadiers of the detachment. The Killidar surrendered after firing one Shot and on my giving up to the Garrison and Inhabitants their private property, I shall deliver it over to Mr. Corbett, who has promised to put

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150 Peons into it.

It is a post of consequence, and I am confident Tippoo would soon feel the loss of it, as he has got large supplies through the Puzzlehatty Pass. I took yesterday upwards of 120 Bullocks loaded going to his Camp.

I have sent Captain Cuppage with a Grenadier Company of Europeans, and four Companys of N. I to explore the Pass, they will be back to morrow and the following day I shall march to Sattymungulum

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed/ J. Cuppage

Major Comm.g

Camp at
Pungar Tarde
16th January 1792

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be immediately transmitted to Lord Cornwallis and to Bengal

Read the following letter from Mr. Powney from the Resident at Travancore applies to the Rajah for Bills in part discharge of his subsidy for the year 1792. The Dutch unable to prosecute their hostilities against the Rajah of Cochin.

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

Honble Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 12th Ultimo, directing me to apply immediately to the Rajah of Travancore for the discharge of half his Subsidy for 1792 by Bills on Madras at two or three months sight as might be convenient to his Excellency.

In obedience to your orders, I lost no

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time in making the necessary application to the Rajah on the subject; he was at that time performing some religious Ceremony and requested me to wait until it was over, when he would attend to my Representations I have just heard from the Rajah on the subject— he informs me that he has sent for the Sowcars who were then to the Northward with his Dewan, and who always supplied him with Bills, in order to arrange with them for the performance of the demand The Sowcars are now here in their way to the Rajah, and I hope in a few days to be able to accomplish your Commands

The Dutch have not, for want of ability only, provocated further Hostilities against the Rajah of Cochin, who has now collected his Troops who were sent away in consequence of my Interference and is now sufficiently in force to retaliate on them

I have the honor to be &c

Signed George Powney

Resident

Cochin
15th January 1792

Minute thereon

Ordered that Lord Cornwallis be informed of the latter part of the above Letter

Read the following Letter from

Mr. Edward Parrow

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From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam recommending the Payment of Bills drawn upon him by the Paymasters at the Presidency and in Camp which he is not able to discharge

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Sir

Having learnt that some Bills drawn on me by the Paymaster to the Army, and the Military Paymaster General, have been returned; I trust you will excuse my taking the Liberty to trouble you with a Copy of my last Indents for Cash and of sums received to this day.

The Collector promises to furnish further Sums, but for these drafts some special provision I apprehend should be made, exclusive of the Garrison Disbursements.

In making Issues of Cash, to the Troops &ca I have invariably adhered to the orders of Government of 10th January last, in paying it at the rate received, but this has occasionally been cause of Complaint when the Fanams are cheaper in the Bazar than issued in Payments. for some time they have been at 30 3/4 to 3/0 the star Pagoda. The Loss of payments 30 The loss to the Soldier or Sepoy is not much, but in making large Payments, and in Bills of Exchange, it becomes a heavy loss, and has been represented from M.r Hoare's Office in Camp as such; it is so obvious, that, with your Permission, when the Holders of them have no objection, I would wish to redraw these Bills on the Presidency

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Mr. Flint praises me to send him Money from this to Tiagar to clear off arrears and advances I have repeatedly wrote to him, that if I had a surplus, the Coin issued here would be of no use to him

The Native Troops who joined Major Cuppage from this place and Caroor, were paid up to the period of their marching. The 2 Companys of Europeans and Officers the month of January in advance.

I am, with respect
Your Hon.
[Signed] Edward Parrow

Trichinopoly 25 December 1791

Trichinopoly
21st January 1792

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Indent for Cash Wanted for the disbursements of the Garison of Trichinopoly for December 1791.

		Pags.	F.	C.
Balance of Cash due to clear my November accounts		10,500	-	-
Military Charges	for January 1792.	2,500	-	-
Pascos pay	for December 1791.	620	-	-
Charges Hospital	Do.	1,000	-	-
Charges Bread	Do.	600	-	-
Charges Extraordinary	Do.	700	-	-
Suspense	Do.	520	-	-
Batta to Europeans	do	400	-	-
Batta to Sepoys	Do	100	-	-
Natives Charges of Execution	Do.	360	-	-
25 Batt.n Native Infantry	Do.	1,800	-	-
6 D.o Revenue	Do.	1000	-	-
11 D.o of D.o	Do.	700	-	-
Native Invalids and Pensioners	do	800	-	-
Sick and recovered parties of the different Corps	do	900	-	-
Family Payments	Do.	5.000	-	-
Disbursements at Caroor	for December	4000	-	-
D.o at Tiagar	for November	1500	-	-
	Carried over	44,000	-	-

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	Brought over		11000 — —
	Mr. Hodges bills and the Military Paymaster Gen.l Drafts for temporary Allowance above		10,000
			21000
	Received from Robt. Andrews Esqr. as follows		
	28 December in Gold Fanams at 30 p. Pag.	3000 — —	
	2 Jany. 1792 in Do. d 30 do	5200 — —	
	in Porto Nova p.t d 16 3/4 p.%	800 — —	
	Ado in gold Fanams d 30 p. Pag.	4,000	
	9 do in do d do	5,000 — —	
	12 do in do d do	2000	
	13 do in Do. d do	2000	
	17 do in do d do	2000	
		21000	
	Rec.d from Geo. Wynch Esqr. to 15 Jany. inclusive in Rupees d 350 p.%	2500	26500
1792 Jany. 25	Balance due to Acct. December	Pagodas	27,500 — —

To make the payments of the present month January will require. Pag.s 22,500.

Trichinopoly. 25th January 1792.

E. E. [signed] Edwd. Parrow

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Agreed that Mr. Ram, the Collector in the Eastern division of the Tanjore Country, be instructed to comply with Mr. Parrow's Indents for Cash for the disbursements of the Garrisons paid by the Paymaster at Trichinopoly and that he (the Paymaster) be informed thereof, but directed not to extend this demand further than may be absolutely necessary.

Do

The Board of Revenue having come to a resolution of fixing the Exchange at 30 Gold Fanams p.r Star Pagoda, it is resolved to instruct Mr. Parrow to make all Payments in future agreeably thereto.

Do

As it is not only a Convenience to the People in Camp who receive Billson Trichinopoly,

to

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to be paid at that place, but also to Government. Agreed to direct Mr. Garrow not to redraw any Bills on the Presidency but to make provision for their payment in the best way he is able corresponding with Mr. Hoar, and endeavouring to ascertain from him the amount likely to be drawn for, by which means there will be sufficient time to procure funds for the liquidation of the Bills.

Fo

Agreed that Mr. Andrews, the Collector at Trichinopoly, be instructed to state fully the Amount of Cash which he will be able to furnish Mr. Garrow for the disbursements of the Garrisons paid by him from the present time to the end of next April

Read the following letter from

Masulipatam

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

From Masulipatam further instructions respecting grain issued to different Corps at a higher rate than 70 Pag. Pr. Garce. Recommendation respecting the two Companies of the 2d Battn. of Europeans and the 2 Companies of the 97th Battalion of native Infantry at present in the Guntoor Circar and Balaghaut District.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the Honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant, and shall attend to your orders. The Grain alluded to as having been served out to the 26th Battalion, at a higher rate than 70 Current Pagodas P. Madras Garce, was a part of our Garrison Store, and was issued at the same rate that it had cost the Company, as your orders of the 30th November

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had not then been received. We take the liberty of mentioning a circumstance that may arise from Captain Cox's mode of representation, that may not have occurred, namely, that your decision, in respect to his particular Corps, will probably be claimed by all other Corps stationed in the District, and as the retail price of Rice has seldom been so low for a considerable time past as 70 Current Pagodas ℔ Madras Garce, the difference that may be claimed upon the whole may amount to a considerable Sum. If the application had therefore been made to us, in the first instance, we should have thought it our duty to have ascertained how far the other Corps stationed in the district might expect a similar Indulgence, in order to have made the representation to your Honor ℔ ox more complete, and that all the Troops might have been put upon an equal footing, by which means any inconvenience that may arise from a partial representation would have been avoided.

Two Companies of Europeans, having for upwards of 12 months past been stationed at Guntoor, and as we understand, have for the whole of that time been kept on complete field allowances, we think it necessary to mention the Circumstance, with the view of effecting an unnecessary Expence. When the peace of that Circar is completely established, we conceive that the continuing these two Companies at Guntoor may

be judged altogether unnecessary, and for the short time that it may now be requisite for them to remain there, it might scarcely be worth while to make any alteration; otherwise we should recommend that they might be cantoned instead of being encamped at Guntoor which would save the expence of Batta and other Extra Charges, and when they might still be as ready for Service, as while living in Tents. If you should think proper to remove these two Companies from Guntoor, they will probably be ordered to join their Corps at the Presidency, or be returned to the Cantonment at Ellore, and if you think proper to honor us with your determinations in this respect we shall conform accordingly whenever we may think the Peace of the district so fully established as to admit of it. At any rate we think it may be necessary if they are to remain at Guntoor that they should be continued on field allowances.—

There were also two Companies of the 17th Native Battalion detached from their Corps at Ellore to Guntoor, which Colonel Brathwaite applied to have returned, as will appear by his letter, a Copy of which was forwarded to the Board of Revenue on the 24th March last. We understand that these Companies have since been ordered into the Palnaud Country, in consequence of an application from the Collector Mr Erskine, to the

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late Committee, and we recommend their being also ordered to join their Corps, as soon as the service they may now be employed on will admit of it; more —— particularly as no regular Corps at present stationed in the District is complete, both of the Sepoy Battalions having been broken by Companies being detached from them, which we have always endeavoured to avoid as much as has been in our power, and which the Military Officers have often represented as being injurious to discipline.

We have the honor to be
Sir &c &c &c
Anthony Sadlier
W Doblyn
Sam'l Statham
Andrew Scott

Masulipatam 19th January 1792.

Signed

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Chief and Council at Masulipatam that the Board's directions of the 30th November regarding the rate at which Grain was to be issued to the Troops from the Company's Stores were meant to extend generally to all places where Rice had been served out. That the standing order for restricting the price of grain to the Company's Troops having been in force many years, none should have been issued at a higher rate than that order permits; and that every Corps therefore that has paid more than 70 Pagodas ℔ Garce for rice must have the surplus returned.

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the suggestions of the Chief and Council respecting the Force in the Guntoor Circar. The two Companies of the 2nd Battalion European Infantry, and the two Companies of the 17 Batt.n Native Infantry the former serving at Guntoor, and the latter in the Balnaud district to be returned to Ellore, as soon as the services on which they are employed will admit of it.

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Agreed that the necessary orders be transmitted to Colonel Brathwaite, and to the Officer Commanding at Ongole.

Read the following Letter from Captain Flint.

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c.a

From the Commandant at Tingar sends a detachment to reinforce the Garrison of Salem

Sir,

I yesterday wrote you that a party of Horse had entered the Country - they neither halted to plunder or burn but moved rapidly towards the Coast, they must have gone Eighty miles in two days. Between four and five hundred foot people belonging to Attoor came yesterday afternoon to the neighbourhood of little Salem, plundered several villages and

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threatened Salem, in consequence I sent 120
men the best part of the effectives belonging to
the garrison, under Lieut: Powis, to Cortallum
to be at hand to support the Poligar if —
necessary - Kistnamah Rauze having come to
Tiagar very ill, his people, being ill paid, have
mostly left him

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed/ W. Flint.
Capt.n Comm.g.

Tiagar
17 January 1792.

Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased at
Captain Flint's early Communication of the Irruption
of a Party of the Enemy's horse into the Carnatic through
the Attoor Pass.

Agreed to inform Captain Flint that
by the latest intelligence, the horse
the Northward are on their return that it would be
of consequence if he could, by any means, without
endangering the safety of his Garrison, endeavour
to surprize them, but that of this he must be the
best Judge, and will attempt it, or not, as he thinks
most adviseable. ~~

Resolved to instruct Captain Flint.

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to communicate such Intelligence as he may receive concerning the motions of Horse to Vellore and Arnee, as the inhabitants are much alarmed by irregular and exaggerated Accounts, and the Confidence of the Board in his Reports is greater than they can place in those received from other quarters.

Ordered, that the sum of two hundred Pagodas, being the amount of the allowance granted to Gentlemen entrusted with overland dispatches for this Presidency, be paid to Mayor Macdonald.

Chas Oakeley.

Two hundred Pagodas to be paid to Mayor Macdonald.

George Parry Esqr