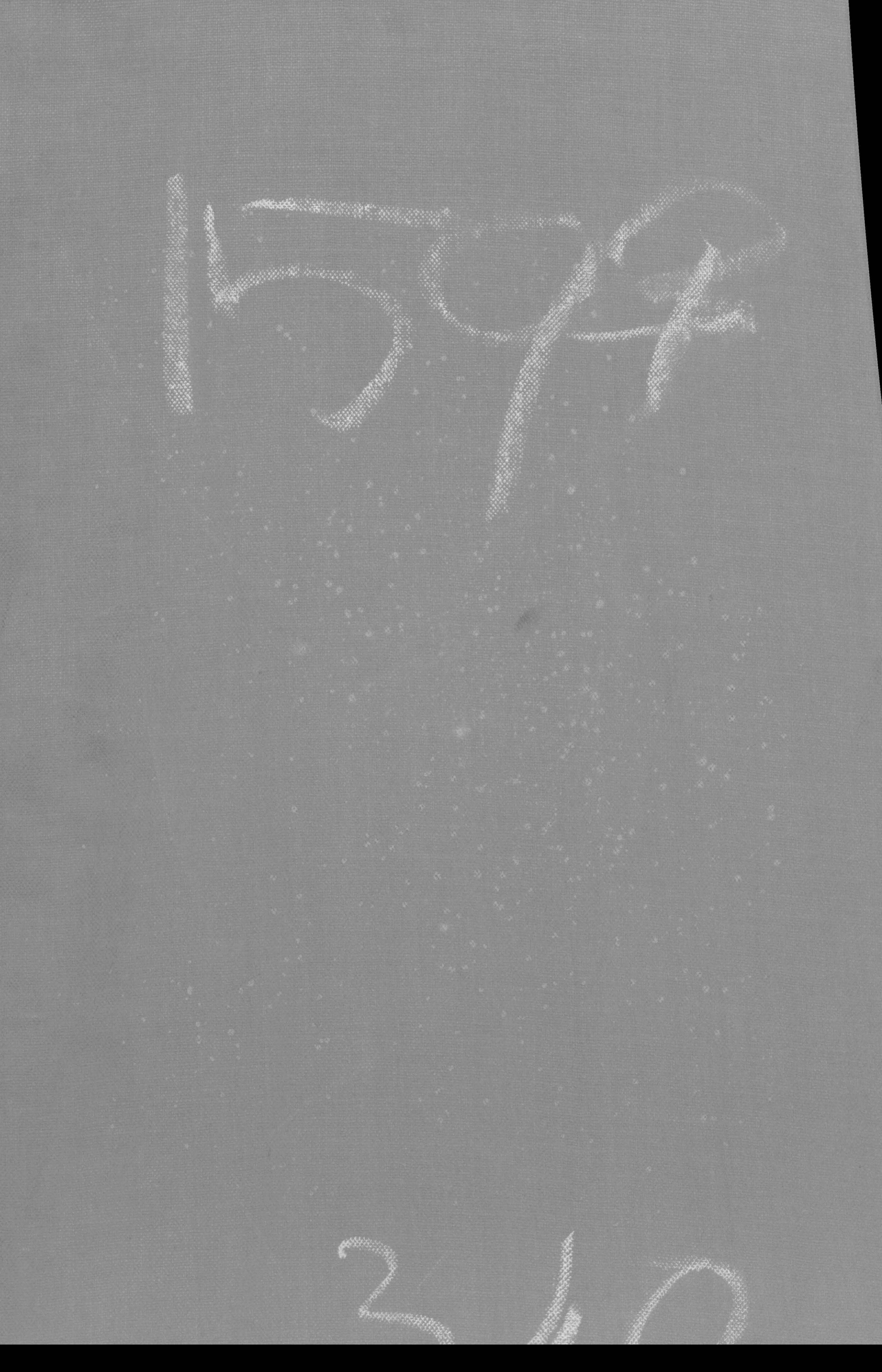

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I think proper to remark that the Rajah never apprised me of his intended Attack upon one of the Tributaries of the — Immediately till he had actually begun his Operations — tho' late, I could not help — pointing out the bad consequences of such an ineffectual proceeding, and admonishing him to leave to the more powerful Arm of Government the Chastizement of those People — It is much to be regretted that any steps — should be taken just now to call those Polygars into action, altho their disputes should be confined to themselves as it is to be feared that the Flame once lighted up may extend beyond the Limits they originally intended; so little are they regulated in any thing they undertake — we are certain that the property of all the Circar Inhabitants around, will fall a Sacrifice to their insatiable Rapacity and that, in many instances, the Circar — Revenue will suffer from their indiscriminating rage for Plunder; and as long as their — Minds are relieved from the dread of — Government, and they can indulge in the said Robbery and consequential Wastery they depend upon these Expeditions

A true Extract
(Signed) A. Webbe Secy (To

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

Hon'ble Sir,

We beg leave to submit to your consideration a copy of a letter, which we have received from a Mr Salloofield, and to inform you, that in consequence of the reasons stated by him we have acquiesced in his request of entertaining 500 additional Armed Peons, but we have at the same time cautioned him to dismiss them as soon as may be consistent with the safety of the crop and the confidence of the Inhabitants.—

From the Board of Inland Revenue recommending that Mr Salloofield be allowed to entertain 500 additional Armed Peons—

We have the honor to be,
Hon'ble Sir
Your
(Signed) Wm Petrie
" David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

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William Petrie Esqre
President and the Members of the Board of
Inland Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform you that a
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party of the Enemy's Horse, which lately entered the Carnatic, having, in their route, approached within a few Miles of the North Bank of the Coleroon, it excited considerable Alarm among the Inhabitants; and had they crossed the River many of the Villages, in all probability, would have been deserted, there being no Troops — stationed out of the Fort of Tanjore - I therefore beg your permission to entertain five hundred additional Peons to assist the Cumuldars in the Collections, in order that the five hundred — Armed Peons at present employed in the — Eastern Division may be Embodied and Stationed with the People belonging to the Polygars in the principal Towns, which may deter any small Parties of the Enemy from entering the Country and prevent the — Husbandmen from quitting their Lands on any sudden Alarm. I take the liberty to assure you that these Peons shall be dismissed the Moment the Coup is secured or that their Services appear to be no longer Necessary —

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest respect
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) E. H. Fallofield

Tanjore
5 February 1792.

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbe Secry

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Minutes on the two foregoing letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue—

The Board have no objection to the Recommendation in favor of Gulam Hyder Ally Khan, whose Pension may be raised to one hundred Rupees P Mensem. —

As, from Mr Tassell's Explanation, there appears to have been a necessity for entertaining five hundred additional Armed Peons, it is agreed to acquiesce in the measure— but to direct the Board of Assumed Revenue to see that the Peons be discontinued so soon as their services can be dispensed with.—

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Travancore (entered also in 66 Ap 16.)

From the Rajah of Travancore to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Dated 2d of Jemmady ul Sanie 27th January 1792

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From the Rajah of Travancore, sends to Mr Powney a Bill for five Lacks of Rupees on account of his subsidy for the year 1792—

I made a remittance some time since of the sum paid for my proportion of the expenses of the war for last year 1791 and have no doubt but the amount has been received— the English year being now commenced Mr Powney has desired me to give a Bill for five Lacks of Rupees in part of the Years subsidy— in consequence of this, I have sent to that Gentleman one for that sum, drawn by the house of Cashynaut Tangoor and Wishwa naut Tagoor

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Sagoor on Saggurnaut Sagoor, which will be paid to the Company's Cutcherry and I will hereafter pay the remainder of this year's Subsidy through the means of the said Saggurnaut Sagoor — and, as he is my servant and Vakeel — you will be pleased to give him your orders respecting any affairs which concern me, which he will — communicate to me — I hope you will be so kind as to write to me when you receive the amount of the Bill above mentioned, and grant a Receipt for it to my Vakeel —

What shall I say more?

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Receipt of the Bills be acknowledged, as soon as they come to hand.

Read the following Letters from the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President in Council &c —

From the Deputy comptroller General of Army Accounts — explaining the different Items obtained on his last Statement of outstanding Balances.

Honble Sir,

I have been duly honord with your Secretary's letter of the 4th instant, and lose no time in obeying the commands of your Honble Board requiring me to explain the different Items contained in the Statement of outstanding — balances (with the exceptions you have been pleased

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pleased to stipulate) First- Pay odas 314-19 is due from Shepherds named Pundaly Cundapen, Venganen Venkatachelum, Pirea Nanian, and Bouviamien, for a failure in their Contract for supplying Sheep in the Year 1776 when F. Sourdain Esqr was Garrison store Keeper,- Second Pays 4331-3-56 due from Messrs Corbett and Boyd for a non-performance of their terms of Contract for supplying Bengal Rice in the Year 1786; I have been informed, although not officially, that a part of this balance has been liquidated lately; Mr Joseph Grenhill Storekeeper will be able to furnish your Honble Board, with information on this Point- Third Pagodas 288.-15.25 is due from Cauldaly opah Moodeliar for Rice purchased by him at Outery in October 1786, I am informed this man died Six weeks ago insolvent,- Fourth Pags 5,433-21-57 Cash- is due from Mr Robert Malcolm late Paymaster to a Detachment of the Honble Company's forces employed with His Highness the Nyaum's troops to the Northward, for sums of money paid to Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery whilst Commanding that Detachment on Account of Contingent charges and overcharges for Artificers and other public followers, made by that officer, and which Mr Malcolm neglected to report

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on, agreeable to the established Rules of the Service,
Fifth Pagodas 3260-23, 7 3/8 due by Lieutenant
Francis Kaspar, Barrack Master, is on account
of overcharges, and charges not allowed, made
by him from the 1st of March 1788 until the
30th of June 1791 inclusive. It appears from the
Records of this Department, that the irregularities
in Lieutenant Kaspar's Accounts were first
discovered in February 1789. I trust your Honble
Board will consider it no digression on my
part, Respectfully to inform you that I
frequently have seen private letters from the
late Comptroller General to Lieutenant Kaspar
requesting him to make the refunds required;
and, upon a reference to Copies of Official
correspondence of this department, it appears
several demands for these refunds were made
the day on which Colonel Kaspar embarked
for Europe, he wrote an Official letter to Mr
Benjamin Roebuck, Military Paymaster General,
desiring him to hold Lieutenant Kaspar
responsible for the Amount of refunds due by
him as stated in my last report of outstanding
balances. Sixth Pagodas 3,179-42. 60 Cash
due by Mr Oliver Colt, formerly Paymaster

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to the Grand Army, is on account of pruisions charged by him in his Account to current from March 1790 to April 1791 inclusive, for Negociating Bills on the Military Paymaster General, which charges your Honble Board was pleased to reject

Relative to Captain Bells charges for Stores purchased and repairs of Tents in March 1790, having been decided on by your Honble Board, and the refund made by that Officer in consequence of such decision, I must plead want of information on the subject — Colonel Kyd in general accustomed to put all public papers into my hands, this must have escaped him on account of his attentions having been taken up with the business of the Military Board, or one of the Committees of which he was a member, no such mistake shall ever occur again. as Captain Bills charges from April to November 1790 amounted to so considerable a sum, I judged it a duty incumbent on me to make an early Statement of them to Government, after my appointment to the charge of this department I will, agreable to the orders of your Honble Board, reaudit them, and, when Completed, will have the Honor to report on them. I

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have beg leave Respectfully to represent, that it will be necessary for me, previous to such — vacancies taking place, to call on Captain Bell for the Bills of Charge made by the persons from whom he purchased such Stores, to enable him to supply the Army, in order to Judge — with more perspicuity and accuracy of the prices he has fixed on each Article. The sums — already refunded by Captain Bell was in full for purchase of Stores made by him and repairing of Tents in March 1790; no Consideration having been allowed him for Articles purchased, or repairs. I will pay strict attention to the orders of Your Honble Board, on every appearance of objectionable Charges. — And have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
7th February 1792.

Hon'ble Sir
&c &c
(Signed) J. Brunton
Lieut Dep C.G.

To W.C. Jackson Esq re
Military Secretary.

From the deputy comptroller General of Army Accounts — desiring to be informed whether the Decisions of Chiefs & Councils on contingent Bills are considered as sufficient authority for his countersignature thereof —

Sir,

I request you will do me the favour to inform me, if I am to consider the decisions of the Chief and Council in the Circars, on — contingent

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Contingent Charges made by Paymasters in their Districts as sufficient authority for me to pass such Charges, although they should appear to me objectionable—

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Sir,
I am,
&c &c
J. Braunton
Dpty C.G.

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

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts—recommendation in regard to the allowance that should be granted for the Garrison charges of Calicut.

I have been favored with a letter from Captain Thomas Leighton Commanding at Calicut, acquainting me that he had presented the accompanying Bill for Garrison Charges, Amounting to Pagodas 10. 26. 7. 32. 6. for December 1791, to Mr George Sullivan Martin Paymaster at Palamcotah for payment, and which Mr Martin had refused to comply with unless authorized from this Department. Calicut is a new station for a Company's Officer I would therefore wish to obtain your sanction before I communicate with Captain Leighton on the subject, and

Respectfully

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Respectfully beg leave to lay the following Statement before your Honble Board, for approbation, as being, in my opinion, in proportion to the Strength of this Garrison

	P	F	B
For a puckally ———	3	8	32
Bill for Garrison-gates and Guards now being supplyed by the Barrackmaster ———	2	—	—
For a Lotty ———	1	—	—
For a Dooly ———	1	—	—
Stationary ———	—	21	—
Total P Month	7	29	32

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your
(signed) J. Brunton
Depty C.G.

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W. C. Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary.

Sir,

In examining the Accounts of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at out Garrisons, I find in Mr James Strange Pay-master at Tanjour's Account Current for August 1790. a charge of Mr George Ram's Resident thereof, Pagodas 6,155. 37. 70 made for bringing in Paddy from the Country to the

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts—remarks on a charge made in Mr Strange's Accounts for bringing Paddy from the Country into the fort of Tanjore—

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the Fort of Tanjore and for servants employed for this purpose from February to June 1790. On Account of the Honble Company; Now the Paddy so brought in Amounts only to Pagodas 6,305.. 1 40. The Charge for Carriage of 8 Rams appears enormous to me- but I wish to be favored with the Sentiments of the Honble the President in Council on it - before I decide. I likewise beg leave to give you my opinion, for the information of the Honble Board that if the Rajah of Tanjore was called upon to furnish Paddy in lieu of any part of his Subsidy due to the Company, it ought to have been delivered to the Storekeeper in the Fort, free of all Charges whatever: for your more particular information I have the pleasure to forward you the Accompanying vouchers, and request you will do me the favor to return them when you have done with them —

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) J. Braithwaite
Dpty C.G.

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Resolutions upon the four foregoing Letters from the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

The Board proceed to pass the following Resolutions on the foregoing Letters

That the Deputy Comptroller General be authorized to call upon Captain Bell for the Bills of Charges made by the Persons from whom he purchased Stores &c —

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That the Garrison Storekeeper be called upon to report whether any, and, if any, what Part of the Sums due from the Shepherds Sloper Corbett and Boyd and Lieutenant Moodaire has been received by him on Account of the Company — and to state, at the same time, whether any of those Sums appear to him to be irrecoverable, so that the Amount may be struck off the Books of his Employ —

That all Bills for contingent — Charges made contrary to the existing Regulations shall be rejected, tho' such Bills may have been passed by the Chiefs and Councils in the Outcars —

That the Monthly Sum of Pagodas 7 - 29 - 32 be allowed the Commanding Officer at Calicut for Garrison Charges —

That the Deputy Comptroller General be directed to call upon the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for an explanation of the Charge in Mr James Strange's Account Current for August 1790. for the Expence incurred in conveying Paddy from the Country to the Fort of Tanjore; and that in future, the proper Officers be applied to, whose Explanations of this Kind are wanting

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instead of referring such Matters to the Board—

The Board observe, upon Lieutenant Brunton's Explanation of the Charge in Lieutenant Capper's Accounts, that there was a considerable Omission, on the Part of Colonel Capper, in neglecting to report to them the Sum which had been so long due by the Barrack-master—

Read the following Letter from the Town Major—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council &c &c &c

From the Town Major recommending that Rice be issued to the Families at the Presidency of Sepoys in the Field from the Company's Stores, at the rate paid by the Troops in Garrison.

Hble Sir,

The Families of the Native Troops serving in the Field, who are paid at Madras, have requested me to represent the distress of their present Situation, many of them receive only a very small sum for their Monthly Subsistence, and they are unable to purchase Provisions at the present Bazar prices, they request you will be pleased to direct their being supplied from the Stores, at the same rate the rice is now issued to the Sepoy Corps in Garrison, and in the following proportion.

A Subadar	2	Pagodas worth
Jemidar	1½	do do
Havildar & Naigue	1	do do
Sepoy	½	do do

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed C. Gonsonde
Town Major

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(Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed, for the present, that the Families of the Native Troops serving in the Field, be allowed to purchase Grain from the Publick Store at the Price of 70 Pagodas ₰ Garce—

The Acting President informs the Board the Pay of the Sweepers, Waterwomen, and Coties at the Presidency is insufficient for their Support; and recommends that it be raised as follows from the 1st of January last—

The Pay of the Sweepers Waterwomen & Coties at the Presidency increased—

Sweeper ₰ Mensem 24 Fans instead of 18
Waterwomen do 30 do instead of 24
Coty — — — do 40 do instead of 30

Approved and ordered accordingly—

Havildar Shaike Hussain promoted to the Rank of Jemidar and Shaike Hamed to the Rank of Naigue.

The Acting President informs the Board that Havildar Shaike Hussain who had the Command of an Escort with Treasure proceeding to Amboor at the time the Enemy's irregular Horse made their Appearance in the Neighbourhood of the Presidency, conducted himself with much Steadiness and Propriety in providing for the Safety of his Convoy, that he recommends his Services be rewarded by promoting him to the rank of Jemidar and Shaike Hamed, who acted as Havildar Naigue on the same occasion, to the Rank of Naigue—

The Board entirely approve the recommendation

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Recommendation of the Acting President — Ordered that the Promotions be made —

Major Wynch appointed to do duty at Ellore.

As the two Companies of the 2d Battalion European Infantry lately ordered from Guntoor to Ellore, are without a field Officer — Agreed that Major Wynch, the Major of the Regiment be appointed to do duty at the latter Station.

Chas Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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to 10 Received the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal

To W. C. Jackson Esq.

Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - applies for Sundry Statements of Payments made to the Kings Troops since the year 1786. —

Materials not having been yet received to enable the proper Officers at this Presidency to make up the General Statement of the Payments to his Majesty's Troops serving in India to a later Period than the 24th of December 1786, I am directed by the Governor General in Council to repeat the requisitions of this Government on the subject, and to request that the Governor in Council at Fort St George will be pleased to order the necessary accounts to be furnished, regularly, and as soon as possible, after every 24th of June and 24th of December. —

The Materials required from your Presidency are, a Continuation of accounts similar to those already furnished, to the latest possible period. —

Fort William the 20th of January 1792

I have the Honor to be, Sir &c.

(Signed) J Tombelle Sub Secy

11 Received a Letter from the Secretary to the Hospital Board (as entered in No 83. Nov 74.) enclosing an application from Mr. Surgeon Gahagan for leave to proceed to the Presidency. —

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board

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12 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.C.B. Nos. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88.—

To the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country

To the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country informing him that the Rajah of Tanjore has been instructed to indent upon him for the Sum of 10980 Pagodas on account of Drafts made upon him by the Military Paymasters General for ten months Batta allowance for the years 1788-1789- and 1790—

To the Collectors at Tinnivelly Madura and Trichinopoly

To the Collectors at Tinnivelly Madura and Trichinopoly informing them of the Sums for which the Paymasters at those Stations have been directed to indent upon them on the before mentioned Accounts—

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam informing them of the Sums for which the Paymasters at Ellore and Chicacole have been directed to indent upon them on the accounts aforesaid—

To the Military Paymasters General

To the Military Paymasters General informing them of the Orders given to the different Collectors Chiefs and Councils at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam and desiring him to draw the Bills on the said Paymasters at twenty Days sight—

Ditto Ditto

To Ditto informing him of the Increase of Batta granted to the Sweepers Waterwomen, and Peons at the Presidency from the 1st January last—

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board desiring them to recommend an Assistant Surgeon for the 2d Regiment Native Cavalry.—

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To the Board of Assumed Revenue - a Pension of One hundred Rupees ₹ Mensem to be granted to Gulam Hussein Khân - Mr Talloefield to be allowed to entertain 500 additional Armed Peons - Mr Landon to be permitted to visit the Presidency -

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Military Board - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the acting Resident at Cuddalore - together with an Indent of Stores wanted for that Garrison also Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Governor General in Council regarding the Mortar Beds received last year from Bengal. —

To the Military Board

To the Officer Commanding the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry - informing him of the Promotion of Havildar Shaike Hussenat - and Shaike Hamed and desiring him to return Shaicke Hussenat as a Supernumerary Jemedar 'till a vacancy happens. —

To the Officer Commanding the 3d Battalion of Native Infantry

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army accounts - desiring him to call upon Captain Bell for the Bills of Charge made by the Persons from whom he purchased — Stores &c - and upon the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for an Explanation of the Charge on Mr Stranges accounts for conveying Grain from the Country to the Fort of Tanjore - and in future when Explanations of this Nature are required to apply to the proper Officers, instead of making a reference to Government - all Bills for contingent — Charges contrary to existing Regulations to be rejected, although such Bills be passed by Chiefs & Councils in the Circar - The Monthly Sum of Pagodas. 7. 29. 32. to be allowed the Commanding Officer at Calcud for Garrison Charges. —

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army accounts

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To the Garrison Storekeeper — desiring him to state whether any part of the amount due to the Company from the Shepherds for a failure in their Contract for supplying Ship- from Messrs. Corbett and Boyd for a failure in their Engage- ment for furnishing Bengal Rice or from Caulalyapah Moodeliar for Rice purchased at public Outcry has been received by him and to inform the Board whether any of those Debts appear to him to be irrecoverable.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly informing him that Major Sale has the Board's Permission to visit the Presidency.

To the Commandant at Vellore

To the Commandant at Vellore informing him that the Board acquiesce in the Reasons contained in his Letter of the 7th Instant for not urging the Sepoy Families to remove to Chingleput

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions informing him that for the present the Families at the Presidency of the native Troops serving in the Field are to be allowed to purchase Grain from the Public Stores at the Rate of 70 Pagodas the Garce.

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in B.P. Nos 89 90.

From the Commandant at Amboor

From the Commandant at Amboor advising arrival of the Treasure Tumbrills from Vellore.

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board recommending in the name of the Hospital Board that Mr. Scully be appointed to do Duty with the 2d Regiment native Cavalry.

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Dispatched Letter to the Secretary at Bombay assented in M.B.N. 91 inclosing Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Sawndroog with Copy of the Papers of Intelligence referred to therein.

To the Secretary at Bombay

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie Esqr.

Tuesday
14th February
1792

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service

John Huddleston Esqr absent indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Pulicat with enclosures entered in M.C. N 92.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor and President and the Gentlemen the Members of

the Council of Fort St George

From the Dutch Government at Pulicat enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with the Govt. Tuderand Year's Officer Commanding at Samulcotah & the Chief and Council at Masulipatam regarding suspicions entertained of the Resident at Jaggernaut Pooram having given umbrage to the Prosecutions of the Slave Trade

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

We have received of our Chief of Jaggernaick: Pooram a Copy of a Correspondence with the English Residents at Ingeram and Narsepoor, item the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, which we have the Honor to send enclosed and on which we feel ourselves obliged to address you Honorable Sir and Sirs with seriousness.—

We are obliged to it, because the subject from which this Correspondence originated is of a nature too insignificant and frivolous, than that it could have

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authorized the authors thereof to Insolence and Molestation,
first by writing Letters to the above mentioned, our Chief
in an offensive and imperious manner, then by sending
an armed Party, and by it to blockade our Territory —

We say, that the subject is too insignificant for
going to such a Length, surely we look upon the affair as
far fetcht Quarels on account of a Slave Trade, that is
now commonly practised, and not easily to be prevented,
because, proceeding from such melancholy visitations
as grievous Famine prevailing almost over the whole Coast,
which, as it seems irremediable, causes the Poor to run into
such desperate extreme, as rather to give themselves over to
Slavery, or to sell themselves, than for want of Food to die a
certain Death. —

It is very painful not only to be obliged to be a
Spectator of such affecting Misery, especially when it is
not in one's Power daily to provide a Number of People with
the Necessaries of Life, while for want of Provision we
ourselves suffer; but also, and what is much to be lamented
to experience such rude attacks and imperious Precepts
as the above mentioned Dependents of your Hon make use
of to bring our Gentlemen of the first Quality into a suspicion
of such a vile Practice and as if they were authorized to it,
to put in force against them a prohibitory Edict published
by the British Government against the selling of natives
as Slaves, just as if we, or our Chiefs, were in capable of
reasonable and equitable Sentiments of our own selves to
prevent such Irregularities, in case we should find that

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by them is acted against Humanity, or should be requested to join in the views of the English Government to oppose them.

For, as to the Order and Prohibition which the British Government has instituted, altho' we have not been made acquainted with it, yet we do acknowledge, that it is of a salutary and good, to resist the Disorder of making free men Slaves; and that it also must be applicable with regard to all which Government look upon as their subjects or depending on their authority; but, not to say, that the Laws of Hindostan allow, that Parents may sell their Children and others, in case of necessity, themselves, or, that they may hire themselves out as Slaves for a time, which comes very near to, if 'tis not above, the Common Course of mans Life, we may ask what Authority has the Law of an English Government over the subjects of our Nation; and where it is admitted and agreed to, that the English Law, with regard to the Dutch, shall have the Right of Execution too? all must shrink before superior Force, but even as the Gentlemen your Agents endeavour to plead the Cause of Humanity which ought to have place with regard to the Natives, so ought they to know, that it is criminal, when they insult and violate the Rights and Priveledges of other People, and that the Laws of their Sovereign, or a Government under him, are but of Force against, and applicable to, their own Subjects and Dependants, and there are they fully as punishable, as when one wilfully takes up arms in order to make himself of Consequence against others.

The first uncivil aggressors are the Residents of Ingeram and Narsepoor a Mess.rs Yeates and Tudor - Their manner of writing includes all, except that Politeness

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at which one is so easily offended with regard to others.
The one demands haughtily an immediate subjection to
the English Law, and the other threatens, in case of
Failure, that he will apply the Penalty to which it obliges;
while the Gentlemen of Masulipatam, judging according
to the warm Reports of these Residents, true or false, with
English authority, pass over to Charges and Expressions all
of a nature injurious to one representing us, and who is
alone to be corrected or removed by us in case of Conviction
of such Low Sentiments and Practices as the Gentlemen of
Masulipatam suppose to be inherent in a Person that
is not an Englishman by Birth, when the Judgement
of these Gentlemen ought to make a Distinction between the
Character that one supports, and what may be supposed
to be the Sentiments of the Croud, And as if this was not
enough, to stretch the Injuries to the highest Pitch, and
shew how little Regard they have for a Dutch Governour in
the above Masulipatam Gentlemen proceed to violence,
sending armed People, violating by them not only the
Right of our River by falling violently upon, and searching
the Vessels in it, but what is still more, the Commanding
Officer of the Detachment Captain Stevens sends in the
Night armed People upon our Territory of Jaggemaw
Pooram, who disturb the Chief in his Rest, and insist in
the night on producing certain Persons of which they say
that they were hid in there, and this open violence
endeavours the above Commanding Officer to palliate
as if the Seapoys had been too zealous in the Execution
of their Orders, and as if the affront was to be done away

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by the Correction of a Corporal, when Captain Stevenson himself is to be reprimanded & corrected. —

We cannot believe that these injurious acts are supported by any other authority, but a too high Idea of the Law here in Question, and as if the Dutch were also subject to it; surely we cannot imagine, that the above unwarrantable Conduct, as with regard of the Correspondence or the addresses, so with regard to the authority adopted to give weight to these Ideas or notions by open acts of Hostilities, will, in any manner, be approved of by you, Honorable Sir and Sirs, but on the contrary, that, with regard to them, an Order will be issued which shall better agree with that Confidence, which subsists between the two Nations in the Bonds of Unity and Friendship, and shall set due Bounds to contemptuous Treatment, open Violence, and Interruption of such Rights and Privileges as belong to us by reason of Treaties between our respective Sovereigns so also by the Prerogatives and Privileges, which, until now, guard us against Usurpation and Dependance. —

To shew how willing we are to be before hand in all things which may lead to what is least trouble: some, we have already sent off the necessary Orders to Jaggernaick Pooram relative to the Prohibition of purchasing and selling Slaves, by what Foreigner soever it be done within our Territory, with a Declaration that all sales and Purchases, which can be proved, after the Date of this our Prohibition, to have been made

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by any Foreigner, shall, when discovered, be considered as clandestine, and ipso facto null and void; empowering and qualifying our Chief, to take out of the Hands of the owner such an object as may have happened to get into Slavery, and to send it ... Gentlemen, the English Residents, which is ... the Request, after the grant of a Certificate of ... guard its Liberty thus obtained, and to prevent ... appear not again at Jaggernaickpooram, ... Cases to take upon them the Responsibility ... settling of all Disputes and Cavillations ... owner, who may happen, in the Purchase ... tion of Slaves, to see himself thus disappointed ... also to direct the same, if necessary, with ... Damages to the said Resident or Residents.

Moreover we have ordered that the ... ition be published immediately for the ... one, and therefore request of you, Honorable ... that you will issue a peremptory Order for the ... preventing all Molestation and unwarrantable ... whilst on our side we pledge our word, that ... no such thing as a Slave Trade for Exportation ... by virtue of the abovementioned Prohibition it ... prevented with regard to others.

We have the Honor to remain with ... High Esteem

S. S.

(Signed) Jacob Eilbracht
Jacob Wind de Rauff
I. I. Winckelmans
J. W.m Bloeme
Louis Adrian de Bruyn
J.n J.s Hasy

Pullicat
Fort Geldria
February 2d. 1792

... Letters ... Orders ... Con ... and ... with the ... and Exporta ... ations, and ... shall also be ... Protection ... Sir and Sirs, ... time to come ... Inspection ... among us there is ... and that ...

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Resolved that the following answer be returned

To the Honorable Jacob Eilbracht Esq.
Governor &c Council at Pulicat.

Honorable Sir &c &c

To the Dutch Government at Pulicat in reply to the foregoing Letter

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 2d Instant, with the several papers enclosed. —

We trust you will do us the Justice to believe, that in the orders issued from time to time by this Govern: ment relative to the exportation of the Inhabitants as Slaves our intention has been directed to the object of checking this practice by such means only as are strictly lawful and consistent with the relation in which we stand to foreign Settlements on the Coast — we esteem it our duty to exert every endeavour for this purpose within our own territory, and to recommend a similar conduct to those over whom we have no Controul, but who are equally interested with ourselves in the cause of Humanity. —

We disapprove of the Style in which some of our Officers have written to your Chief at Jaggernaickporam and shall give particular cautions upon this head — but we confess to you our apprehension that the traffic in Slaves for exportation, tho' not carried on by the Gentlemen of your nation, may have received great encouragement by the permission given to foreign Contractors to purchase and transport them from your Factories. —

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We are sorry you should think this subject too
insignificant to engage so much of our attention, and you will
permit us to say that we cannot agree with you in the
reasoning you adduce in favor of this trade. The
of the Country do not allow any such practice as the purc
Slaves for Exportation - under the pressure of Famine
only say, that "whoever having received victuals
"during the time of such Calamity, hath become
"giving two head of Cattle to the provider may becom
"his servitude" - with regard to the relief afforded
practice, it must be considered, at best as feeble
of the most miserable kind - It may prolon
of wretchedness for some time but not without
that misery which it affects to remove - The
apprehend that can be applied with any suc
which endeavours by every possible means to
food into the Country, and to regulate it's dist
to extend the Benefit to all Classes of the Inhab
relief we have given to the utmost extent of our

We shall send strict Orders to our Officers
the Instructions they have received with every
to the Rights of your nation and to the Harmon
understanding which subsists between us
ourselves that you will join heartily with us in restraining
a practice so injurious to the feelings of Humanity.

We have the Honor to be, with Esteem

&c. &c.

Signed Chas Oakeley

&c Council

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Agreed

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Agreed that Letters be written to Masulipatam to Mr. Yeats - and to Mr. Tuder - approving the Exertions which they have made use of to put a Stop to a Practice so injurious to the Feelings of Humanity as the Exportation of the Inhabitants as Slaves; and recommending that every possible attention be paid to the Rights of the Foreign Nations on the Coast, and to the Harmony and good understanding which subsist between them and the Company —

Agreed also that the Chief and Council at Masulipatam be directed to satisfy the Chief of Yaggur: Naick from whom that no Insult was meant to his authority by posting a Guard at Cakenada - and that if any of the Company's Sepoys passed beyond the proper Bounds they exceeded their orders and will be punished. —

Letters to be written to Messrs. Yeats and Tuder and to the Chief and Council at Masuli: patam in consequence of the foregoing Letter from the Dutch Government at Pulicat —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Yeats —

To The Honble Major General William Medows
President and Governor in Council
at
Fort St George

From the Resident at Yanaam: enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with the French Chief at Yanaam relative to the Exportation of the Inhabitants as Slaves

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Upon certain information, that a Trade in Slaves was carried on to a great extent, in Yanaam; I wrote to Mr. Sonnerat, the Chief at that Settlement on the 7th past, requesting him to put a Stop to so disgraceful a traffick, and demanded of him such Slaves as were in the place, Mr. Sonnerat favored me with an answer, the same day - he expressed astonishment at my saying there were Slaves in Yanaam - assured me he would make enquiry, and if any who had

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belonged to the English Territory were found, he would readily send them to me — on the 9th Mr. Eilbracht, Chief at Jaggernaickporam, answered a Letter, I had written to him on the same subject, in a manner somewhat similar, and equally uncandid. —

Knowing, that I could depend on the information I had received, and suspecting Mr. Sonnerat of having reasons, not to be very solicitous to put a stop to the Trade, I stationed a Peon in yanam, Secretly to observe wh[at] there — On the 3^d Instant, he gave me notice, that he and counted Sixty five Slaves, who were confined Lost no time in waiting on Mr. Sonnerat. — I acq[uainted] him that Slaves were confined in yanam, offered to to the place, only a few yards distant from his urged him to fulfil the promise he had made seemed at a loss — He said I had embarrassed desired to defer the enquiry until the next mor[ning] apprehensive, lest the Slaves should be remov[ed] night, I objected to this delay, — again prest[ed] with his Engagement, and demanded the name of the English Gov[ernment] He then to[ld] my demand must be made in writing derogatory to his Character to visit such a hou[se] and that he must wait for Orders from Pondicherry before he took any step in the business — Evasive as his Arguments were, and well convinced, private considerations would render ineffectual any further application, I might make; yet, in compliance with his desire, and to remove so far as depend[ed]

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upon me, the objections he had made, I demanded the Slaves by Letter - The Letter was delivered to him by Mr. Scobie, acting Assistant at this factory, who was told, that when it was translated, it should be replied to. —

From these Circumstances, your Honorable Board will be convinced, how little credit is due to the Public Assurances, given by that Gentleman, to those in subordinate stations in the English Service. —

Mr. Sonnerat has been pleased to reply to my Letter — His arguments are futile, and trifling - unworthy of Comment The Slaves, I understand, were removed on the night of the 3 and dispersed among the Inhabitants —

Enclosed I have the Honor to transmit to you, Mr. Sonnerats two letters mentioned above, not having a correct translation of them, and copy of my letter to him of the 3 Inst.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect,

&c. &c.

(Signd) Mathw. Yeats

Ingeram
5th February 1792

To Mr. Yeats
Chief at Ingeram

Sir,

I have received the letter you did me the honor to write me, and by which you inform me that two French Vessels have left Coringa, for Jaggarnaickpooram for the purpose of selling a great Number of Slaves. It appears that within these few days, two of our Vessels did sail, but I am ignorant for what Intention they have stopped at Jaggernaickpooram that being a Strange port, I have

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no power over French vessels which anchor there, I am sensible with yourself how this traffic is repugnant to humanity, tho' it is yet authorized with us, exclusive of my opinion, and others, in Consequence of what you do me the honor to remark that most part of the Indians transported from the Country are taken on your Territory, I shall be very much inclined to oppose it every time it may lie in my power: as to what you say of those shut up in Yanam astonishes me much more, as I have never given a single Slavery Bond and the Gentlemen Inhabitants of Yanam and its Establishment have put a stop thereto by engaging not to purchase Blacks for an article of traffic. I am about to day to make every search in the house I find any who have been purchased from me, I shall hasten to send them back. —

I am about sending Copy of the Letter you have written me to M. De Fresne the Governor of Pondichery that he may adopt measures in the Country to so vile a Commerce, and that he will give such orders as will prove to the English Government —

I have the Honor to be, with the most perfect Consideration Sir Your most Obedient Servant

Yanam
the 7th January 1792

Signed Sonnerat

Above Translation
Signed T. Chase
French Translator

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To Sonnerat Esqr.

Chief at Yanam

Sir,

In the Letter you did me the honor to write to me on the 7th of last Month, you expressed surprize at my having intimated in my Letter of the same date, that there were many Slaves concealed in Yanam, and declared your readiness to give them up, if any such were found.—

I now have the Honor, Sir, to wait upon you, in order to point to you the house where [illegible] are confined and in the name of the English nation, I demand of you to deliver them up to me.—

I have the Honor to be, with perfect Consideration,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Signd Math. Yeats

Ingeram

13 February 1792

A true Copy

Signd J Scobie

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To Mr Yeats

Chief at Yanam

Sir,

I have received the letter you did me the honor to write me yesterday evening at the House of Mr Bell; after the conversation that had passed between us, tho' you have always taken 15 Days or a Month to reply to all the letters on Service which I have had the honor to write you, I nevertheless reply immediately to your letter, demand from me, Sir, Black Slaves that you say are confined in a House you will point out to me, the Citizens of Yanam after their declaration of the 20th of last Month cannot be supposed to be engaged in the purchase of Slaves for an article of traffic, and after the sentiments I expressed this morning I fancy you have been misinformed and that had you been better acquainted you would not have undertaken the Journey which you made last night, what you did for me, which together to search a house for me to be joined for us to go were confined in it, would have injured Blacks which and no doubt your own also, you have no way characters alarmed me by saying you would write the whole conversation we had together to the Council of Madras, I shall always respect the Council of Madras but I command at Yanam the same as it commands at Madras and it has no right to interfere with my actions, I am responsible

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responsible to my nation only, and it shall never have to reproach me for humiliating my Station; what you told me thro' the interpretation of Mr. Scobie that you would write to the Council at Madras that the Blacks you demanded were no doubt with me, I was desirous to believe that Mr. Scobie misinterpreted what you said to me, my sentiments are well known and if you write them, the Council will not Credit you. —

In fine Sir your Laws do not admit of the traffic — ours permits it, and I have no right to establish one to prohibit it, as I have not received any orders; all I can do is not to grant protection to this shameful Commerce and I shall only admit in Yanam such Slaves as are really so by the Bonds of Slavery, all others are free — I have thought it unnecessary to send you copy of the declaration of the Inhabitants of Yanam not to purchase Slaves as an article of traffic, having already sent it to the Council at Masulipatam. —

I have the Honor to be, with perfect Consideration

&c &c

Signd Sonnerat

Yanam
4th February 1792

A true Translation

Signd J. Chase
French Translator

Resolved that the following Letter be

written to Colonel De Freine —

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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.

To the Governor of Pondicherry - enclosing Copies of the Correspondence between Mr. Yeats and the French Chief at Yanaon regarding the Slave Trade, and requesting him to exert his Authority in checking so pernicious a Practice. —

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose, for your information, Copy of a Correspondence which has passed between Mons. Sonnerat, Chief of the French Settlement at Yanaon, and Mr. Yeats, the English Resident at Ingeram, relative to the Exportation of the Inhabitants, as Slaves.

In the orders issued from time to time by this Government, on the above subject, my intentions has been solely directed to the object of checking a pernicious Practice by such means as were strictly Lawful and consistent with the relation in which the English Company stand to foreign Settlements on the Coast - Eastern it is my duty to exert every endeavour for this purpose within the Territory under my Authority, and strenuously to recommend a similar conduct to those over whom this Government has no controul, but who are equally interested in the Cause of Humanity.

I shall send strict orders to the Resident at Ingeram to execute the instructions he has received with every possible attention to the Rights of the French nation, and to the Harmony and good understanding which subsists between us, and I assure myself that you will join heartily with me in restraining a Practice

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so injurious to the Feelings of Humanity. —

I have the Honor to be,

with distinguished Consideration

&c &c

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Signed Chas. Oakeley

Read the following Letter from Colonel Maxting

To William C. Jackson Esq.
Military and Political Secretary

From the Officer
Commanding at Rammaud
Information regarding
the Situation of the
Ranee of Shevegunga
and his Infant Grand Daughter

Sir,

I have had the H[illegible]
[illegible]tting the Cont[illegible]
"[illegible]

anxious to provide effectually for the
the Rannee of Shevegungah and her Infant grand [illegible]
directs me to desire you will pay particular attention to this
Object, taking care that they be not under any personal
Restraint, and reporting, for his information, whether the
allowances granted to them are sufficient, and whether
they are regularly paid."

In answer to which, I request you will be
pleased to assure the Honorable the President in Council
that I shall pay particular attention to their orders;
and henceforth, the Rannee and her Grand Daughter
shall not be under any Personal Restraint. —

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with Respect to allowances granted to them - I do not know that any were ever granted, except what China Mandah the managers of the Province, at his option, and of his own will and pleasure, chose to send to them occasionally, some times more some times less, both in Rice and Money according to Circumstances - the Amount of which I cannot positively ascertain.

I am informed, that besides what Money and Rice the Rannee occasionally gets from China Mandah, She receives the Revenue of a village, which he granted to her. - Such allowances not being ascertained and fixed by Government, neither of the Parties can ever be [illegible] Mandah, will [illegible] the Revenue will always complain of the insufficiency. -

As I am not acquainted with the situation in which the Honorable Board wish to consider the Rannee of Shevegungah, in point of Rank and Condition, it is not possible for me to say how far such allowances can contribute to her Comfort, and I am equally at a loss what Complimentary Honors are to be paid to her, now that She is enlarged. - I have the Honor to be,

Rannad
7th February 1792

S. W.

Signed M. Martinz

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As it does not appear from the foregoing Letter that the Rannee is under any restraint, or that she has any cause to complain of her allowances, the Board do not think it would be eligible in the present situation of affairs to shew such solicitude about her, as might excite the Jealousy of Chinna Murdah, who, from Mr. Macleod's Representation, seems to conduct himself with great Propriety. —

Minute thereon

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

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President in Council &c.

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz enclosing a Complaint made by the Inhabitants of Karical against Arokkia Pilly Renter of that District and communicating the wish of the Rajah that this Government would write, in behalf of the Petitioners, to the Governor of Pondicherry

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

The Enclosed Paper contains a true Translate of a Petition written by some Inhabitants of Karekal to his Excellency —

His Excellency desired me to translate the Petition, insisting upon my sending it to the Honorable Board, hoping, that by this means the suffering Inhabitants would be relieved —

A number of the Bramins, who have sent this Petition to his Excellency live now in a village near Combiconum —

I have the Honor to be respectfully

&c. &c.

Tanjore
February 8-1792

Signed C. F. Swartz.

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Petition

written by the Inhabitants of Carekal - the District of Trinelas and all the Polygars -

When Maha Rajah, delivered the Districts of Carekal to the French, it was stipulated, that all belonging to the Pagodas and Tribute for Government Share and other things, should be regulated and administered as before -

When the French possessed this our Country thirty years, all things were transacted in the same manner as when the Country was managed by Mahar Peid[illegible] Rajah

In the same manner all has been ma[illegible] by Ram Row, Rasenden Modeli and Pon[illegible] to the year 1790

Afterwards Arokia Pille[illegible] rented [illegible] Country promising to pay the Rent in [illegible] ready Money -

Without acquainting us [illegible] was to be paid, he told us at Carek[illegible] not be allowed Sanyagan any longer [illegible] that the Rent Money should be sent [illegible] he led us to Pondicherry - He told [illegible] the Gentlemen should enquire h[illegible] we should declare that 16,000 Pa[illegible] but not more - we were unacquainted [illegible] with the Durbar [illegible] the Sum which [illegible] el that we should [illegible] - But promising [illegible] d according to Equity [illegible] us that when [illegible] w much we could pay [illegible] godas we could pay [illegible] with the Durbar

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of Europeans and did not understand their Language We therefore believed all what they said. —

We declared before these Gentlemen that we could not pay more than 16,000 Pagodas - But — Arokkia Pilly afterwards declared that he had — engaged to pay 19,000 Pagodas - when we asked him why he thus had deceived us, he silenced us - saying, that we should pay half - and he himself half - when we desired a written agreement, he promised to give us that agreement in writing at Carekal - We agreed to this promise and so came at Carekal - But there he raised animosities amongst the Inhabitants of a lower and higher Class - he made the following unjust regulation. —

1 Formerly the Inhabitants got 10 Collum Paddy advanced in Order to cultivate one Vely - These 10 Collums were repaid in Paddy in the time of harvest. — But now Arokkia Pille has determined that instead of 10 Collums of Paddy one Pagoda should be advanced as Varah Kam for the Cultivation of One Vely. —

2 The Inhabitants were indebted to some People - The Renter stirred up those Creditors and / by way of Payment / took from one even 2 Vely's. —

3 The Inhabitants of Subiraya Poor owed 1200 Chuckr. to others Inhabitants - The Renter therefore took the whole village

Village to himself.

/It is not mentioned whether he paid off the 1200 Chucks./

14 He did not pay that which anciently was allowed to the Pagodas, neither did he allow the Pagoda Coach to be drawn.

5 He refused to pay the established allowances to the Parriars and other poor people - who therefore left the Villages.

6 The Polygar of Cotta padi used to pay for his Village 100 Chucks p year - But the Renter obliged him to pay half of the Produce / Sanyagam / He exacted yearly likewise a Tribute from Gardens - and when that Tribute was not paid, he took possession of the Gardens.

7 The Renter called Inhabitants [illegible] and cultivated by these Strangers the [illegible] were not under the management of [illegible] which caused Confusion.

8 The Inhabitants used to pay an [illegible] to Carpenters and Smiths at the time [illegible] the Renter said, that he himself would [illegible] those Carpenters and Smiths would [illegible] obedient to the Inhabitants.

9 One of the principal Inhabitants Amurdappya owed some Money to the Inhabitants - The Renter favored the Creditors and took all Cattle and whatever Amurdappya had from him.

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10 The Governor gave a village to a certain person, which the Renter took from him. —

These are some of his unjust acts - by which — Brahmins Inhabitants and Polygars suffer - The Country managed by the English Gentlemen is managed with justice - But we suffer - and when we retired into the Tanjore Districts Sepoys were sent to lay hold on us. —

We beg therefore that the English Gentlemen would write a letter to the Gentlemen of Pondicherry and intreat them to order the Renter to do justice to us - If this be done, we will chearfully cultivate our Fields - The Renter has rented the Country for 8 years - two of which are elapsed - Six years remain - We are willing to pay the Rent/ our share in ready Money on the appointed terms - We therefore request, that the Renter be removed and the Inhabitants placed in his Stead - and that this arrangement may — commence with the February of this year. —

faithful translate by

/Signed/ C F. Swartz

Agreed to inform Mr. Swartz that it would afford the Board much Pleasure to meet the wishes of the Rajah regarding the Inhabitants of Karical — but that as any interference in a District dependent on the French Government would probably give umbrage

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

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Umbrage, and deprive the Petitioners of that Redress which they might otherwise obtain the Board think it most & prudent to decline writing to the Governor of Pondicherry, but recommend that the Inhabitants address a respectful Petition to Colonel de Fresne, praying that he will do them Justice against the improper and oppressive Conduct of the Renter.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery.—

To William Collins Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

From Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery requesting Permission to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health.

Sir,

I beg you will lay before the Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Certificate, and to request their permission for my returning to Europe, by the first convenient opportunity, for the re-establishment of my health.— I have the Honor to be &c &c

Madras
10th February 1792

Signed H. Montgomery

We Certify that Lieutenant Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Montgomery has labourd under Glandular Obstructions and a Hectic Fever for fifteen Months past, during which time he has been constantly confined to his Bed, and is now so reduced that we think it absolutely necessary for the preservation of his Life, He should proceed to Europe by the first Opportunity.—

Hospital Board Office the 6 February 1792

Signed Jas. Anderson Physician General
W Kaine Deputy Chief Surgeon
William Duffin Head Surgeon

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As the State of Colonel Montgomery's Health renders him unable to attend the Business, it is resolved to direct the Secretary to communicate with Mr Duff in on the subject of the Company's Demand upon the Colonel, and to desire he will introduce the matter to that Officer at a fit opportunity, and report the result for the information of the Board.—

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Vellore

To W. Jackson Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir,

From the Commandant at Vellore enclosing an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Execution of the Repairs required to the Public Buildings in that Fort.

In obedience to the Orders of the Honorable President in Council, I transmit an Estimate of the Expences necessary to put the Buildings in this Fort in an habitable state of repair. I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Vellore
February 12 1792

Sign'd Tho.s Bruce

Estimate of the Expence which will be incurred to repair the damage done by the late heavy Rains.—

		Pag.s	F.	C.
Will.m Fort Sugeroo —	A Breach in the Rampart Walls 56 yards Wide	645	27	40
Colonel Quarters — 56	A Room entirely fallen down and part of the open Terrace leading to the Ramparts	174	16	—
		42	23	—
Lieut.t Colonels Quarters —	Compound Wall fallen down 200 Yards	41	40	
Majors Quarters —	part of the back Stair Case fallen down			

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Captain Kennedy's Quarters	—	Stable, Chaise House, Foot house, and part of the Compound Wall fallen down					100	29 —
Fort adjutants Quarters	—	Cook Room and part of the Compound Wall in want of Repair					4	1 —
Subalterns — N 1	—	Cook room Godown, and Compound Wall fallen down					9	1 —
Subalterns N 2	—	Do — Do Do Do Do Do House stable and Shed in want of Repair					17	40 —
Captains Do	3	— Godown, Cookroom, Shed & necessary in want of Repair					10	24 —
2 Subalterns	4	Do — Do Do & Do fallen down					16	32 40
Captains Do	5	— Do — Do — Do & Do wanting Repair					9	23 —
Do Do	6	— Roof leaky Do Do & Do wanting Repair					15	35 40
Do Do	7	— Terrace, Cookroom, Verandah wanting Repair					8	27 40
Do Do	8	— Cook room necessary & fallen down					7	36 —
2 Subalterns	N. 10	— Do Do — & Godown in want of Repair					10	8 40
Do	N. 11	— Roof leaky, Terrace and necessary wanting repair					9	— —
Captains Do	12	— Do Do Do & Do					7	24 —
2 Subalterns Do	13	— Do Godown and necessary Do					6	11 40
Do Do	14	— Do Verandah Cook room and necessary fallen down					9	1 40
Do Do	15	— Do Cook room and necessary — Do					4	— —
Do Do	16	— Do Cook room, necessary, Verandah and Compound Wall fallen down					11	37 40
Do Do	17	— Roof leaky, Cook room, necessary and Mud wall fallen down					14	16 —
Do Do	18	— Do — Do — Do Do in want of Repair					10	8 —
European Barracks N 1		— Roof falling in — Cook room and Godown wanting Repair					14	29 —
Do Do	N 2	— Roof fallen in in most parts, the walls fallen down and Cook room necessary half fallen down					227	10 40
Hospital		— Roof leaky, Floor and walls broke Compound Wall fallen down 35 yards					316	18 —
Main Guard Room		— Floor fallen in, in several parts					19	— —
Jails Do	Do 3	— Half fallen down and 2 in want of Repairs					10	— —
Magazine	Do	— entirely fallen down					9	28 —
Sally Port		— Do Do Do					16	23 40
Sheds for the Guards on Ramparts		— Greatly Damaged					15	16 —
Head Surgeons	Do	— Terrace entirely out of Repair and the floor in danger of falling in					19	17 —
							13	11 —
Medical Storekeeper		— Roof leaky, Cook room, Godown and Verandah in want of Repair					16	16 —
							94	9 —
							10	24 —
						Pagodas	2004	18 —

Signed Tho.s Bruce Colond

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The acting President recommends that of the Repairs stated in the foregoing Estimate, the following only be undertaken at present - and that the Execution be left to the Paymaster, under the superintendence of the Commandant. —

The acting President proposes that only Part of the work mentioned by Colonel Bruce be undertaken at present -

Estimate of the Expence which will be incurred to Repair the Damage done by the late heavy Rains to the following works. —

		Ps	f	G.
View Fort Lugenow — a Breach in the Rampart Walls 56 Yards wide ——		645	27	40
European Barracks No 1 — Roof fallen in in most parts, the Walls fallen down and the floor entirely broken up - - - -		227	10	40
Do Do - No 2 - Do - Do Do Do Do		314	28	"
do Cook Room — half fallen down - - - - - - - -		19	"	"
The necessary — Roof leaky, floor and walls broke ..		10	—	"
Hospital — Compound Wall fallen down 30 Yards -		9	28	"
Main Guard Room Floor fallen in, in several parts —		16	23	40
Gates Do Do 3 1 Half fallen down and two in want of Repairs		15	16	—
Magazine B entirely fallen down, - - - - -		19	17	—
Sally Port Do Do Do - - - - -		13	11	"
Sheds for the Guards on Ramparts - Greatly Damaged -		16	16	—
Total Pagodas		1306	25	40

The Estimate approved the work to be executed.

Approved and Ordered Accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Tiagar. —

Sir

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c.

From the Commandant at Tiagar representing the Alarms that are created by a small party of irregular Horse in the Neighbourhood of Attoor

Sir,

Yesterday afternoon about fifty horse came from Attoor and took away some Cattle from the villages in the Neighbourhood of Salem, and returned immediately to Attoor - these visits are very distressing to the inhabitants just now, six Horse would be sufficient to drive the whole to the woods and hills we are subject to be constantly alarmed as a part of Dunker Saibi horse are but a few miles to the westward of Attoor - The Infantry lately collected at Great Salem I am informed went to Sankledroog on Major Cuppage's Detachment moving to Sattimungalum

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed W.m Flint

Tiagar
8th February 1792

Minute thereon

Agreed to refer Captain Flint to him of the 7th Inst. in which it was by employ Kistna Rao in such manner as conducive to the Public Service the Board will be willing to adopt think necessary for the further Protection of the

Read the Protection of the Commandant at Tiagar dated Sevendroog

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Sir,

I have the Honor to Congratulate Success of our Arms at Seringapatam on the Letters of which just received from Camp the Army was the 5th Inst. I have the Honor &c

Signed James Oliver
Dept. Commy

From the Commandant at Sevendroog enclosing Extract of Intelligence received from Camp of the total Defeat of Tippoo's Army near Seringapatam on the night of the 6th Instant

Sevendroog
February 8th 1792
3 - A. M. -

Statement of Cattle taken away by the Enemy's Horse from the Villages in the Neighbourhood of Salem on the 13th February 1792

Salem	Bullocks	116	
	Cows	11	
	Calves	10	
	Sheep	14	
Kistna Rao's Corps		227	10
Camp			

Arrangement for the Villages.

closure from the

upon the glorious
6th Instant. some parties
closed - the last Post from

to be,
&c

Dan.l

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Dear Sir,

I wrote you last night but could not prevail on the Peons to leave camp - The Army leaving their Tents standing last night moved out to storm the Enemy's Camp in three Columns the right under General Medows, the Left under Colonel Maxwell and the Center under Lord Cornwallis - The whole, without Cannon, the firing began 10 Minutes before 12 o'Clock and continued constant and heavy for an hour & forty Minutes - The issue was glorious, for now we possess three of their Batteries containing 20 pieces of heavy Ordnance, others were so opposite to the fire of the Fort that they were abandoned - The acquisition of Lally's Battery, for it was the fourth attempt that carried it - It contained four 24 Pounders - at one time we were in possession of their Camp Equipage, Elephants, Camels Baggage and almost 70 pieces of field Cannon - three Brigades of which were thrown into a Nullah near the River - The Enemy were followed to the very Glacis and rallied several times with some firmness - Our Loss in Rank and file may be 600 Killed & wounded The officers, tho' not with much certainty are of the 36th Regt Captain White, Lieut.t Brownrigg and Campbell wounded Lieut.t Robinson & Ensign Smith Killed - 52d Regiment Hunter and Lieut.t Ioan Missing, Captain Touch and Lieut.t Madden wounded - and Lt. Hopkinson Killed - 71st Lieut.t Baine Killed, 74th Lieut.t Hamilton and Farquar wounded, Lieut.t Dyce missing - 76th Regt Captain Markham and Lieut.t Philpot wounded and Lieut.t Jones killed - 14th Bengal Battalion Captain Archdeacon Killed - 2d Coast N. Infantry Captain Montgomery and Lieutenants Martin and Helps wounded - 74th Quarter Master Killed - many other which nothing but the Adjutant Generals Returns can tell - The Enemy have lost, as a low estimation, 3000 - I cannot enter into a minute detail of the business, to do justice to those employed - an abler pen will perform that Tribute to bravery - 29 Europeans were found in Irons and are now with us - Captain Maitland of the 72 wounded - Yesterday the Island was covered with an Enemy - to day scarce any to be seen. -

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P.S. Colonel Malcolm is wounded in the leg the ball is extracted. -

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Minute thereon

The acting President informs the Board that on the Receipt of the above, he transmitted Copies of them to Mr. Stuart by Express.

Instructions to Lieutenant to Captain Alexander Read on the subject of Storing Grain in the Garrisons above the Ghauts.

As it may be very essential to the Public Service at this Juncture to store Grain in the Forts captured from the Enemy above the Ghauts, and to keep a further quantity for the use of the Army and the Bengaries - it is resolved to direct Captain Alexander Read to take the orders of Lord Cornwallis with regard to the Quantity to be laid up, and the Places where it may be most eligible to deposit it - observing in the mean time as much as possible, to answer those probable Calls.

Two Lacks of Pagodas to be Issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General for the use of the Army.

Ordered that the Sum of Two Lacks of Pagodas, One half in Gold, and the other in Silver, be Issued to the Military Paymaster General from the Company's Treasury for the use of the Army.

Chas. Oakeley

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Received the following Letter from the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts—

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts Report on Mr Kincaid's Bills for the Detachments of his Majestys 73 and 75 Regiments

I request you will do me the Honor to acquaint the Honorable the President in Council that, in Consequence of his orders communicated to me in your Letter of the 8th Instant, I have examined the accounts of Mr Koncaid, Surgeon at Coonamallee, for medical Charges made by him whilst attending detachments of his Majestys 73d and 75th Regiments; and, having found that those Charges Corresponded with the Arrangement laid down by the Honorable Board, I have passed and forwarded them accordingly; informing Mr Kincaid that, from the allowances he has received, that he is to defray all hospital disbursements on account of the sick of those two detachments—

I am
&c &c

Fort St George
13th February 1792

(Signed) J. Brunton
Dep.y C. General
Lieut.

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Substance of Letter to the Rajah of Travancore —

1st Letter to the Rajah of Travancore as entered in C.C. A° 17 / expressive of the Boards satisfaction at his Punctuality in the Discharge of his Pecuniary Engagements; and informing him of the total Defeat of the Enemy's army on the 6th Instant —

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered in . M.B. A° 93. 94 95.

To the Resident at Travancore —

To the Resident at Travancore enclosing the abovementioned Letter for the Rajah, and Copy for his Information —

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To the Secretary at Bengal — enclosing Copy of Intelligence received from the Commanding Officer at Sevendroog regarding the Defeat of the Enemys Army on the Night of the 6th Instant —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — Desiring him to supply Rice for the Troops at Poonamalee at the Rate of 70 Pagodas p Garce, in Case the Men should have any Objection to take Paddy at a proportionate price —

From the Commandant at Poonamalee —

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. A° 96-97 —

From the Officer Commanding at Poonamalee — requesting that an immediate supply ..... of Rice may be sent for the use of the Garrison —

From

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From Major Maule

From the Senior Engineer Officer at the Presidency ..... enclosing a Surgeons Certificate setting forth the necessity of Lieutenant Jennings's proceeding to the Coast - and recommending that Captain Ogg be ordered to execute the Repairs required to the Bank of the Cauvery near Mellore -

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Received the following Letters -

To W. C. Jackson Esqr

Fort St George
4th Feby 1792

Dear Sir

From the Deputy adjutant General enclosing a Return of the Killed wounded and missing on the attack of the Enemy's camp on the night of the 6th instant -

By desire of his Lordship I transmit you herein, for the information of the Honorable Board a Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing in the attack of the Enemy's Army near Seringapatam on the night of the 6th Instant -

It gives me great pleasure to acquaint you that Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm's wound is not considered as dangerous, the Ball having grazed his Ancle bone without apparently doing it much injury -

I am
Fort St George
4th Feby 1792

Head Quarters Camp before Seringapatam 6th February 1792

I am
Fort St George
4th Feby 1792

/Signed/ B.J. Close

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Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing in the attack of the Enemy's Army near Seringapatam on the night of the 6th February 1792.

1st Brigade

His Majesty's 36th Regt

Killed Lieutenant Robertson 73d Regiment Ensign Smith and two Rank and File

Wounded Lieut. Browning, John Campbell, Robert. R. Campbell, two Sergeants one Drummer and thirty Rank and File

His Majesty's 52d Regt

Killed Lieut Ratchinson one Sergeant and eight Privates. Wounded Capts Hunter and Gauch Lieut Irwine, Cowan, and Maddox two Sergeant one Drummer and twenty two Rank and File. Missing one Sergeant and eight Rank and File.

His Majesty's 76th Regt

Killed Lieut Graham Lieut Robertson Philpot and Shawe one Sergeant and seven Rank and File, since dead one Rank and File.

2nd Brigade

His Majesty's 77th Regt

Killed Capt. Sibbald, Lieut Bayne, one Sergeant two Drummers and Twenty Rank and File wounded Surgeons mate Baby one Sergeant and fifty three Rank and File. Missing five Rank and File.

Killed

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2d Brigade — His Majesty's 72d Regt — Killed Capt.n Mackenzie one Serjeant and fourteen Rank and File wounded Major Fraser the Honble. Capt.n Maitland Lieut.t Macpherson and Ward one Serjeant two Drummers and forty Rank and File — Missing one Rank and File —

2d Brigade — His Majesty's 36th Regt — Killed two Rank and File wounded Lieut.t Farquhar Ensign Hamilton, one Serjeant and seventeen Rank and File — Missing six Rank and File —

3d Brigade — 1st Bengal Batt.n Wounded, eight Rank and File

1st Do — Do Killed two Rank and File wounded four Rank and File

2d Do — Do Wounded one Rank and File

2d Do Volunteers Wounded two Rank and File

4th Brigade — 1st Bengal Batt.n — Killed two Rank and File Wounded three Havildars and eight Rank and File — Missing one Drummer and one Rank and File —

4th Brigade — 4th Bengal Batt.n — Killed Capt.n Archdeacon one Serjeant one Subedar and five Rank and File wounded four Havildars and twenty eight Rank and File Missing two Rank and File —

5th Brig.e — 1st Coast Native Batt.n — Wounded Capt.n Brown Lieut Young (since dead) two Puckally's and seven Rank and File Wounded

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5th Brigade 6th Coast Bn — Wounded one Rank and File. Missing one Rank and File.

23 D. 2 D — Killed three Rank and File. Wounded one Jemidar and five Rank and File. Missing four Rank and File.

2d D D — Wounded Lt. and adjt. Martin one subidar one Jemidar and twenty and File. Missing five Rank and File.

6th Brigade

21st D D — Killed one Rank and File. wounded one Subidar two Havildars and eighteen Rank and File.

22d D D — Wounded four Rank and File

Royal artillery. Wounded one Bombadier and five 2d Gunners.

Artillery Brigade — Bengal artillery — Killed Lieut Forrester Rev Mr Buchanan two first Tindals and six Lascars. Wounded one Gunner and one Matrop one 1st Tindal and thirteen Lascars. Missing eight Lascars

Coast Artillery. Wounded. one. Matrop

Bengal Engineers Killed Lieutenant Stuart

General. Abstract

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Europeans	67	218	21	299
Natives	22	135	14	171
Gen.l Total	89	316	35	470

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NB Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm adjutant General of the army Wounded, not included in the above — No Returns yet received from the 2d Battalion Bengal Battalion or the Pioneers but the loss in those Corps is inconsiderable —

(Signed) By Close
Dep. Adjt. General

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President &c.

Sir,

From the Commandant
at Paper recommending
that orders be sent to
the several Tannidars
& Bliprs to furnish
a proportion of men
to assist Kistnamah
kauze —

The Poligar of Culiahnatham — informs me some horse, one thousand foot people and two small guns under the second Killadar of Attoor came to his place and demanded one thousand [illegible] Rupees which he was under the necessity of promising to comply with and make an immediate payment in part, that the Killadar left a man to receive the rest, and went to Attoor speedy acty with his people, where he is at present: as Culiahnatham is twenty six miles from Trayar I can not detach a force from this Garrison that would be of any great service without leaving the lower fort subject to be taken (the walls not having been yet quite Rebuilt) and the pettah to be plundered by any party of horse that would make the attempt. I have desired Kistnahmah rauze with the

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the few people he has collected, to go to Culiahnattum immediately; and if the amildars and Poligars in these districts were ordered to send a few of their men to Kistnamah rauze, he would be able to keep these people at home—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Tiagar
12th February 1792

(signed) W. Flint
Captn comg

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109.—

To the Collector in the Northern and southern Divisions of the Masulipatam Havelly—

To the Collector in the Northern and southern Divisions of the Masulipatam Havelly—approving the Remonstrance made by him to the Chief at Jaggernaikporam in regard to the slave trade and recommending him to use the most guarded Expressions in his future Correspondence with that Gentleman—

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam—approving the steps taken by them to prevent the Exportation of the Inhabitants as slaves—and desiring them to satisfy the Dutch Chief at Pulicat that no Insult was meant to his authority by posting a Guard at Cakenada, and inform

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inform him that if any of the Company's Sepoys have passed their Bounds they have exceeded their orders and will consequently be punished—

To the President at Ingeram—

approving the Representation made by him to the French Chief at Yanam on the Subject of the Slave Trade, and recommending him to use the most guarded Expressions in his future Correspondence with that Gentleman—

To the President at Ingeram—

To the Hospital Board

To the Hospital Board - informing them that Government have no Objection to Mr. Gahagan's visiting the Presidency provided the Sanction of the Commanding Officer of Vellore be had thereon—

To the Commandant at Tiagar

To the Commandant at Tiagar referring him to the orders of Government under Date the 7th Instn. in regard to the Mode of employing Rustnamah Rauze — and informing him that the Board will acquiesce in any further arrangement he may think necessary for the Protection of the Frontier Villages—

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz—

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz desiring him to inform the Rajah that the Board cannot interfere in any respect in a District dependent on the French Government; and that in

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in the opinion of Government it would be advisea=
ble for the Inhabitants of Ranical to address a
respectful Petition to Colonel De Fresne praying
that he will do them Justice against the improper
and oppressive Conduct of the Renter -

To the Commandant at Vellore -

To the Commandant at Vellore &.
informing that for the present only the Hill Fort
Sazeroe and the European Barracks and Hospi=
=tal of that Garrison are to be repaired -

To the Paymaster at Vellore -

To the Paymaster at Vellore -
enclosing an Estimate of the Expence that will
attend the Repair of the Breach in the Hill
Fort Sazeroe - and the Repairs of the European
Barracks and Hospital; and desiring them to to
execute the work under the Superintendance of
the Commanding Officer -

To D°

To D. enclosing Copy of the &.
Hospital Board's Report of the 30 ultimo, with
the Resolution of Government annexed -

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board - desiring
them to report their Opinion upon sundry Bills
presented by the Master Attendant - and upon a
Claim for Difference of Pay between Havildar
and Jemidar, to Fuzzle ally, Jemidar of the 7
Regiment of native Cavalry -

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To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Ray, and desiring him to state the Reason why the Accounts of His Majesty's Troops are not regularly transmitted to Bengal—

To Captain Alexander Read—

To Captain Alexander Read desiring him to take the orders of Lord Cornwallis with regard to the Quantity of Grain to be laid up in the Forts above the Ghauts, and the Places where it may be most eligible to deposit it—

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis. B. Nos 110., 111., 112., 113.,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly enclosing a Surgeon's Certificate of the necessity of Lieutenant Jennings's proceeding to the Sea Coast for the Benefit of his health — and advising of Lieutenant Colonel Oldham's having gone to Tranquebar on a sick Certificate—

From the Commandant at Vellore—

From the Commandant at Vellore advising of the arrival of three Treasure Tumbrills and two three Pounders for Colonel Floyd's Regiment

From Lieutenant Colonel Clarke—

From the Commandant at Palamcotah

advising of his having given orders to the Officers Commanding the 9 and 10 Revenue Battalions to entertain as Supernumeraries seventy five Men to each

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each Battalion –

From Major Pater of the Cavalry

From Major Pater advising of his arrival at Conjeveram, and of his Intention to proceed in his March on the 16 Instant –

Sent the following Letter to the Governor General in Council and the Government at Bombay –

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

and to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council at Fort William

Gentlemen,

To the Governor General in Council and the Government at Bombay enclosing Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter respecting the Defeat of the Enemy's army on the 6 Instant, and a Return of the Killed and Wounded –

We have the pleasure to enclose Copy of a Letter just received from Lord Cornwallis, informing us of his attack on the enemy's Camp on the night of the 6, and the important advantages acquired by this glorious event; on which we beg leave to offer you our warmest congratulations –

We transmit also herewith a Return of the Killed and wounded on that occasion – and have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Fort St. George
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Yr. Most Obt. Servts

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

Yr. Consul

Received

Ordered the same to the Governor in Council at Bombay

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From the Store-Keeper at Trichinopoly

Received a Letter from the Store-Keeper at Trichinopoly as entered in MB 8114 &c. advising of his Intention to deliver over the Rectangular Gingham Granary to the Collector as soon as the Company's Paddy now stored in it can be removed—

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

William Petrie Esqr

The Honorable Major General

Friday

17th February 1792. Medows absent upon Service—

John Hudleston Esqr absent indisposed—

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved—

The Secretary reports to the Board the Substance of a conference with Mr. Duffin respecting the Balance due to the Company by Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery—

The Secretary informs the Board that, in consequence of their orders given to him at the last meeting of Council, he has spoken to Mr. Duffin regarding the Company's demands upon Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery — That the Colonel had assured Mr. Duffin he would &c. furnish Mr. William Balfour his attorney with

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with authority to enter into any explanation that may be required on the subject of the Demands in question, and to make good the sum which may appear against him by the ultimate decision of Government—

Resolved that Lieut.t Colonel Montgomery be permitted to proceed to Europe as soon as the Board are informed by Mr. Balfour of his having authorized by that Officer to discharge such Claim as may appear due upon the Comptroller's audit of the accounts of the Detachment serving with the Nizam's army—

Minute thereon—

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis—

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Y.r Y.r Y.r

From Lord Cornwallis Containing an account of the attack and defeat of Tippoo's Army on the night of the 6.th Instant.

Sir,

On the 5.th Instant I encamped about Seven Miles to the Northward of Seringapatam, from whence I saw that Tippoo had, according to my information, taken a position on the [illegible] North bank of the river, with its front and flanks covered by a broad Ledge and a Number of Ravines Swamps and water-courses, and likewise fortified by a

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Chain of strong redoubts full of cannon, as well as by the Artillery of the Fort and of the works on the Island. —

It would have cost us a great many men to have attacked this Camp in the day, and perhaps the success might not have been quite certain: I determined therefore to make the attempt in the night; and for this purpose, I marched on the Sixth, as soon after sunset as the Troops could be formed, in three divisions; the Right division, Commanded by General Medows, and the center division, under my immediate direction, were destined for the attack of the enemy's Camp, and the division on the Left, consisting of four Battalions, under Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, was ordered to attack the works that the enemy were constructing on the heights above the Hariguit Pagoda. —

The Officers Commanding the Leading Corps in the Right and center divisions were directed, after driving the enemy from their Camp, to endeavour to pursue them through the river, and establish themselves on the Island, and it was recommended to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to attempt to pass the river, if, after having possessed himself of the heights, he saw that our attack on the Camp was successful. —!

The Left and Center divisions were so fortunate as to accomplish compleatly the objects proposed —

Lieut. —

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Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell gained the heights, and afterwards passed the River; and the first five Corps of the center division crossed over to the Islands, leaving me in possession of the Camp, which was standing, and of all the artillery of the enemy's right wing. —

The Division of the night, by some of those accidents to which all operations in the night must be liable, approached much too near to a very strong detached Work, which it was not my intention to assault that night, and which must have fallen into our hands without giving us any trouble, if we succeeded in forcing the enemy's Camp. —

The advanced guard engaged in the attack of this work before they could be prevented by the Officers in the front of the Column; and the latter, who had been used to carry Forts with much facility, did not think it necessary, or perhaps creditable, to oblige them to desist. But the garrison of this Redoubt conducted themselves very differently from those which we had lately met with, and their resistance was so obstinate that it was not carried without costing us several lives and a very considerable delay. —

By this time the firing at the Center attack had entirely ceased, and General Meadows, concluding from that circumstance, that I was in complete

possession

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possession of the whole of the enemy's Camp, and apprehending that a part of his Corps might be wanted to support the Troops on the Island, wished to communicate with me as speedily as possible. —

Some guides, who undertook to lead his division to join mine by a direct road, conducted him to the Karrigat Pagoda without his meeting with me; and day light was then too near to admit of his undertaking any further operations. —

These untoward circumstances did not deprive us of any of the solid advantages of our Victory— for we are in possession of the whole of the enemy's redoubts, of all the ground on the North side of the river - and of great part of the Island: but as the force with which I remained in the enemy's Camp did not much exceed three Battalions and as I found, from parties that I sent out, that the left wing of Tippoo's army kept their ground all night, I could not bring off any trophies from the Field except those which were very near to the spot where our impression was made. —

I have not yet been able to ascertain with precision the number of Guns that have fallen into our hands; but I understand that of brass and Iron it amounts to upwards of Sixty, of different Calibers. —

I shall.

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I shall take up my ground tomorrow as near to the chain of redoubts as possible, without being exposed to the fire of the Fort; and, as our posts upon the Island are now nearly secured against any attempt of the enemy, I shall soon be ready to proceed with vigor upon the operations of the siege. —

It has been hitherto impossible to Collect the returns of the Killed and wounded; but I have every reason to hope that our loss in Europeans will be under two hundred. Major Close will send to Mr. Jackson a List of the Officers that were killed in order to prevent the anxious alarms of the friends of the Survivors. —

I am, with great esteem and regard, —

Yr. Ca Yr. Ca

/Signed/ Cornwallis. —

Camp near Seringapatam
9th. February 1792

Resolved that the following answer be returned

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

To Lord Cornwallis
Congratulatory on the
defeat of Tippoo's army

My Lord,

Our acting President has laid before us the Letter he had the honor to receive from your Lordship of the 9th Instant, communicating the Particulars of the attack and

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and total defeat of Tippoo's army, on the night of the 6th

We are much obliged to your Lordship for the circumstantial account you have given of this splendid and decisive victory: the complicated Difficulties of the Enterprize and the glorious success which has attended the execution are deeply impressed on our minds; and it is with the feeling of peculiar Joy that we offer to you our warmest Congratulations on the Event: we beg permission, at the same time, to testify our high admiration of the Labour and Conduct of the officers and soldiers under your Command, who have so often, and, in this Instance, so eminently displayed the Honor of the British arms.

We have the Honor to be,

Your &c &c

Fort St. George
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Signed / Chas Oakeley Govr in Council.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis. -

Sir Charles Oakley Bart

Vice Gov. &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis requesting that the Vestal Frigate may not be detained more than three or four days at Madras and that a Copy of his Letter of the 8th Instant may be transmitted to the Court of Directors by that Conveyance - Lieutenants Chalmers & Mackay arrive in Camp. —

Sir,

Commodore Cornwallis informs me that he has sent the Vestal Frigate to wait for any Dispatches that I may have occasion to send to England, but he expresses a wish, that, unless I should think it necessary, to detain Captain Osborne

He.

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he may sail in time to prevent his being exposed to a Winters passage; for which the condition of the Frigate is not well suited —

As we shall have, during the next two months, several opportunities of sending information to England of the state of affairs in this Country, by the Company Ships, and as I have not time at present to enter into a more detailed account of the action of the night of the 6th than that which I transmitted to you, I shall only request that you will inclose a copy of it to the Court of Directors and that the departure of the Vestal may not be delayed above three or four days after your receipt of this Letter. —

Nothing material has occurred since the action, except that Tippoo has sent to our Camp Lieuten Chalmers and Nash, and the three other Europeans taken Coimbatore — You will receive a Copy of the Letter from Tippoo which accompanied them and of my Answer. —

To allow Tippoo to retain even a considerable portion of his present powers and possessions at the conclusion of the war would only be inviting a real peace, give us another armed truce; and I should immediately reject any such proposition: but if the person deputed by him should offer such concessions as would put it out of his Masters power to disturb the peace of India in future I shall

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I shall suffer no prospects, however brilliant, to postpone for an hour, that most desirable event, a general peace.—

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that ten thousand Banjarries are just arrived in our Camp.—

I am with much esteem,

Camp near Seringapatam
February 11th 1792.

Yr. Yr.
/Signed/ Cornwallis.

Agreed that a Short Letter be prepared to go by the Vestal and that Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Late Letters be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors by that opportunity.—

Memde thereon.

The Board think it necessary to remark that the Letters from and to Tippoo of which Lord Cornwallis makes mention in the foregoing Letter have not been received.—

Do.

Read the following Letter from the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Vestal.—

To the Honble Governor in Council
Presidency of Madras

From the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Vestal— stating that his Ship will be ready for Sea on the 22d Instant—

Gentlemen,

His Majesty's Ship Vestal undermy Command.

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Command being under orders to proceed to England without loss of time.—

I have to acquaint you, that I have received the Governor Generals Letters for England, and also one from him desiring me to receive the Dispatches of the Government of Fort Saint George and that he had desired the Ship might not be delayed more than three or four days on that account.—

I beg to tell you that the Ship will be ready to proceed to Sea on Wednesday Next; and I request you will be pleased to inform me when your Dispatches will be closed.—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obt. Hble Servt.

E. Osborne.

Vestal

Madras February 21st 1792.

Agreed to inform Captain Osborne that the Boards Dispatches to go by the Vestal will be ready on Wednesday Morning.—

Minute thereon—

Read the following Letter and Enclosure

From the Resident at Travancore.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt

Acting President in Council,

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Travancore with Copy of a Letter from the Dutch Government of Ceylon accepting his offers of Mediation and of his Reply.—

On the 22d inst.

I have the Honor to

Receive

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Receive your Secretary's Letter of the 8.th with its several enclosures, and Letters to the Columbo and Cochin Governments, which I immediately Forwarded.—

On the 1.st of this month I received a Letter from the Cochin Government a Translation of which I do myself the Honor to enclose, likewise Copy of my reply to it.—The Government here having communi=cated to me that they would not fail to receive me with all the Honors due to the Commissioner from the English Government, I accordingly met Mr. Van Angelbeek, agreeably to his appointment, on the 4.th Instant, to form some prepa=ratory arrangements to the discussion which is to take place between their Commissioner and the Rajah of Cochin's Minister. It was always necessary that I should have a previous Meeting with the Dutch Commissioner, which took place Yesterday.— I shall keep regular Proceedings of every thing that passes, and shall, from time to time, transmit them to you.

I have the Honor to be, with all due respect,

Y.r o.t y.r

Cochin
9.th February 1793

/Signed/ George Powney Resident

Translation.

To George Powney Esq.r

Resident for the Noble English Company with the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin.

Sir,

The Government at Madras having offered us

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us, in the most friendly manner, its mediation in the troubles with the Rajah of Cochin, and assuring us cordially that you would be instructed to assist in the Negociations with the Rajah or his ministers, and to use your good offices to put an end to these Troubles in as friendly a manner as Justice will permit, and because we require only to terminate this affair upon equitable Principles, we have resolved to accept this mediation; confident that you are disposed to favor a reconciliation upon equitable Terms —

On this account we have appointed Mr. Van Spall, the Senior Member of our Council, to enter into a negociation with the Servants of the Rajah in your presence; but, in order to effect this, as it will be necessary to form some preparatory arrangements, the Governor wishes much to have a previous Conference with you on this affair, and requests of you Sir to meet him at the Government House at any Hour it may be convenient to you to confer upon the Subject. —

We have the Honor to be,

Sir
Your
Most
Obedient
Humble
Servants

Signed J. G. Van Angelbeck
J. C. Vanspall.
J. W. Van Ropsum.
J. A. Cellarius
W. Van Maasten,
J. A. Scherdin
Arnold Lunel.
C. A. Eversdyck. —

To.

Cochin
1st February 1792.

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To the Honble S.G. Van Angelbeck Esqr.

Governor & Ca Council

at Cochin.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date, —

It is with much pleasure I obey the commands of my Government in assuring you, that I shall do every thing in my power, and use my best offices in as friendly a manner as Justice will admit of, to bring the dispute which subsists between your Government and the Rajah of Cochin to an amicable adjustment. I therefore will do myself the Honor to meet Mr. Van Angelbeck, at his Government House, at any Hour or on any day he chooses, to Confer with him on the Subject of preparatory arrangements to the discussion which is to take place between Mr. Van Spall and the Rajahs officers; provided I am received at my public Conference with all the Honors due to the Commissioner from the English Government. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sirs

Cochin
17th February 1792.

/Signed/ George Powney

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

a true Copy

/Signed/ George Powney Resr.

The.

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Travancore—

The Board are well pleased to observe that the Cochin Government seem desirous to accommodate the Dispute with the Rajah,—

Read the following Letters from his Highness the Nabob / entered also in C.C. Nos. 13. 19.—

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

From the Nabob—recapitulating the Several—Applications he has made for an account of the Collections made from his Country since the Assumption

26th Jamadiosany 1206 Hegera or 15th February 1792.—

Received 17th Do.—

I have written you public Letters on the 24th Shaban 1205 Hegera or 29th of April 1791— on the 24th Rabiosany 1206 Hegira or 28th December 1791— on the 14th of Jamadie ulaval 1206 Hegira or 6th January 1792— and on the 6th Jamadiosany 1206 Hegira or 31st January 1792 desiring to transmit the accounts of the receipts of my Country together with the balance that is due on account of the Jaghire I have also directed my Son Omdet ul Omrah Behauder to remind and to write Notes to you and Mr Petrie on this Subject which he has done accordingly.— Mr. Petrie informed my Son last night that there is still some days delay in sending it.—

I hope therefore you will do me the

favour

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favour to send, immediately on the receipt of this Letter, such Accounts as you may have got ready in your records of the Collections, and the balance that is due respecting the Jaghires; and I will hereafter inform, whether the said accounts are Right or wrong: but at present I am under the necessity of inspecting into it. — I am not a Little astonished: it is almost two years elapsed, and you have not as yet received the full and entire Statements of the Accounts, ——

What can I say more?

A true translation

[Signed] David Haliburton
Persian Translator.

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder, to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart —

22d Jamadi os sany 1206
Hegira — or 16th February 1792.
Received 17th Do. —

From the Nabob requesting that the Accountant General may be directed to attend the Durbar and furnish such Accounts as his Mutsadies may require —

I have received your Letter of the 20th Jamadi ul aval 1206 Hegira, or 15th January 1792. an answer to which I will write you fully hereafter: but at present I request that you will be so good to direct the Company's Accountant General, who is lately arrived, to come to my Durbar, in order to furnish my Mootsadies with the accounts, agreeable to their demand; also to give them explanation on it

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and in this affair your speedy favour is required.—

What can I say More?

A true translation

/Signed/ David Haliburton,

Persian Translator —

Mr. Petrie requests Permission to enter the following Minute, in reply to the Nabob's Letter on the Subject of his accounts. —

Mr. Petrie's Minute explanatory of the Cause of the Delay in furnishing the accounts required by the Nabob.

Although I am ready to admit that the Nabob has cause to Complain in Consequence of the repeated delays which have occurred in drawing out the accounts Collections and Disbursements in the Ajoumea Countries, yet I flatter myself Government will be Convinced, from a Minute of Mr. Haliburton who has been assiduously employed for some time past in Making out the Summa Wofsul Baukys and the Summah Khurch accounts for the information of his Highness, and which I request may be entered in our proceedings, that no blame whatever can be imputed to the Board of Revenue for these delays. —

I am however compelled to add, that the inattention of the Collector, which has made a further reference to his accounts necessary, merits reprehension —

We

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We expect his answer in a few days; and after we are furnished with his explanation I am not aware of any further difficulty that can retard the accounts being immediately delivered to the Nabob. —

Madras 7th February 92 — /Signed/ Wm Petrie,

Mr. Haliburton informs the Board that having for some days past been busy in translating into Persian the Statement delivered by the accountant of the Collections and disbursements of the Carnatic Revenue for Fusly 1200 and of that up to the 30th November last, of the present year 1201 in order to make out the Jummah Wassel Baukey and Kherch accounts for His Highness the Nabob's information, he has discovered some mistakes which it is necessary to correct, before these Persian accounts can be prepared with any accuracy. —

1st The Sum of Pagodas 1536 being the amount of a Jaghyre given up in Mr. Kindersleys division to one of the Nabob's Relations being included in the Column of remissions for Jaghyres to individuals must be taken from it, and added to the Column of Remissions for Jaghyres to the Nabob, on whose account it was given up — this will reduce the amount of the first of these Columns to Pagodas 222,243. 12, 73. and encrease the other

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other to Pagodas 125. 5. 35. 28. 1. —

2d. As it appears Mr. Floyer has collected or given an account of the whole of the rents of Thiagur — given up in Jaghyre to the Nabob, the whole of that sum being Pagodas 9600. should be inserted in the Remissions from the Summah of his division, instead of the sum of Pagodas 2610. 35. 12. which now appears on the Statement — This will be a further increase to the Column of remissions of Pagodas 989. . 69. and conse= =quently an encrease of Collections to the Same amount. which, as it must be made good to the Nabob, is to be added to the receipts from his Jaghyres before they were delivered up to him. —

There appears also to have been a consi= =derable mistake in the same Column of remissions for Jaghyres given up to the Nabob in the Trichinopoly division, which are stated only in the statement at Pagodas 5. 3992. 28. 69. whereas Mr. Haliburton has no doubt that on examination they will be found to be considerably more He is aware that the mistake originates from the incorrectness of Mr. Andrew's general Statement of Settlement Gross Collections &c. from which our Accountant derived his information when he laid before us the Statements before the last dispatch — this mistake does not affect the

amount. —

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amount of the total collections, but will make a difference in the Subdivisions; and it is therefore yet time to correct it in the books: but in delivering to the Nabob a Statement of our Collections and disbursements it behoves us to be as correct and circumspect as possible— Mr. Halliburton therefore proposes, before the Summah Jofsel Baukey and Kherch accounts are prepared, to call upon Mr. Andrews to correct his general Statement above mentioned so as to make it correspond with the account of his Receipts from the Jaghyres of Anandunellore transmitted in his Letter of the 6th instant: for it would appear, by that account, that he had actually received the Sum of Trichinopoly Fanams 3145 44 19½ which has been blended in his general account of receipts from the renters, in whose divisions that Jaghyre was situated— and it is not only necessary for our books, that these receipts should appear separate, but it becomes indispensably so, to enable us to settle with the Nabob the accounts of the receipts from his Jaghyres while the Company retained possession of them.—

As the correcting these mistakes will alter the face of the accounts without making any alteration in the Totals of the Receipts according to the accountants' Statement of the Revenue of Trichy 1200 — Mr. Halibarton

moreover

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Moreover proposes, that when Mr. Andrews's answer is received it shall be sent, with this minute, to the accountant for his information; in order that the mistake may be rectified, and the future statements of the accountant may correspond with the Tummah Wassel Bauky and Adwah accounts which Mr. Haliburton is preparing to be sent to Government—

Signed/ D. Haliburton,

Minute of the Board upon the two foregoing Letters from the Nabob

Agreed to inform the Nabob that the Board of Assumed Revenue having been prevented from finishing the accounts by the want of some further Explanation from Trichinopoly, they now only wait for an answer to a Letter which has been written for that purpose

Resolved that His Highness be requested to specify the particular accounts which he is still desirous of receiving from the accountant General and the Explanations which he says are still wanting that the Board may Judge of the propriety of giving Mr. Moubray permission to attend at His Highness Durbar—

Read the following Letter from the attorney to the Estate of the late Major Peter Davidson.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet—

Governor and President in Council.—

From the Executor to the Estate of the late Major Peter Davidson. Requesting to Know whether he may adopt legal Measures to obtain Payment of money due to the Deceased by the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah—

Honble Sir,

As Executor to the Estate of the late Major

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Major Peter Davidson Sorequest to know if, in the event of my being obliged to commence a Suit in the Mayor's Court of Madras against Omdut ul Omrah Behauder, for a Debt due to the deceased on Bond, I shall meet with any prohibition or interruption on the part of Government in pursuing a Legal Mode for the Recovery of the Property in his hands belonging to the Estate, —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir &c. &c.

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February 16th. 1792 —

(Signed) William Duffin. —

Agreed to inform Mr. Duffin that

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the Board cannot in any respect give their Sanction to a Process at Law which might affect the Person or Property of his Highness the Nabob or any part of his Family —

Ordered that the Nabob be made —

Do. —

acquainted with the Nature of the above application, and of the Resolution of the Board thereon, —

Read the following Letter and

Enclosures from Major Close, Deputy Adjutant General, —

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department.

From the Deputy Adjutant General enclosing a complete Return of the Killed wounded and missing in the Attack of the Tippoo's Army on the Night of the 6th. Instant, and a Return of ordnance and Ordnance Stores taken from the Enemy on that Occasion —

Sir,

I now do myself the Honor to enclose you, by Command of his Lordship, to be laid before the Honble Board.

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Board a complete Return of the Killed Wounded and Missing of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's Troops under the Command of Earl Cornwallis in the Attack of the Enemy's Army near Seringapatam on the night of the 6th Instant. — Also a Return of Ordnance and Ordnance - Stores taken from the Enemy on that occasion, —

I have the Honor to be

Y.r ca Y.r

/Signed/ B.t Close,

Deputy Adjutant General

Head Quarters Camp
before Seringapatam
14th February 1792.

Return of the killed Wounded and Missing of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's Troops under the Command of Earl Cornwallis in the attack of the Enemy's Army near Seringapatam on the Night of the 6th February 1792. —

Royal Artillery			Wounded one Bombadier and five 2d Gunners. —
Artillery Brigade	Bengal	Do	Killed Lieutenant Firenworker Alexander Buchan, two first Tindals and six Lascars. Wounded one Gunner and one Matross one 1st Tindal and thirteen Lascars. Missing eight Lascars. —
	Bengal	Do	Wounded one Matross. —
1st Brigade	His Majesty's 36th Regt		Killed Lieut Robertson /73 Regiment/ Ensign Smith and six Rank & File. Wounded Lieut Brownrigg, John Campbell, Robert R. Campbell two Serjeants one Drummer and thirty Rank & File. —

Killed

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1st Brigade.	His Majestys	52d Regt	Killed Lieut Hutchinson one Serjeant and eight Privates - Wounded Captains Hunter and Gouch - Lieutenants Irvine, Rowan Madden two Serjeants one Drummer and twenty two Rank and File - Missing one Serjeant and eight Rank and File -
	Do	76th Do	Killed Lieutenant Jones - Wounded Captain Markham - Lieutenants Robertson Philpot, and Shawe one Serjeant and Seven Rank and File - Since dead one Rank and File -
	Do	78th Do	Killed Captain Tibbald - Lieut Bayne one Serjeant two Drummers and twenty Rank and File - Wounded Surgeons Mate Paley one Serjeant and Sixty three Rank and File - Missing five Rank and File —
2d Brigade	Do	72d Do	Killed Captain Mackenzie one Serjeant and fourteen Rank & File Wounded Major Fraser the Honble Captain Maitland Lieut Macpherson and Ward one Serjeant two Drummers and forty Rank & File Missing one Rank & File -
	Do	74th Do	Killed two Rank and File Wounded Lieut Targuhar, Ensign Hamilton one Serjeant and Seventeen Rank & File - Missing six Rank and File -
3d Brigade -	3d Bengal Battn		Wounded eight Rank and File
	3d	Do - - -	Do Killed two Rank & File Wounded four Rank & File
	26th	Do - - -	Do Wounded one Rank & File,
	2d	Do Volunteers.	Wounded two Rank & File -

Killed

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1st Brigade	7th Bengal Battn.			Killed three Rank and File - Wounded three Havildars and eight Rank and File - Missing one Drummer -
	11th	Dy.	Dy.	Killed Captain Archdeacon one Serjeant one Subidar and five Rank and File - Wounded four Havildars and twenty eight Rank and File - Missing two Rank and File -
	23d	Dy.	Dy.	Killed one Subidar and four Rank and File - Wounded one Semidar three Havildars one Drummer and twenty two Rank and File -
	1st Battn.	Dy.		Wounded Captain Archibald Brown Lieut Young (since dead) two - Puckalleys and Seven Rank and File -
5th Brigade	6th	Dy.	Dy.	Wounded one Rank and File - Missing one Rank and File -
	23d	Dy.	Dy.	Killed three Rank and File - Wounded one Semidar and five Rank and File - Missing four Rank and File -
	2d Battn.			Wounded Lieutenant and Adjt. Master one Subidar one Semidar and twenty Rank and File - Missing five Rank and File -
6th Brigade	25th	Dy.	Dy.	Killed one Rank and File Wounded one Subidar two Havildars and eighteen Rank and File -
	22d	Dy.		Wounded four Rank and File -

Killed.

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Bengal Engineers Killed Lieutenant Stuart,
Coast Do. — Wounded Lieutenant Hemmings —

Pioneers — Lieut.t Donnés Detp.t Killed two Privates Wounded one Serjeant and three Privates. —
Lieut.t Lennons Do. — Killed five Privates Wounded three Privates. —
Ensigns Stokes's Do. Killed one Serjeant and five Privates. Wounded one Private. Missing two Privates. —

General Abstract.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total.
Europeans	68.	213.	21	302.
Natives	40	168	23.	231
General Total.	108.	381.	44.	533.

Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Adjutant General of the Army Wounded not included in the above. —

/Signed/ B.d Close
Deputy Adjutant General

Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores taken from the Enemy on the Night of the 6.th Instant — Camp at Seringapatam 9.th February 1792. —

Left. — Redoubt of the Enemy's Lines,
1 6. pr.s Serv.d Brass European
1 4 pr.s Do. — Do. Tippoos
1 3½. pdr Do. — — Do. Do. } on Field Carriages
1. 2½. par. Do. — Do. Do. } in different. —
1 9. pdr. Do. Iron English
1. 4. par. unserv.d Do. French
1 6. pdr Serv.d Do. English } Do. Do. Do.

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4 Limbers small unserv.ble
2 Tumbrels ——— D.o
369 Round Shot Iron of different sizes.
46 Grape D.o quilted D.o D.o
774 Cartridges Linnen filled of Sorts
Guns 10 229 Post fires

2.d Redoubt on the Left.

2 9 pd.rs Serv.ble Iron English without Carriages
2 9 pd.rs Unserv.ble D.o Country D.o D.o D.o
Guns 5

3.d Redoubt on the Left.

2 9 pd.rs Serv.ble Iron Europe without Carriages
90 Shot of Sorts
Guns 2

4.th Redoubt on the Left.

2 18 pd.rs Serv.ble Iron English } on unserv.ble Carriages.
4 4 pd.rs D.o D.o Country }
72 Iron Shot 18 pd.rs
139 D.o D.o 4 P.
Guns 6 120 Cartridges 18 & 4 p.rs filled -

5.th Redoubt on the Left.

2 6 pd.rs Iron 1 Long } Serv.ble English no Carriages
1 Short }
6 D.o Shot Large.
Guns 2

6.th Redoubt on the Right of the Enemy's Lines.

5 2 pd.r Serv.ble Brass Tippoo's Field Carriages bad.
1 24 pd.r D.o Iron English with D.o Serv.ble
2 9 pd.rs D.o Brass Dutch
2 6 pd.rs D.o Iron English } with Carriages indifferent
1 18 pd.r D.o D.o D.o with Carriage Serv.ble
2 4 pd.rs D.o Brass French with Field Carriages indiff.t
Standing in front of the Redoubt.
100 Shot of sizes

200

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200 Cartridges Linnen filled and about 300 Round.
in the Rear of Redoubt,—

Guns 13 1st Battery on the Island,
1 8 pdr Serv.ble Iron English
1 6 pdr Do Do Do } with indifferent Field Carriages—
60 Round Shot of sizes

Guns 2. 2d Battery on the Island,
1 9 pdr Serv.ble Iron English
1 6 pdr Do Do Do } With Carriages indiff.t—

Guns 2 70 6 pdr Round Shot

3d Battery on the Island.
1 6 pdr Serv.ble Iron Long Europe
1 6 pdr unserv.ble Do Short Do } With Carriages—
130 6 pdr Round Shot

Guns 2 4 Battery on the Island
1 6 pdr Serv.ble Brass French
1 6 pdr Do Iron English } Long without Carriages—
1 6 pdr unserv.ble Do Do With Carriage
200 Round Shot of sizes and Cartridges filled of sizes.

Guns 3 5 Battery on the Island.
1 8 pdr Serv.ble Iron
1 8 pdr Do Do } Foreign with indifferent Carriages
100 Round Shot 6 & 8 pdr
1 16 pdr Serv.ble Iron Foreign with Carriage Serv.ble
50 Round Shot from 12 to 16 pdr
1 9 pdr Serv.ble Long Foreign with Carriage indifferent—
1 6 pdr Do Short English Do— Do— Do
100 Round Shot 6 & 9 pdr and Some Cartridges
a great many Cartridges filled Linnen in a Pagoda—
1 9 pdr Serv.ble Iron.
1 9 pdr unserv.ble Do } Foreign with French
1 9 pdr Do Do } Carriages unserviceable—

2nd.

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200 Round Shot of Sizes —
A Tumbril full of Musquet Ball ammr —
Serv.ble overset on the Island. —
16 pdr. Serv.ble French Brass. with Carriage indifferent.
29 pdr. Do. Iron with Do. Do.
12 pdr. Iron French. with new Carriage indifferent
18 pdr. Do. Do. English with new Field Carriage Serv.ble
in Loll Baug. —
Guns 13 —

Pattah River
16 pdr. Serv.ble French with Field Carriage and
Limber. without Box or Poll. —

Total 61 Guns.

[Signed] Jos. Burnett
Capt.n Bengal artillery
[Signed] Patrick Duff
Capt. Comg. the artillery

Minute thereon —

Ordered that Copies of the above be
transmitted to England and to Bengal. —

Read the following Letter from the
Garrison Storekeeper. —

To W.m Jackson Esqr.
Military Secretary —

Sir,

From the Garrison Storekeeper
Report on the several Sums
due to the Company on the
Books of his Employ.

In reply to your Letter of the 11th
Instant I have to acquaint you that Messrs. Corbett and Boyd
have

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Have liquidated part of their Balance due to my Employ by the delivery of Rice amounting to Pagodas 2,60 6. 27. 72. — and have promised to discharge the remaining sum due being Pagodas 1976. 11. 64. — With respect to the Balance of Pagodas 329. 19 — due from the Shepherds on account of Cash advanced to them for the purpose of purchasing Cattle for the Honble Company in the Year 1776 I am of opinion that it may be recovered, as these People have property and by coercive measures might be brought to discharge their debt — You will be pleased to acquaint the Honble the Governor in Council that from the best information I can obtain respecting the balance due from Caullatayapah Moodeliar on account of Rice purchased by him at Outcry in October 1776 Amounting to Pagodas 208. 15. 25. 7 is I fear irrecoverable as the Man has been dead above a Twelve month, and is reported to me to have died involvent. —

I am,

Y.ca G.ca

/Signed/ J. Grunhill.

Garrison Storekeeper —

Madras
5th February 1792

Agreed to direct the Garrison Storekeeper to cause the Shepherds who are indebted to the Company to be brought before the Board. —

Minute thereon —

Agreed that the Debt due by the late Caullatayapah Moodeliar be written off to Profit and Loss —

Do.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council.

Sir

From the Military Board
Establishment of Artificers &c proposed for the Laboratory Department — Additional Regulations recommended —

Having found occasion to advert to the Laboratory Department, We have perused with particular attention the printed Regulations on that Head; and find that, altho' they contain Orders for Regularly comparing and Examining the Monthly Books of Receipts and Issues &c, yet they do not sufficiently provide for the Confirmation of Indents on the Military Storekeeper and other Departments connected with that Office previous to their being complied with; nor do they specify the Number of Artificers and Working parties Necessary for Fulfilling the Duties of the Laboratory. We have therefore prepared such an Establishment as appears to us adequate to the performance of the Duties of that Department; these We beg leave to Submit for your approval, and also some regulations which we recommend should be adopted, in Addition to those already published, as requisite to be carried into Execution at the same time. —

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

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17th February 1792

(Signed) Edwd. Ellers
Geo: Maule
George Hall.

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The following Establishment of Europeans and Natives, having been deemed adequate to the performance of the Duties in the Laboratory of Fort St. George, is not to be exceeded without the Sanction of Government obtained, at the Instance of the Military Board. —

	Pdays.	per Month.
	Pr	₹ C.
Europeans.		
1 Laboratory Serjeant	"	6 ₹
1 " Corporal	"	6 ₹
Serjeants Occasionally employed	"	6.
Corporals — Do		
Gunners and Matrosses Do	"	4 "
Natives.		
1 Writer	"	" 8
1 Do	"	6 "
Artificers.		
1 Mastry	"	" 4
2 Carpenters ea	"	4 40
2 Turners Do	"	4 40
2 Rope Drawers ea	"	3 "
2 Sawyers ea	"	3 40
1 Smith ea	"	4 "
1 Hammer man ea	"	3 "
1 Bellows Boy ea	"	1 20
1 Tinman ea	"	4 "
2 Painters ea	"	3 40
1 Weaver ea	"	3 40
1 Chuckledar ea	"	3 40
1 Washerman ₹	"	" " 2 "

3 Tindals in time of War.
75 Lascars Do
2 Tindals in time of Peace.
45 Lascars Do

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When Europeans are required to assist in the preparation of Stores in the Laboratory, the Sub Director in the Absence of his Principal, is to apply to the Officer Commanding the Artillery in Garrison for the Numbers which may be necessary on such Occasions: a regular Pay Roll to be drawn out Monthly, or for the Number of days such Europeans may be employed, which, having previously received the Certificate of the Officer Commanding the artillery in Garrison, must be laid before the Military Board for approval

Indents upon the Military Storekeeper or such other departments of the Service as are connected therewith, for articles of every denomination for the use of the Laboratory, to be countersigned by the Commissary General of Stores, in the first Instance, and afterwards Submitted to the Military Board for Conformation. —

As the Cloth or Serge Cartridge Bags made up in the Laboratory are received into the Public Stores by the Commissary General of Stores, the Bills for these articles, specifying the Numbers made up in the Course of a month, must be certified by him, and passed by the Military Board, before the Payment thereof can be authorized. —

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The following are the Rates at which the different descriptions of Cartridge Bags will be allowed to be charged. –

Rates to be paid for making Cartridge Bags

		Cloth.		Serge.	
		Fanams	C.	Fs	C.
For Cannon.					
Cloth Cartridge Bags	42. Pdr. Ball.			7	"
	32. Do. Do.			7	"
	24. Do. Do.			6.	"
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/Signed/ Danl Snce.

Lieut. A. Mr.

To.

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet —

acting President in Council,

Sir,

From the Military Board — enclosing a Draft of the Contract to be entered into with Messrs. Topping and Parry — Remarks on the Article inserted by the Solicitor regarding advances of Cash — Recommendation respecting Mr. Conolly's Bills for Bazar Medicines furnished for the use of the Lascars of the 4th Battalion of Artillery — proposing that some Invalid Bengal Lascars be sent to Calcutta by the first opportunity. —

In Obedience to your Commands of the 4th Instant, we have the honor herewith to Submit a Draft of the Contract to be executed with Messrs. Topping and Parry; and at the same time, beg leave to inform you, that the mode — We before adopted of laying before you the Solicitors Draft, With our Remarks, was Solely dictated by a Principle of Oeconomy, and the desire of obviating the Expense which would have accrued to the Company by that Officer being Invice Employed. —

With respect to the advances which the Solicitor has judged necessary to be provided for in this Contract, We have to observe, that none were Stipulated in the — Original Advertisement from Government; and as you have Not since been pleased to Signify any Intentions on that Subject, and no Circumstances being provided for or Specified in the Contract under which advances are to be made, We beg leave to refer this matter to your decision. —

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Conolly has preferred to us, in our Capacity of a Committee of Stores, his Bills amounting to Pagodas 21 22 .. for Bazar Medicines Medical attendants, Mats, and other Necessaries furnished for the Lascars

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use of some Lascars of the 1st Battalion of artillery Left sick at this Presidency. this is a Contingency not provided for by any existing Regulation on the Coast: but as these men are considered upon the footing of fighting Men, We beg leave to Recommend that the Charge be, on this instance, admitted, and to Request your Orders for our Guidance on any future Similar Occasion. We think it further Necessary to observe, that these Lascars have been Reported Sick so long ago as march 1790 when the Battalion above mentioned Marched from the Mount to join the Army; and, as Major Hall has informed us, that they appear to be totally useless to the Service, being unfit for Effective or any other duty, We beg leave to recommend that they be discharged, that such of them as were enlisted in Bengal in the year 1787 and came round to this Coast under Charge of Captain Carlisle be sent to Calcutta by the Earliest opportunity; and that an Equal Number of Recruits be entertained at this place in their Stead, who may be attached to the Two Guns now posted at the race stand in place of the Garrison Lascars, whose Services cannot be depended upon should occasion Require them. —

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
14th February 1792

Gr.a G.e
Gr.l G.l

[Signed] Edn.d Collins
Geo. Maule.
George O Hall.

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Fort St. George 17th February 1792 —

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Military Board —

The Board Approve the proposed Establishment of Europeans and Natives for the Laboratory Department and the additional Regulations — Resolved that they be published in General Orders —

It was not the Intention of the Board to make provision for any advances of Cash in the Contract to be entered into with Messrs. Topping and Parry — these Gentlemen will be regularly paid, upon the Delivery of the Work; and it is resolved therefore to expunge the article, regarding advances, from the Draft of the Contract. —

The Board have no objection to the amount of the Penal Sum in which the Contracting Parties are to be mutually bound. —

Agreed that Mr. Conolly's Charge be admitted — But, as the Military Board state that this is a Contingency not provided for by any existing Regulation on the Coast, it will be proper to establish one, by which Similar Charges may pass in future without Reference to Government; and it is therefore resolved to direct the Military Board to draw out such Regulations as may appear necessary for the occasion. —

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

Fort St. George 7 February 1792 –

Diary.

17th Received the following Letters –

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart –

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

Fort St. George –

Hon.ble Sir,

From Major Cuppage – communicating Intelligence received from two Sepoys who formerly composed a part of the Garrison of Coimbatore and have made their Escape from Seringapatam –

I had the Honor to inform You on the 11th ultimo, from Sattymungalum, that I purposed moving to this ground for the more effectually to cover the Puzzellatty Pass. –

We have been perfectly quiet in this Quarter, and can with certainty say that all communication South of the Cavary is cut off with the Mysore Country. –

A Jemidar a Havildar and a Sepoy of the 16th Battalion that were taken in Coimbatore came into me yesterday, they left Seringapatam eleven Days Ago, and affirm that Lieutenants Chalmers and Mackare Not in Irons: They saw them several times when they were carried into the Fort to receive their provisions, but not Allowed to speak to them. – They brought their Irons with them, –

I have the Honor to be with great Respect.
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Comd.

Camp near
Darien Ottah
7th February 1792.

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting Governor in Council

Fort St. George,

Honble Sir,

From the Acting Resident at Hyderabad - enclosing Copies of his correspondence with Mr. Secretary Mayo regarding the Liquidation of the Arrears of Peishcush due to the Nizam —

I have the Honor to enclose, for your information, Copy of a Letter which I have received from Mr. Secretary Mayo under date the 28th of December, also of my reply and enclosure, of this date, and humbly beg leave in order to avoid delay, to submit to you the transmission of any Papers you may deem necessary concerning the particulars of the Arrears already paid and the Amount due to the Nizam of the Peishcush for the Fusly Year 1200 to Sir Jno. Kennaway, in the Grand Army, where I am happy to acquaint you he arrived on the 25th ultimo. —

I have the Honor to be with the highest Regd

Hyra Cpa

(Signed) W.m Stewart

Paungul

3d. February 1792.

Lieutenant William Stewart

Assistant to the Resident

at the Court of Hyderabad

Nizam Ally Khan —

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council

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Council to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of a Letter which has been written to the Government of Madras and a Copy of a Statement, prepared by the Accountant General, of the Amount due to His Highness the Nabob Nizam ally Khan on account of the Peishcush for the Northern Circars to the close of the Fuzoolly year 1200. — ending in September 1791. —

You are desired to request, from the proper officers of the Nizam's Government, a Statement of the Arrears as claimed by them, and to report whether any, and if any, what, differences appear between such Statement and that now forwarded — you are also desired to furnish the Board with your remarks on such differences, should any be observed on a Comparison of the two Accounts. —

I am

Sir

Your most

Fort William

Dr. 8th Decr. 1791.

A true Copy

/Signed/ E. Hay

Secy. to the Govt.

/Signed/ Wm. Stewart,

To Captain John Kennaway

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the 5th Instant, and to acquaint you that the following sums have been paid at Madras to His Highness the Nizam's

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Nizams Agent Meer Mahomed Mohuddy Cawn.—

2d January 1790 ---------- Rs. 200000—

31st March ---------- 200000—

16th April ---------- 90000—

19th July ---------- 76665. 11

23d Do. ---------- 50000.

29th Do. ---------- 50000—.

And the Sum of Nine Lacks and Fifty Thousand Rupees /950000/ has been paid to his Highness's Agents at Masulipatam, amounting altogether to the Sum of Rupees 16,16665. 11. so that no balance remains to be discharged for the Arrears, and an Account of the Phasly year 1192 as Settled by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council

The Board are not in Possession of the particular dates of all the Payments made at Masulipatam to the Agents of his Highness; but the Chief and Council will be directed to communicate to you the Necessary information on the subject without delay.—

Sam.

Fort St. George
31st July 1791—

G.ca G.ca

/Signed/ Chas. N. White
Secy.

True Copy

Signed Wm. Stewart

Edward

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To

Edward Hay Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor General in Council,

Fort William.

Sir,

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 28th December, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Honble Board, that I lost no time in giving notice to the Nizam's officers of the Transmission of orders for the Payment of his Highness's Peshcush at Madras - and in requesting to know their account of Arrears due for the Fuſsily year 1200. In reply, the Durbar Vacheel produced a Statement, similar in Amount to that received here from Mr. Secretary White under date 31st of July 1790 - copy of which Gentleman's is inclosed - saying that it liquidated all Demands of his Highness on the Company up to the end of the Fuſsily year 1799 - exclusive of which 40,500 Rupees only he Acknowledged had been received in part Payment of the 6th Kist of the Peshcush for the Fuſsily year 1200 and that the Ballance now due for that year Amounts to 659,500 Rupees - The Account of Payments of Peshcush not having been kept here, I am unable to Adjust the great difference between his statement and the one received from you: but on observing that his Receipts were only dated up to the 9th of

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July 1790, I demanded to know what Sums had since been paid to the Nizam's Agents; and the particulars of the different instalments—particularly of those made in Pagᵒ of which coin his account made no mention.—In reply, he acknowledged the Receipt of 10,000 Rupees in December 1790 by Syed Mahomed, reducing the balance due to the Nizam for the above year to 6,49,500 Rupees, and informed me that, as Azeem ul omrah was the only person on the part of his Highness who knew the particulars, & I required, it would be more convenient to adjust them this Sir John Kennaway with the Governor General—the more especially as the Minister would want the money for the use of his army acting with ours.—He also added that if his Highness had granted orders on Madras for money to be employed there and no loss was sustained by his Sircar in their being paid in Pagodas at the Company's Rate, their would be no objection to them but that his Highness would be no loss on every Pag received at such rate into his Treasury, and had a right to expect Rupees, agreeably to Treaty.—

Wishing to give every information in my power to the Honble Board, and to elucidate the business as far as possible, from the materials now before me to Sir Jnᵒ Kennaway for his more ready adjustment of it, I shall Transmit to him Copies of all the Papers in my possession concerning it, as also of this Letter; and humbly beg leave, with due deference

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to the Accountant General's statement, to observe that the 2500 Madras Pags mentioned in it to have been sent back by His Highness and which are turned into a Lack of Rupees, those Rupees should not afterwards be stated in Pags at the Rate of 365 Arcot Rupees for 100 Pags — as His Highness, from the Arguments used by the Dubar Vakeel, may say that he is even charged with a considerable discount on this money which he never Accepted; Also that the dates and Amounts of the instalments paid at Madras and Masulipatam inserted in the Account Transmitted by you and Mr Secretary White and the Statement produced by the Dubar Vakeel differing — widely and on no common calculations that I am acquainted with for turning Pagodas into Rupees, on which, much of the difference in the balance and discussion on the business Apparently rests, can be brought to agree. I am of opinion that some Payments must have been made, of which I am — ignorant, after the date of Mr Secretary White's Letter-exclusive of the 10,000 Rupees in December 1791 — having reason to believe that Sir Jno Kennaway will have occasion for further information on the Subject previous to Adjustment, I shall transmit copy of this Letter to the Government of Fort Saint George; and, in order to prevent delay, shall solicit their Transmission of any Papers they may deem necessary on it direct to him. —

I have the honor to be, with respect. —
Yr. & Yrs.
(Signed) Wm Stewart. —

Dispatched

Paangal
3d of February 1792.

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18th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

As entered in Mil. B. Nos. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. —

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 6th Instant — Also Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General with a complete Return of the Killed wounded and missing in the Attack of the Enemy's Army, and a Return of Ordnance and ordnance Stores taken on that Occasion —

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To Major Maule informing him that Captain Ogg has been directed in General Orders to do Duty for the present at Trichinopoly, and that upon his Arrival at that Place he will receive the necessary Instructions from Colonel Bridges for the Repair of the Bank of the Cauvery —

To Major Maule of the Engineers —

To the Board of Customs Revenue enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly respecting the Rattacalling-kam Granary — informing them that Captain Ogg has been directed to proceed to Trichinopoly to undertake the Repairs required to the Bank of the Cauvery — and desiring them to instruct the Collector in the Southern Division of the Arcot Province to use his Influence with the Poligars to furnish Peons for the Protection of the Frontier Villages —

To the Board of Customs Revenue —

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To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly — desiring him on Captain Ogg's Arrival, to furnish him with the necessary Instructions for the speedy Execution of the Repairs required to the Bank of the Cavery near Nellore.—

To the Resident at Travancore — desiring That his future Remittances to the Presidency be made in Arcot Rupees, in order to avoid any difficulty in the Payment of the Bills—

To the Executor to the Estate of the late Major P. Davidson — informing him that the Board cannot in any respect give their Sanction to a process at Law which might affect the Person or Property of the Nabob or any part of his Family.—

To the Garrison Storekeeper — desiring him to cause the Shepherds who are indebted to the Company to be brought before the Board at the first meeting of Council — and write of the Amount of Cauliay Tyapah Moodeliers Debt to profit and Loss.—

To Major Cuppage — desiring him to comply with Mr. Corbett's Application for Troops, to protect the Crops and give confidence to the Inhabitants, as far as lays in his power.—

To the Military Board informing them of the orders given to the Paymaster at Vellore relative to the Execution of the Repair of the Breach in the Hill Fort

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Lazerons - and the Repairs of the European Barracks and Hospital. —

To Dr. informing them that the Establish-
-ment for the Laboratory and the additional Regulations for
that Department have been Approved and published in
General orders - desiring that the Article in the Draft of the
Contract to be entered into with Messrs Topping and Parry
respecting Advances be expunged, and that the Contract
be prepared for Execution as soon as possible — directing
them to draw out and submit to Government such Regula-
-tions as may appear to them necessary in regard to the
Provision that should be made of Bugar Medicenes &c.
for the Artillery Lascars. —

To Dr.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob -

Sent Letter to the Nabob / as entered
in C.C. N.o 20 / stating the Cause of the Delay in the
transmission of the Accounts Collection from his Country —
Requesting he will mention the particular Accounts with
which he wishes to be furnished by the Accountant General —
and communicating the Applications that have lately
been made to Government for their Sanction in pursuing
a legal Mode to obtain Payment of money due from
his Highness and Mir Jan Omdut ul omrah and the
purport of the Boards Reply. —

Sent the following Letters. —

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

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

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis informing him that Copy of his late Correspondence with the Board will be transmitted to the Court of Directors per Vestal. —

We have been honored by the Receipt of your Lordship's Letter dated the 11th Instant. —

We are preparing a short Address to the Honble Court of Directors, to go by the Vestal, which we shall accompany with Copies of your Lordship's late Letters to us; and, as far as depends upon this Government, the Frigate will not be detained here longer than the time prescribed by your Lordship. —

It may be necessary to remark that the Letters from and to Tippoo of which your Lordship makes mention in your Letter of the 11th have not been received. —

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

Fort St. George
18th February 1792.

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

/Signed/ Chas Oakeley
&c.a Council.

The Honble Major General Medows.

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a —

To Major General Medows Congratulating him on the Defeat of the Enemy's Army on the Night of the 6th Instant. —

Honble Sir,

Our acting President has laid before us a Letter from Earl Cornwallis of the 6th Instant, communicating the Particulars

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Particulars of the attack and total Defeat of Tippoo's army on the night of the 6th—

The complicated difficulties of this Enterprise, and the glorious success which has attended its Execution are deeply impressed on our minds; and We beg leave to offer to you our most cordial congratulations on a victory which reflects the most distinguished Honor on the British Arms—

We have the Honor to be with Esteem,

Dear Sir

Your most obedient Servants

/Signed/ Chas Oakeley

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19th

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mr. B. Nos. 125. 126. 127.

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz—

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz requesting to know if Mr. Ram is to continue to pay Bava his monthly Allowance of 60 Chuckrums—

From the Paymaster at Vellore—

From the Paymaster at Vellore enclosing a Return of Native Pensioners who have deceased in the Months of September, October, November, and December: Also the Certificates of Pay holden by them. —

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Bengal Establishment—

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Bengal Establishment requesting that Captain Williamson's Agent at the Presidency may be Supplied from the Company's Warehouse with the Quantity of Cloth that may be required for

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19th

For making up new Cloathing for the 6th Battalion of Bengal Volunteers. —

20th

Dispatched the under mentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Bs. Nos. 128. 129. 130. —

To the Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks

To the Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks - desiring him to furnish Lieutenant Lindsay and Cornet Kippen with Instructions similar to those which have been given to the Subordinate Agents in Camp. —

To the Secretary at Bengal - enclosing Copies of the Correspondence between Lord Cornwallis and Tippoo Sultaun referred to in his Lordships Letter of the 11th Instant.

To the Secretary at Bengal —

Also Copy of a correct abstract Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores captured from the Enemy on the Night of the 6th Instant. —

To the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Vestal informing him that the Dispatches of Government togo by the Vestal will be closed on the 22d Instant. —

To the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Vestal —

Received the following Letters. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary Military Department

Fort St. George.

From the Commandant at Chundernagore - advising of his having Apprehended a Man named Ragona in consequence of his Repactory Conduct —

Sir,

Having yesterday learned that one Ragona the man who under Authority of Timma Nair, last year -

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Last year committed such cruel Depredations at and about the District of Caamoor in the Northern part of the Calastry Rajahs Country, while Tim Nair raised disturbances here and attached the Rajah, was in this Neighbourhood, I last night sent and Apprehended him, I have taken the Liberty of this step, without immediate Authority further than what Judge is my absolute duty, to guard against future disturbance by the example, which effect, on my neighbours, I flatter myself it will have, and particularly may deter Timma Nairs vicious adherents / as on his disposition I am sorry to remark the indulgence he last year met with does not seem to have the effect I hoped, especially with regard to his conduct to his Father / my doing so therefore I hope will not be disapproved by the Honble Board — This man, after I had, with the Authority of Government, conciliated matters at Calastry I wrote to, and likewise got Timma Nair to write him, to withdraw his people and discontinue any further disturbance in the country, under pain of punishment — His answer to me immediately was, that he would only obey Timma Nairs that his Vakiel was with the Company / meaning Government / and these matters would be arranged, but he continued, notwithstanding, committing every species of Violence for some time after Tim Nair went to his Jaghire, and then, was only beat out by a Force sent by the Rajah, when, at going off, he plundered and drove up the Ghauts a considerable number of Cattle with

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With several of the Inhabitants to force their property, From them — He now says, in his defence, that Timma Nair, by Letter, — positively commanded him to keep that Station and give me the Above Answer — which indeed, from after circumstances, I cannot but yield some credit to. —

I find Timma Nair by no means inclined to yield the redress that seems due to the poor Bramin Petitioner — but I continue still to press him on the Subject — The Rajah Writes me of his willingness to render justice Agreeably to the pleasure of the Honble the President; but repeatedly complains to me that his Son affects total independence of him in his Jaghire, in direct opposition to the terms on which he granted him so large a portion of his Country. —

I have the Honor to be,

Gen.a &c.a

Chundragherry
16th February 1792.

/Signed/ C. Macleay Capt.n

P.S.

If it were not too troublesome to the Honble the President, at this period, I would transmit you, for his further information, the Rajah's last Letter to me /at least/ expressive of his — Complaints of his Son. —

I am

Gen.a &c.a

/Signed/ C. Macleay Capt.n

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To the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart.—

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

Fort St. George,

Honble Sir,

From Major Cuppage—
part of the Garrison of Coimbatore arrive in Camp with a Pass from Tippoo

I have the Honor to inform you that Thirty Five Topasses and Six Sepoys of the 16th Battalion, part of the Garrison of Coimbatore, came into me last night—They were taken out of Irone 13 days ago. The enclosed is a pass port signed by Tippoo permitting 100 Men to pass through his Country they were obliged to come down the Coorporam pass—

The Topass Corps now consists of upwards of 90 men and as I always had a detachment from Coimbatore doing duty at Palgautcherry as Gunners, under Lieutenant T. W. Madder of the Artillery, I have given him the charge of them as they have returned from time to time, and shall continue to do so till I have your Orders.—

I have had no Accounts down the pass later than what these people bring.—

I have the Honor to be with great respect

&c. &c. &c.

[Signed] S. Cuppage,
Majr Comdt

To.

Camp near
Darapooram
11th February 1792.

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

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam enclosing Copies of their Correspondence with Major Burr and Colonel Braithwaite respecting the Stations wherein would be most Advisable to Canton the two Companies of the 2d. European Battalion and the troops at present in Garrison at Ellore—

Honble Sirs and Sirs

We have the Honor of Acknowledging the Receipt of your Letters of the 22nd. and 27th. ultimo.—

The difficulty, or perhaps impossibility of Subsisting Troops at Ellore, where the Calamity of famine is encreasing, as well as in all other parts of the District, every day, induced us to write to Major Burr for information whether the two Companies of European Infantry might not be Cantoned, for the present, at Guntoor, where the Expence to the Company would of course be the Same as if they were to be Cantoned at Ellore—and we have herewith the Honor of enclosing a Copy of the Major's Answer, by which you will observe the difficulty he mentions in their being accommodated with proper Quarters—We likewise informed Colonel Braithwaite of what had been written to Major Burr, and herewith enclose Copy of a Letter just received from the former, wherein you will observe he proposes with drawing the Europeans now Stationed at Ellore to some part on the Sea Coast, unless certain means can be provided for their Subsistance We cannot therefore immediately require the two Companies of Europeans to proceed from Guntoor to Ellore, where their arrival

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would of course encrease the present distress of the Place - but shall make further enquiry; and give directions for their being Cantoned wherever it can be done, under all circumstances, with most Advantage to the Men themselves —

We herewith enclose a Return of Military Stores for last Month - and have the Honor to be Very Respectfully,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your & Mo

Anth: Sadleir

Masulipatam 16th February 1792 } [Signed] Bobbyn

Andr Scott

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr

Chief & Council

Masulipatam,

Gentlemen,

I have had the Honor of your Letter of the 7th Instant, desiring my opinion whether the two European Companies might not, for the present be, continued at Guntoor in case it should be found difficult to subsist them at Ellore by reason of the very great scarcity that prevails there - and in reply to which, it is my opinion, from what I have learned, that there can be but little difference to the men in regard to the price of provisions whether they are continued here.

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here or sent to Ellore - but, in regard to quarters, neither Officers or men can be so well accommodated as at Ellore - for those here are mere sheds, and in no respect fit or large enough to receive them; nor is there a proper Hospital for the Sick - besides I should imagine that the charge of two separate Hospitals one here and another at Ellore, will be considerably greater than were all the Sick at the latter place. —

I have the Honor to be,

Gen.l & C.a

(Signed) Dan.l Burr,

Guntoor
9th February 1792.

A true Copy.

(Signed) R. Malcolm. —
Ags.t Secy.

To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Chief & Council

Masulipatam.

Sir & Gentlemen,

It is with extream concern that I communicate to you that I have received a formal report from Captain Mant that there is neither rice, Cholam, or Grain of any kind, in the Bezarat Ellore; that this total want has been gradually approaching, but that it was hoped things might take a better turn - Mr. Tuder's — Comastah has now informed him that although there is grain

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in the neighbouring Zemindaries, the Merchants who went with the hopes of purchasing, have returned with their Money - so exorbitant a price having been demanded that they could not think of buying at that rate - and he adds that he has great reason to believe that the mere fighting men can only be subsisted for a very short time longer, and that there is no present resource for the families, Servants, and followers of the Cantonment. —

Under such circumstances it will remain with you Sir and Gentlemen to determine what is to be done: the necessity seems very pressing - I have communicated directly to Mr. Tudor this report of Captain Rundle, but am very apprehensive there is very little prospect of supply, but by Importation - and to get Imported supplies to Ellore must be attended with great delay and expence - I believe this River presents the shortest and consequently the cheapest route by the way of Ahtore. —

I shall however submit it to your consideration whether, under present circumstances, it might not be better to withdraw the Europeans now at Ellore to Masulipatam or some other place on the Sea Coast - where they might more certainly and cheaply be supplied as the supplying them now occasions so heavy a charge to the Company, - you will recollect that they chiefly consist of Officers and men

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Captured at Darraporam, who, by their Parole, cannot carry arms or do any kind of Military duty — By withdrawing the Europeans it may become more practicable to Subsist the Native Troops there, who are ready for any Service — and I fear, if some very efficacious step is not soon taken, the whole must be withdrawn from Ellore. —

I have the Honor to be

Yr. &c.

Samuel Davee

14th February 1792.

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

P.S.

After having closed the foregoing Letter, but before the Tappal went off, I received from Mr. Tudor a Letter in reply — of which I have the Honor to enclose you a Copy. —

/Signed/ J.B.

A true Copy

/Signed/ R. Malcolm.

Agt Secy.

25th Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis. —

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We were this morning honored by the Receipt of a Duplicate Letter from your Lordship dated the 11th Instant, accompanied by copy of a Letter from Tippoo and of your Lordship's Reply, which shall be transmitted to the Honble Court.

To Lord Cornwallis — Acknowledging Receipt of the Copies of his Correspondence with Tippoo which accompanied his duplicate Letter of the 11th Instant —

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26th Part of Directors by the Vestal, —

We have the Honor to be with great

Respect and Esteem, —

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26th February 1792.

Gen.a Gen.a

Signed / Chas Oakeley

Vice Consul

Received the undermentioned Letters

As entered in Mil. Sec.s 131 132. —

From Colonel De Wangenheim —

From Colonel De Wangen=heim —

Requesting to know if it be the Boards Intention that he should

embark / with the Officers and the Detachment of Troops

that are to accompany him / on the Kent. —

From Colonel Brathwaite to the Acting

From Colonel Brathwaite to the acting Deputy Adjutant General —

Deputy Adjutant General enclosing an Application from Colonel

Fraser for Leave to visit the Presidency. —

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie Esq.r

The Honble Major General Stevens.

Tuesday

28th February 1792.

Absent upon Service. —

John Middleton Esq.re Absent - on Sick Leave

Minutes

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Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

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

From Lord Cornwallis — stating his reasons for directing General Abercromby to advance with the Bombay Army to Seringapatam without his heavy artillery —

Sir,

The Hopes I had formed of being able to bring General Abercromby down on the South Bank of the Cavery with his heavy Artillery Stores &c. were founded solely on his being joined by Purseram Bhow, according to the Plan agreed upon by the Maratta Chiefs and myself; for I had never conceived that it would be prudent, or indeed practicable, for a Corps consisting of ten or twelve Battalions of Infantry only to march for several Days, with such inconvenient and combustible Incumbrances through an open Country where they would be constantly exposed to the Fire of Rockets amongst their Ammunition, and harrassed by a numerous and active Cavalry. —

When therefore the Bhow determined to proceed against Bednore, instead of assisting in the Operations against the Enemy's Capital, I directed General Abercromby (lest I should likewise be totally deprived of his Services) to

leave

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leave his heavy Artillery at the Head of the Pass, and to come forward to the Neighbourhood of Periapatam in an active State bringing with him no Guns of a larger Calibre than Six Pounders; so that he might be ready to advance to the South side of the River, or to cross it, According to the Probability of my being able to send a considerable Detachment of Cavalry to join him — without which, his Movement to the Southward of the River could have — Answered no Purpose as to the Investiture of the Place, and would have been attended with much Difficulty and distress to his Corps —

It would not have suited Mary Punt's Wealth or Inclination to have undertaken so active a Service, and at so great a Distance from my Army — from which he has been always unwilling to Seperate — himself — but the Nizam's Minister, Ageem ul Omrah, who has more Zeal for the Cause than Knowledge and Experience in Military Affairs, most readily agreed to join General Abercromby on the South side of the Cavery, and I flattered myself that with the Assistance of our own Small Body of Cavalry and of two or three Battalions of this Army, in addition to the Madras Detachment serving with the Nizam's Troops under Captain Read, he would have performed the Service that had been Allotted to Perseram Bow. —

Accordingly

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Accordingly, on the 5th Instant, I directed General Abercromby to march from his Encampment near Periapatam and to take Post on the South side of the River at the Tippoo Ford, to which Place I intended to request the Ministers to proceed, as soon as I could ascertain the time that General Abercromby would arrive there. —

I soon found however that the Plan of substituting the Nizam's Troops on this Service in the room of Perseram Bhow's, was merely visionary, the Corps of the latter Chief being the only one Amongst our Allies which is properly equipped, or in any Degree equal to the undertaking of independant operations; and that so total a want of Arrangement prevailed in every Department of the Nizam's Army that the Minister could neither put a Body of his Troops into an active State nor provide the Means for their Subsistence for a few days. —

These Circumstances alone must have obliged me to send the order which I had dispatched on the 7th Instant, — to General Abercromby, to pass the River and Join my Army: but if the Necessity had not been so evident, on account of the Cavalry, I should probably have been induced to do it from finding myself obliged to keep a very large Body of Troops upon the Seringapatam Island, and from the Consideration that I could pass a Corps at any time before the Town, —

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Town with the utmost safety, and that, if the complete Investiture of the Place could be formed without the Assistance of Perseram Bhow, it would be more satisfactory to me to communicate personally with General Abercromby than to conceal our Measures by a Cyphered Correspondence.

I yesterday received a Letter from the General dated the 9th informing me, that, in consequence of my order of the 5th, he should march the following day from his Camp near Periapatam: and he has since informed me, by a Letter dated the 10th, that he had that Day made a March of 17 Miles without seeing an Enemy - and that he should take Post at the Tope the Next day.

I have received Information from Mr. Malet that Perseram Bhow has been positively ordered by the Poona Government to join this army immediately; and Hurry Punt assures me that he is actually on his March for that purpose; however, after his late Conduct, I cannot venture to place any great Dependence upon him for Assistance.

Upon a more minute Examination of the Artillery captured from the Enemy in Possession of Seventy Six Pieces of Cannon.

I find that we are

I doubt whether this Letter will arrive

Time

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time Enough for the Rent, but you will be kind enough to forward a Copy of it to England by the first opportunity. —

I am, with much Esteem,

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ Cornwallis. —

Camp near Seringapatam
February 12th. 1792 —

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors, by the Vestal - and to Bengal, —

Minute thereon —

The acting President lays before the Board the following Copy of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Lord Cornwallis and of his Lordship's Answer, which accompanies a Duplicate of the Lordship's Letter of the 11th Instant —

The acting President lays before the Board Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Correspondence with Tippoo - which accompanies a Duplicate of his Lordship's Letter of the 11th Instant —

From Tippoo Sultaun,

Received 29th February 1792. —

Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Lord Cornwallis - respecting the Capitulation at Coimbatore - and offering to send Plenipotentiaries to treat for Peace —

I have received your Lordship's Letter, in which you write that if I will send Lieutenant Chalmers, who was taken Prisoner at Coimbatore, to your Lordship, you will then send for the confidential Emissaries of the Ahmedy. Sirkar to strengthen the Friendship - and will re-establish the old intimacy - and have understood the Contents - which I consider as leading towards the Encrease of Intercourse. as I am also inclined for a sincere Friendship and Approve of

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ancient Intercourse I therefore send Lieutenant Chalmers with his People and Property, and others belonging to him to your Lordship. From the Agreement, in Lieutenant Chalmers' Possession, your Lordship will learn all the particulars of Engagements In this Situation, solely with a view to please your Lordship, and to preserve Friendship, I send them to you. If, Agreeable to your Lordship's Letter, you will notify it to me, I will send confidential People to treat for Peace.—

P.S. with Lieutenant Chalmers I send Mahomed Ally, who is a confidential Man; he will inform your Lordship of several particulars of a friendly tendency. Having communicated whatever is intrusted to him, when he shall return here I will send him back, in a proper and Suitable manner, to your Lordship; your Lordship will consider me in every respect your own.—

Translation of a Paper, under the Seal of Cummer ul Dien, delivered by Lieutenant Chalmers on the 28th February 1792.— and referred to in the Above Letter.—

You, who cannot make War against the Ahmedy Sirkar, have asked for terms, It is very well I perceive the nature of any Assistance coming to you: Agreeable to the orders of the Presence, I write to you that if you can hold out and fight, do—otherwise give over the Arms &c. property

belonging

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belonging to the Company to my People, and come out of the Fort—
Neither you or your People must keep any Person money or Property
belonging to the Country of the Ahmedy Sirkar—I will represent
your affairs, and your good Qualities, to the Presence—and
state matters in such a manner that, in the Event of the
Approbation of the Presence, I will give you your dismission—
for example, the Garrison of Darapoor &c.a some time ago were
dismissed with their Property—for which permission came from
the Presence—This is known to every one—If you come out today
it is well. —

True Translations.—

/Signed/ G. T. Cherry
Pers.n Trans.r

To Tippoo Sultaun.

Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Tippoo Sultaun in Reply, to his Representation regarding the Capitulation at Coimbatoor—and appointing a Place where the Deputies of the Confederates wild meet his Plenipotentiaries. —

Written 11th. February 1792.

I have received your Letter by the Hands of Mahomed Ally, to whose verbal communication you refer for other particulars; and Lieutenant Chalmers and four other persons, who formed part of the late Garrison of Coimbatore, are arrived with me.—

I have perfectly understood the Contents of the Paper bearing the Seal of Cummur ul Deen which was brought by Lieutenant Chalmers, and which contains a reference, for your Approbation, of it's purport. But

I was

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I was sorry to learn from that officer, who does not understand the Persian Language, that a nother Paper written in Hindoostanee and English, signed by himself, and likewise under the Seal of Cummer=ul Deen, by which it was agreed that the Garrison of Coimbetore should be permitted to march unmolested with their private Property to Palgaut cherry, without waiting for any Reference to you) was taken from him, by force, a few days before he was released—and it gives me Concern to add, that I have heard, thro various Channels, that the remainder of that Garrison, which ought to have been let at Liberty when they surren=dered the Fort, are not only at this time in Confinement, but that many of them are actually in Irons—

Notwithstanding these Circumstances however, as the release of Lieutenant Chalmers &c.a is conside=red by myself and the other Members of the confederacy as an Indication on your part of a Disposition to make Atonement for the Breach of the Capitulation of Coimbetore, it has, on account of the present critical Situation of Affairs, been resolved by the allied Powers, not to insist upon a complete Execution of that Capitulation previous to any negociation; and we shall therefore be ready to receive a confidential person or persons deputed by you to communi=cate, to Deputies that will be appointed on our part, the Concessions and Compensations that you are willing to make

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to the confederates. —

I request that, who-ever you may choose to send, may come by the Derea dow cut Bauy, Road and when you name the day and hour at which they are to come, I shall order the Officer commanding in the Redoubt opposite to it, to send a party of Soldiers to receive them — and to conduct them in Security to the neighbourhood of the Red Oak Redoubt, where the Deputies from the Allies will Meet them to hear your Propositions, —

A true Copy

/Signed/ G. T. Cherry.
Pers. Intr.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters —

Ordered that Copies of the above be transmitted to England and to Bengal. —

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member at the Presidency and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George —

From Major General Medows — approving the Board's Resolution respecting the irregular Issue of Clothing to Men of the 1st Battalion Coast artillery —

Madras 25th 25th

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I had the honor of your's of the Fourth Yesterday upon the subject of an issue of Clothing to some men of the first Battalion of Coast Artillery not entitled to it —

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it—and am very glad you have resolved it shall be adjusted with the Cloathing contractor, in order to prevent the Commandant of the corps from any loss by the irregular issue which was inadvertantly made during his absence in the Carnatic,—

I have the honor to be

Sir Your Obt Servt

Signed W. Medows

Genl Comdg

Camp before Seringapatam
the 13th of February 1792.

Read Letter from Mr David Haliburton entered in Consultation the 24th Ultimo,—

The acting President recommends that the following Gentlemen be appointed a Committee to enquire into the cause or Causes which occasioned the Removal of Mr D. Haliburton from his Seat at the Revenue Board and from the Office of Persian Translator, during the Administration of Mr John Holland—

A Committee appointed to enquire into the Cause or Causes which occasioned the Removal of Mr David Haliburton from his Seat at the Board of Revenue, and from the Office of Persian Translator, during the Administration of Mr John Holland—

Majr Henry Quickly Nicholls
Daniel Ince and
Charles Baker

Approved and Ordered Accordingly

Read the following Letter from Majr Close, Deputy Adjutant General,—

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General enclosing an Amended Abstract of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores Captured from the Enemy, on the Night of the 6th Instant—

A proportion of the Ordnance captured from the Enemy on the 6th instant having been omitted in the Return which I had the Honor of inclosing you on the 11th Inst. by desire of His Lordship, transmit you, for the information of the Honble Board, an amended Abstract, which, being perfectly correct, His Lordship is desirous should be considered as the Official Return on the Occasion, and forwarded to England Accordingly—

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

(Signed) B.y Close, Dep.y Adj.t Genl.—

Head Quarters Camp before Seringapatam 13th February 1792—

Abstract of Ordnance and Ammunition taken from the Enemy the Night of the 6th Instant Camp Seringapatam 12th February 1792.—

Calibers.		Iron Guns	Brass Guns
24	Pounders	—	2. "
18	Pdrs	—	4. "
16	Pdrs	—	1. "
9	Pdrs	—	14. 2.
8	Pdrs	—	3. "
6	Pdrs	—	12. 18.
4	Pdrs	—	6. 4.
3½	Pdrs	—	" 1.
2½	Pdrs	—	" 1.
2	Pdrs	—	" 8.
		Total Guns —	42. 34.

Iron Shot, Rounds and Grape of different Calibers — 2500.

Cartridges Lennen filled — 5000.

(Signed) Patrick Duff. Col. Regt. Artl.

(Signed) Jas. Burnett. Capt. Bengal Artl.

Answered

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the above Abstract be sent to England and to Bengal.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George,

Hble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue submitting an Application made by some Merchants of Wallanjah Nagur for leave to establish Warehouses for Trade at Pondicherry recommending that Mr. Andrews be allowed to build three New Boats for the Service of the Cavary and Pennar Rivers - and that the Revenue Troops under the Command of Lieutenant Henderson be stationed on the Colroon as Pagodas.

It is our duty to suggest every means of increasing the Revenue committed to our charge. We take the Liberty of laying before you extract of a Letter from Mr. Henderson, and we should not hesitate to support by our warmest recommendation a plan that promises to be attended with such advantageous consequences; but we think it candid, at the same time, to point out to your notice, that the Village of Malajanagur is included in the Districts which have been restored to the Nabob for the Support of his Highness's Family, and that the customs were estimated at Pagodas 3000. at the time of Cession. Now the establishment which the Merchants are desirous of forming at Pondi would evidently affect the trade of Malajanagur and consequently diminish the Amount of the Nabobs' duties. We therefore wait your instructions before we issue any

Orders.

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Orders on the Subject to Mr. Kindersley. —

Three New wooden boats being Required for the rivers Cavery and Coleroon, Mr. Andrews has applied for our orders to build them the cost of each is estimated at five hundred Rupees, and is chargeable to the Sircar we beg leave therefore to Recommend that the Collector be Permitted to defray this expence for the convenience of Travellers. —

Mr. Deighton, having represented that a vast Number of robbers infest the Codonvadoo Purgunna, and that the inhabitants are Subject to frequent Alarms by their daily attempts to plunder the Villages, recommends that Lieutenant Henderson, with the Revenue Troops under him, be stationed at that Place, to which we hope your Honble Board have no objection; —

We have the Honor to be,

Yr. a. Obt. Servts.

Wm. Petrie

David Haliburton

Wm. Balfour

Fort St. George
21st. February 1792.

[Signed]

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Kindersley
Dated 17th. February 1792.

I have lately received Two Applications, to which I cannot make a reply without your Instructions

Mr

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tho' both are creditable to the Company's Administration, and One promises to prove highly Advantageous. —

A Body of the Merchants of Wallajaha-nagur, understanding the disposition of the Company to secure property, and to ease duties, wish to establish Warehouses for Trade at Pondi in the same manner as at the former place, provided they can procure the Company's Cowle and an Exemption from all duties for a Reasonable time — As the Petitioners are Merchants of Importance and wealth, the Advantages likely to accrue from this plan to that part of the Nabob's Country under my management are obvious, — but as a mistaken policy might suggest Complaint against the measure I must Submit the matter to the Board. —

A true Extract

Signed J. Webbe Secy.

Resolved that a Letter be written to His Highness the Nabob requesting to know if he have any objection to the Application of the Merchants of Wallajaha-nagur, which the Board persuade themselves he cannot have, as the Plan promises to be attended with Advantageous consequences to that part of the Country where the Merchants propose to settle. —

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

Agreed that Permission be given to the

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The Collector at Trichinopoly to defray the expence of building three Boats for the Service of the Rivers Cavery and Coleroon, and to the Collector at Nellore to employ the Revenue Troops under Lieutenant Henderson in the manner Recommended by him.—

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

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army accounts—Instructions Required regarding the Person who should be held Responsible for the Amount of overcharges in the Accounts of the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army

I have the Honor to submit the accompanying Papers received from Mr. Robert Malcolm, late Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment (which Served with Mr. Wrights the Nizam's troops to the Northward) to the consideration of Your Honble Board—Mr. Malcolm, in his Letter to me of the 7th Instant (Marked A) says Colonel Kyper never Wrote to him Approving or disapproving of his replies to the Remarks made on his Accounts; It is incumbent on me Respectfully to inform You, that as Mr. Malcolm promised in his replies to refund all objectionable Charges, any Reply on the part of Colonel Kyper was unnecessary—for his Accounts current with the Military Paymaster General shewed whether or not the refunds ordered had been Complied with: Mr. Malcolm pleads

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Heads, in his Letter to me of the aforementioned date, that he reported upon Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery's Charges to the Military Paymaster General on the 28th July 1790, Considering him as the proper person to apply to: I here beg leave Respectfully to observe, that, from the anxiety shown by Mr Malcolm to have his first months' accounts audited, as expressed in his Letter to the Military Paymaster General before alluded to, specifying the Charges he apprehended would not pass this department; that he wished to remove all Responsibility from himself: all Circumstances duly considered — the instructions given to Mr Malcolm by the Chief and Council at Masulipatam to pay all Charges countersigned by the Commanding officers, but to report those he thought objectionable, and the mistake committed by him in referring Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery's Charges to the Military Paymaster General, in place of your Honble Board: Apparently owing to his want of experience in the departments of a Paymaster, appearing rather in his favor, and altho it is my opinion that he cannot be exonerated from responsibility to Government, yet should your Honble Board be pleased to admit of these favorable circumstances in his Case, he might be enabled, from your interference, to recover from Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery the Amount of the refunds for which he stands Accountable. —

I am most respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Brunton
Dep. Pay. Gl.
Lieut.

Fort St. George
February 29th 1792.

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Lieutenant Braunton A

Deputy Comptroller General of Accounts

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th ultimo - and, as I conceive some part of my Correspondence with Colonel Capper may have been mislaid, — I beg leave to enclose it for your Perusal: the Instructions I received, of which I now send you an Official Copy, say "whereby it is "directed that whatever the Commanding Officer requires shall, in "the first instance, be complied with - and, if Contrary to your own "Opinion, that you are to report the same as soon as possible" - but do not point out what person I am to represent to, you will observe that in my Letter to the Paymaster General No. 1 - I made a reference; and, as I received no Answer whether the Charges were Admissible or not, I continued obeying his Signature, which I most undoubtedly should not have done had I been informed of the impropriety of it, or had I possessed the Company's Regula= =tions which point out the Channel through which the reference should have been made: my not having them was the reason of the Board of Masulipatam giving me their Instructions; and, as the Office of a Paymaster is widely different in this place, where he is solely under the Chief and Council, to the Field — I considered the Paymaster General as the proper person to make

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The first reference to. —

Upon receiving the Colonels Audit, I Answered it as quick as possible: nor have I to this day received a letter from him either approving or disapproving of my answers; so that I am still in a disagreable Predicament and suspence. By my letter to Colonel Montgomery N.2 you will observe that I applied to him with respect to his Refunds; and N.3 — is his Answer-this I immediately forward to the Comptroller General N.4 - and have never received his answer, which made me imagine he had adjusted the Matter with him before he went to Europe, or I should have addressed him more particularly on the Subject- my Letter N.5 - to Colonel Pepper accompanied the Answer to his audit, where you will observe I quote my Instructions-under these Circumstances, which I trust you will represent as soon as possible to Government to prevent any improper idea of my disobeying their orders, I still retain a hope that their lenity will prevent my being responsible for the over Charges of my Commanding Officers; and that, when all matters are impartially considered, it will not appear that I am so Culpable as they have thought: my absence on duty, through the Rajahmundry Circar, has prevented me before this from replying to your Letter.

I am,
Sir,
Your Most
Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed Robert Malcolm
Late Paymr to the Devonshire Detach.

To.

Masulipatam
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To Mr. Robert Malcolm [No 1]

Sir

The Honble the Governor in Council, Judging it necessary that a Company's Civil Servant should accompany Major Montgomery's Detachment as Paymaster and Storekeeper, and having been pleased to authorize us to make this appointment in order to afford us an opportunity of rewarding the Zeal and attention of such Servant under our authority as might appear to us deserving of it, we accordingly appoint you Paymaster and Storekeeper to the above Detachment - and desire that you will proceed to join it with all convenient speed. The experience which you have already had in the Duties of a Paymaster and Storekeeper renders it the less necessary for us to furnish you with any particular Instructions for your guidance, trusting that you will do justice to our nomination by a strict attention to the Regulations and Orders of Government now in force - In regard to Incidental charges, for which no express Rule may have been laid down, if any such should occur we can only point out that part of the existing orders to your attention, whereby it is directed that "whatever the Commanding Officer requires shall, in the first instance, be complied with; and if Contrary to your own opinion, that you are to represent the same as soon as possible" This

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Some Points particularly necessary to be observed by you in a distant situation, that the Public Service may not, on the one hand, be impeded, and, on the other, that by an immediate representation, and application for orders, the Company may be as little liable as possible to suffer loss, or yourself liable to unnecessary responsibility —

We cannot at present inform you whether the Necessary advances for the payment of the Detachment are to be sent from hence, or in what manner you are to be supplied, neither can we inform you whether your Monthly Accounts and the Vouchers of your Disbursements are to be sent first to us, or forward immediately to the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency, altho' the latter will probably depend upon the former when we inform Government however of your Appointment, we shall, at the same time, request their orders on these Subjects for our own and your information — In the Mean time it is necessary for us to acquaint you that besides the Detachment having been paid upto the time of its marching from Ellore, the Sum of 15,000 M. Pagodas has been sent to Major Montgomery until the Appointment of a Paymaster should take place, and we shall now desire the Major to deliver the same over to you on your joining him

With respect to the offices which you at present hold at this Place we authorize you to deliver over the

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the immediate charge of them to whatsoever you may think proper until they can be otherwise disposed of. —

We are,

Gr.a Gr.a Anthony Sadleir.

Masulipatam
13th Nov.r 1790 —

/Signed/ W. Dobbyn

Samuel Statham,

a true Copy

/Signed/ Andr.w Scott Secy

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To Benjamin Roebuck Esq.re

Paymaster General

Fort St. George,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th respecting the accounts of the Detachment not having been received in due time at your office, but hope, when you are acquainted with the reason of them not having been dispatched to you, you will acquit me of any neglect on that head. —

I joined Major Montgomery's Detachment at Ramgoindapore on the 22d day of June and the pay to the Troops was not issued for the month of May until our arrival at Cuttoor on the 1st July by order of Major Montgomery; our marching Constantly, since we were detached from the Nizam's Army at Ramgoindapore, will I hope plead my Excuse for

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Their not having been dispatched to you—

I have to Request that my first months accounts may be audited as soon as Convenient, being convinced that there are several Charges of Acting staff, under the Head of Charges General as also under the Head of Charges Extraordinary, paid by Major Montgomery's direction and Signature, which, without the previous Sanction of the Superior Board, may be a Subject to a Check in the Commissary Generals' Department.—

I am

Y. Ca. Yr.

/Signed/ Robert Malcolm
Payt. to the Ellore Detach.t

Rachoor
29th. July 1790.

a true Copy

/Signed/ Andr. Scott. Lieu.t

/No 3/

Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Montgomery,
Late Commanding Officer of the Ellore Detachment serving
at His Highness the Nizam—

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to you Extracts from the Remarks of Colonel Upper, Comptroller General of Accounts, upon my accounts as Paymaster of the Ellore Detachment, so far as respects the Monthly Charges from May to December 1790 inclusive, made by you.—

I have

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I have to request that you will transmit to me your replies to these remarks, or deliver them to Colonel Capper - and acquaint me which of these modes you think proper to adopt — the last will prevent delay, and will be the means of having it sooner determined by Colonel Capper, or ultimately by Government, what amount will fall to be Refunded by you. —

I beg leave to remark to you that I conceive Colonel Capper has made an omission in not deducting Pagodas 1276. from your Charges for September Pagodas 456. 22. 28. which makes a Balance of Pagodas 329 16. 28. to be debited, for that month, to your refund. —

I am.

Sir.

Your &c.

Masulipatam
30th May 1791.

a true Copy

Signed/ Robert Malcolm.
Late Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment

Signed/ Andrew Scott Esqr

To Mr. Robert Malcolm, /1791/
Late Paymaster to the Ellore Detachment serving with the Nizam -

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 30th ultimo, giving cover to some extracts from Colonel Capper, Comptroller General, upon my demands from you as Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam —

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As you have neglected particularizing the Charges objected to I cannot answer it untill I am made acquainted with them.—

You have also neglected to make any distinction between the Rupees and Pagodas, which makes it impossible for me to ascertain the Amount of the Sum to be refunded — however, being on the spot, I have addressed Colonel Capper upon the subject, and shall settle with him and Government this intricate business.—

I have the pleasure to be

Madras
15th June 1791

Y.r Obt. Hble Servt.

/Signed/ Hugh Montgomery

A true Copy

/Signed/ Andr. Scott Secy

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Lieutenant Colonel Capper,

Comptroller General.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

In consequence of a Letter I officially wrote to Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery, enclosing for his information such parts of your audit as relates to him, I have received the enclosed in Answer — as he therein proposes to settle the business with you and Government, I hope no further responsibility will rest with me on his Account — my Answer to

Your

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Your audit has been detained until I know whether he would furnish me with his replies to his Charges; but as he has now declined it I hope to be able to transmit them in a few days.

I am,

G.C.a.G.a

/Signed/ Robert Malcolm

Late Paymaster to the Eleve Detach.t

Masulipatam
25th. June 1791.

A true Copy,

/Signed/ And.w Scott Jecy

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To Colonel James Capper,

Comptroller General of Accounts.—

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit my Replies to your audit, which I hope may prove Satisfactory.—

I also enclose Copy of the only Instructions I received relative to my Appointment, and hope such Charges as are found to have the Commanding Officers' signature to them will be deemed Sufficient to exculpate me from Blame—having, in that particular, followed the Instructions when any Bill was offered for payment, irregular, not a Monthly Charge; which the enclosed Vouchers for the Months of May June July and October I trust will convince you the other Months Vouchers were transmitted to the Presidency.—

I also transmit you Copy of a Letter

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That I addressed to the Paymaster General respecting the acting Staff, and Charges Extraordinary of the Detachment, to which I having received no Answer to, I continue paying them as before.—

I have the Honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Masulipatam
16th August 1791

/Signed/ Robert Malcolm
Late Paymaster to the Ellore Detach.t

A true Copy

/Signed/ And.w Scott Secy.

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

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Brenton that Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery must be called upon, in the first instance, to refund the Amount of all overcharges in the Accounts of the Detachment Serving with the Nizam's Army having his Signature—But that this is not meant in any respect, to relieve the Paymaster from the Responsibility attached to his Situation: for, if the money be not received from the Commandant, the Board must look to the person who has the actual Disbursement, and who, of course, becomes accountable for the Expenditure of it.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Poonah.—

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Military Department.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

President &c. Council

at Fort St. George,

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Resident at Ginjee - advising of the Steps taken in order to punish Munnidoo and insure his future Obedience to the Company's Authority - Instructions given on this occasion to Explain Little - Apprehends and detains in Confinement, five of the Brothers of the Late Vecheram Bunge - Cause thereof - Encloses Bills on account of Intelligence -

The Conduct of Munnidoo, Zemindar of Vizianagur, has been so often and so strongly reprobated, that to repeat Complaint against him were unnecessarily to detain your attention - Suffice it that the Sense which the Board of Revenue entertained of his Demerits was such, that they conveyed a discretionary authority to your Late Resident to embrace the first favourable opportunity of punishing his Contumacy —

Presuming upon the Enjoyment of a proportionate share of their Confidence, and Conceiving that since the addition which was some time since made to the Strength of the Battalion in this District that there is a sufficient force, for the purpose, at hand, I have taken upon myself to require of Captain Little to march immediately into the Vizianagur Zemindary — a measure to the present adoption of which I have been principally actuated from perceiving that the bad Effects of Munnidoo's Evil Example and Machinations were daily spreading Wider and Wider, and that the forbearance observed towards him and the Impunity

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Impunity attending his disobedience was likely to occasion a very general Dereliction of Duty among the other Zemindars of the District—

As he had not made any Payments for a long time, I furnished him, upon my Succession to this Residency, with a Copy of the account of the Peishgar's Collections from his Country for the Fuslee of 1200 and required to know if it agreed with the accounts kept by him— to this he answered that if I would send the Peishgar to him he would, in some time, compare the accounts. I next desired, as the Season for settling a new Summa was at hand, that he would send to Ganjam some Person with authority to Settle and to sign the agreement for his Country: to which he replied that the Season was bad, and his Expences great— and that he could not pay any Summa this year.—

Believing that such Conduct was foreign to his real Character, and uncongenial to his natural Disposition, I resolved to Endeavor by Letter to reclaim him from a further Perseverance in it, before I resorted to the Extremity of sending the Company's Troops against him: accordingly I wrote to him, by a Chubdar, that his Conduct for three Years past, as he well knew, had been hostile to the Company, and had involved so much of their Displeasure, that they had authorized me to deprive him of his—

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Jemindary; but that I was willing to believe that he had been under the Influence of the bad advice of others—in which I should be confirmed were he now to come to Tanjore to make his Submissions, and would make a suitable representation to my Superiors accordingly—I added that I was well informed / which was fact / that, besides the Countenance which he had afforded to Tanadee, that he had recently received, and had an Interview on his Fort with the Brother of Guzzipitty Doo Jemindar of Kimmedy who you will have been informed lately made his Escape from Vizzagapatam—that it was an act of Friendship to warn him / Munnidoo / that his Constitution and Habits of Life, his Large Family and ample possessions marked wide distinctions between him and people of such desperate Fortunes. But that he might be assured, by Frequent Example, that none of these advantages could protect him from the Company's resentment which, if not timously deprecated by his unconditional Submission, would fall the heavier for its long Suspension—

His answer to this Letter arrived within the Prescribed Time of Seven days—and was more respectful in Expression than had been usual with him for some years—but, in substance, it bore no Indication of Reformed Principles—

It acknowledged and defended his Interview with Guzzipetty Doo's Brother; but denied every

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other allegation, and accused the administration of Past Chiefs and Residents, and the Justice of your Government, for determining upon unsubstantiated Charges. This he argued as an Apology for his not trusting himself at Ganjam; which he will do so soon as he sees Law and Justice return, and be the rule of administration here. — Ensign Clemens having marched through Vizianagur in the beginning of 1789. in pursuit of Sanadees, not with any hostile Intentions against Mummidee, the latter has now the Insolence to say that the Company's Troops were intimidated from their purpose of apprehending him by the Formidableness of his Peons, who, he would boast, are still competent to his Protection.

I have been thus particular to Exhibit to you the arrogance with which his unhappy delusion has inspired him; and to suggest to your Imagination the deleterious Consequences which must have resulted from the longer sufferance of his Contumacy, whose Example, from being considered as the Head Zemindar of this District, makes a greater and worse Impression than I can describe —

Besides the necessity of giving an immediate Check to the Infection of his Example the total Defalcation of the Revenue from his Zemindary and the Season of the year, which from its dry and wholesome

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temperature and from the Circumstance of all the Corps of the Mavellies being housed / is the best adapted to Military operations are additional motives to the present Service — The Crisis is also favourable from the distresses of Munnidoo - whose late Expences have exhausted his Funds, and whose hostility with the Company has shut up every resource of Credit, in so much that he has been obliged to reduce his Peon Establish-ment to about Six hundred, and is not able to pay and feed even that small number but with the utmost Difficulty —

The old and settled Enmity between him and his Brother Jaggannautdoo of Pretapagherry; and their recent quarrel, is a Contingence which I have also Embraced for the Service of the Publick by accepting of the proffered Services of the latter, who, having formerly been dispossessed of Vizianagur in favor of Munnidoo, may be depended upon for a sincere disposition to retribute the Injury. Jaggannautdoo's acquaintance and Influence in Vizianagur, and his Proximity to that Country, are likewise advantages which peculiarly qualify him to Cut off — Munnidoo's retreat, and to intercept his Negotiations with the Conds / Hill People / objects which alone are of any — serious Consideration; for Munnidoo is unwieldy in his — Person and Indolent of Disposition; he is incumbered with a numerous Family, and has indulged to Effeminate

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and Luxurious habits which totally disqualify him from any active or successful opposition to the arms of the Company.—

I have also provided for the Co-operation of Souringhie and Chigatty, and though I cannot place the equal reliance on their Exertions / their Personal resentments not being so deeply pledged / as on Jaggannaut doo's Yet, as the Chigatty Rajah has ever been approved for his fidelity to the Company, and as the Souringhie Rajah is now a Prisoner in this Fort and may flatter himself with the hopes of Liberty, the Supposition that they may both be of service is not unreasonable—and as their Countries border on Vezianagur, the mere suspicion of their being in treaty with me will probably excite such mistrust in munnidoo as will at least deter him from Reposing any Confidence in them and by consequence deprive him of Eventual support from them.—

I have completed the Appointments of Captain Little's Battalion for field Service, and have added a Brass 8 Pounder to his Brigade of field Pieces—to Enable him to reduce, with the greater Facility such fortified places as may be disposed to resist—these, when possessed of them, I have desired him to raze or dismantle without Exception.—

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I have desired that Captain Little will restrain his People from Wanton Hostility, and that he will impress upon them this First Principle - that Munnidoo, being a Tributary of the Company's, cannot, in any Event, become an Object for Plunder by their Troops; and - that much less can the defenceless Inhabitants be so considered. — I have further desired that he will guard, for account of the Company and for your Disposal, such property of the Circar as may be Captured by Troops. —

I have directed that an escort be — furnished to Munnidoo, whenever he may shew a disposition to come to Ganjam; but that the operations of the Troops, when commenced, be not on any account remitted. —

I have ordered the Rohgar, formerly appointed by Mr. Dawsons, to accompany the Troops for the Collection of any revenue which may occur, and have incited him and Captain Little to use every means in their Power to dissipate the Fears of the Inhabitants, and to conciliate them to a full Dependence on the Protection of the Company's Government. —

To Impress a fuller belief that Jagga- -nauth Doss is acting by authority of Government / whence I hope to induce a greater Defection from the Cause of Munnidoo / I have ordered a Company of Sepoys to be detached in — Conjunction

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Conjunction with the Pretapaghery Peons, giving Instructions to the Officer not to risk the Health of his people by Exposing them in Hilly or Jungly Situations, which, Experience has proved, is but little Conducive to the Publick Service — The same Limitation has been prescribed to Captain Little, who I have directed, in the Event of Munnidoo's Escape, to take Post, in Body, or in detachment, in such open Position as to him may appear most Eligible for the Protection of the Inhabitants and for the Security of the Revenue — and to Commit to the auxiliary Peons the Service of scouring the Jungles. —

I have suggested to Captain Little the good Consequences which may be expected to result from the measure of detaching Chatany, dos from the Cause of his Brother Munnidoo, with whom he is now Resident; and have requested that Captain Little will early Endeavour to accomplish that object. —

I have not been wanting, in a due consideration for the Protection of the Companies Havelies which I foresaw and represented to Captain Little, might naturally be expected, in his absence, to become obnox to Invasion by Munnidoo or Sanadee from a Hope of diverting our Arms from Vizianagur: and I Endeavored to impress upon him the Superior Importance, at this particular Crisis, of protecting

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Protecting those Countries still under obedience, and of —
Ensuring the Revenues arising from them to the Short anticipation of the Punishment of Munnidoo — which, if not compatible with that Primary object, I informed him, must be postponed to a future opportunity. —

We fully agreed however with me in opinion, that the Company's Troops now in the District together with the Mo herry, Peons, which last Exceed /1000/ One thousand, were competent to this Degree of offence — and to an equal Defense with any, that the Mavillies have hitherto Enjoyed — for you will advert that the night Incursions of various small Parties of incendiaries and Predators cannot be obviated by any number of regular Troops, short of an Establishment that would afford a Guard to each Village: it is possible therefore that a few small Villages may continue to suffer; but I have not the least apprehension / with the precautions I have taken / that the Plunder or Deflagration of the Mavellies will be Encreased from any Effect derivable from this Service, as a cause; nor do I conceive that the risk bears any proportion to the Injury the Company would suffer were Munnidoo allowed longer to Escape with Impunity. —

I have instructed Captain Little to leave an officer and two Companies of Sepoys / besides all the present out guards / in the moherry Mavelly, which covers

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a great part of that of Ganjam; and have directed that the officer Commanding do comply immediately, and without previous reference to my authority, with all requisitions from Mr. Webb. I have also ordered Braga balla-badoor, who was left in Charge of the Mahurry Peons by Mr. Crawford, to be governed by a similar attention to Mr. Webb's requisitions - and to consult, equally, the Defence of both Havellies in the Disposition of the Mahurry Peons. —

I have desired Captain Little to apprize all his out Guards of the Period of his march, and to warn them to be more than ordinarily Watchful and attentive to their Duty during his absence; to Communicate with each other, and mutually to afford that Assistance which their own safety, and the Protection of the Country may require - and I have further Desired that he will himself be Vigilant for the Security of the Country in his rear. —

I have recently detected five of the Brothers of the late Vicheram Bunga, the deposed Zemindar of Gomoor, in a conspiracy to carry off the Person of Capenaud Bunga his son, now a Pensioner on the Company; and have intercepted part of a Correspondence between them and the Mahratta Zemindars of Nowagueddah and Bonapour; and between them and Cammeralocka Sunt, the Palicoote Bonyapenwar lately caused the Disturbances in that Zemindary. — Their Scheme was, to have lodged the Infant Son of the late Vicheram

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Vickeram Bunge in a place of Security beyond the Company's Territories, and Them, by the Influence of his name and Family, to have excited the Predauns and Cando / Bile People / of Goomsur, to Insurrection — By the apprehension of their Persons, however, I have happily defeated a Plan fraught with infinite mischiefs to the Company at this particular Crisis — I shall keep them close Prisoners in this Fort until I may receive your Instructions — One of their Number Named Narsing Servan Bunge appears to have been the Chief Instigator of their machinations —

The Enclosed Bills for Secret Intelligence have lately been presented to me by the Persons who have — a Subscribed to them — who apologize for the irregularity of resorting to this Channel, by the Circumstance of Similar Bills having been returned by Major General Musgrave, who declared himself unacquainted with the Service depending in this District, and, therefore, incompetent to audit such Bills — They were then referred to you by the late Resident and were countersigned by your Secretary by your Order — I have only to add my conviction that, in the present State of the District, the Officers Commanding in the Field cannot acquit themselves properly of their Duty unless they do incur such Expences, and that the Charge is, by Consequence, admissible and proper.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect —

Y.ra Y.rs

/ Signed / Thomas Sydgwyck.

Ganjam
9th February 1792.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Ganjam —

The Board approve the Steps taken by Mr. Sydgwyck to bring back the Gemindar of Vizianagar to a proper Sense of the Company's Authority — Agreed however to inform him that the Board would have him act with great caution whenever it may be necessary to

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to have recourse to the employment of hostile means; and that they trust he has considered with due attention Every circumstance likely to result from the measure of compelling Munnia doo to obedience, at this Juncture, by Force of Arms. —

Resolved also to instruct the President to lose no time, after the object of the Expedition has been attained, in Recalling the Troops, and discontinuing every article of Expence incidental to the equipment of the Detachment for Field Service

The Board are of opinion that Mr Snodgrass has entered more into the Detail of Military Matters in his instructions to Captain Little than was necessary for the occasion, as those points should be always left to the discretion of the Officer in Command, who must be the best Judge of their Propriety —

Ordered that the Bills for Intelligence, amounting to Pagodas 169 36 —, be discharged. —

Ensign John Clebrooke to be instructed to take Charge of the escort to Vellore, two Lacks of Pagodas for the use of the army —

A Detachment of Europeans being under orders to March for Vellore, it is agreed that the Treasure intended for Camp, Two Lacks of Pagodas, be sent at the same time under Charge of Ensign John Clebrooke — and that Colonel Bruce be directed to forward the money from Vellore to Arnbore under a proper Escort —

Kings Invalids to be embarked on Kent under the Command of Captain Campbell of his Majestys 75th Regt

The acting President recommends that fifty Five of the Kings Invalids be embarked on the Kent, as Chatter Party Lascarens, for Europe, under the Command of Captain Campbell of his Majestys 75th Regiment

Ordered accordingly

Draft of the Letter on the Political Department to the Honble Court of Directors per Vestal read and approved — the Packet to be closed on the 22d Instant —

The Draft of the Letter on the Political Department to the Honble Court of Directors per Vestal having been read and approved — Ordered that be copied fair, and the Packet closed to Morrow morning. —

Chas Oakeley

George Barry Esqr

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Diary

Received the following Letters

From the Master Attendant enclosing bills for guns delivered to the Military Storekeeper and for water furnished for the use of sundry vessels employed on service.

To William C. Jackson Esquire

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing you Bills for Guns delivered by me to the Honble Company's Military Storekeeper, and for Water and sundry — articles supplied to Vessels employed in the Service, as p accompanying Vouchers, and request you will obtain an order for payment of the same.

I have the honor to be &ca

Signed H. Boyce

Mast. Attendt.

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14th February 1792.

From Major Younge enclosing sundry papers relating to a Claim preferred by Purple Ali Jemadar of the 5th Regt Native Cavalry, to the difference of pay between Havildar and Jemidar.

To William C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

Sir/

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Major Murray which he desired I would forward to you, and that you would be pleased to lay it before the Honble the Governor and Counail

I have the honor to be, &ca

Signed/ William Younge

Major Comm.g

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To William C. Jackson Esqr.re

Sir/

Military Secretary

I take the liberty of endosing bills containing a demand upon the Honble Company of difference of Pay between Havildar and Jemidar, to Fuzzle Ally Jemidar of the 1st. Regiment of Native Cavalry.

The bills are signed by Lieutenant Godfrey, who commanded the troop, and is now a prisoner, and the circumstances respecting the demand is so fully explained in the accompanying letter from Lieutenant Graham, who was Adjutant of the Corps at the time, and is now the only Officer remaining, to Mr. Wynch paymaster of Arcot, that I have little left to say, but to request the attention of the Honble Governor in Council and to assure them that the Claimant has not since he has been under my Command forfeited any part of the good Character given him by Lieut. Graham

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed/ H. W Murray
Major Commg
1st Regt N. C.

Madras
8th February 1792

Dear Wynch

Fuzel Ally Subadar of the 1st Regt was Havildar in the Regt of which I was Adjutant when taken prisoner with Colonel Brathwaite last

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21st war. He was remarkable for his good behaviour in the Regiment, and, in consequence of his good Conduct and saving the life of an Officer on the day we were attacked, he was promoted to the rank of Jemidar; but, as my orderly Books were lost and nothing of his promotion appeared, he was obliged to do Duty as Havildar till my return from prison, when, upon my representing the Circumstance to Colonel Fullarton, Comm.g the Southern Army, he immediately got his rank from the day we were attacked, but for want of same person assisting him he has never been able to recover his difference of Pay. Do therefore, my good friend interest yourself for him and you will greatly oblige

Your's very sincerely

Arcot. Signed/ James Graham
18th October.

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly Captain Bowser applies for instructions respecting a Sepoy of the 2 Battn. Native Infantry now in Confinement at Dindegule for the murder of Subadar Seetal Caun.

To William C. Jackson Esqre.
Military Secretary.

Sir,

A Sepoy having killed a Subedar a little time ago at Dindegul, I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the Honble Board, papers from Captain Bowser Commanding that Garison on the subject, and to request their directions whether the Prisoner with the evidences, is to be sent to Madras, to take his trial at the Quarter Sessions. I have the Honor to be

Trichinopoly &c. &c.
17th February 1792 Signed Tho.s Bridges

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21 Colonel Thomas Bridges

Comm.g South of the Coleroon

Sir

I enclose you a List of Evidence, relative to the death of Seetal Cawn, Subadar, Meer Abdul Cawder, was the person who drew the Bayonet from the deceased Subedar's Body, and the whole of the evidence, are quite unanimous as to the fact.

Dindegull
1st February 1792

I am, Sir, &c.a
Signed J Bowser
Capt.n Comm.g Dindegull

List of Evidences who were present and saw Shaik Emon Sepoy of the 2.nd Battalion of Native Infantry stab Subadar Seetal Cawn of the said Battalion with a Bayonet, on the 30.th January 1792 betwixt the hours of six and seven o'Clock in the Morning, whilst the said Subadar was relieving the Gate Guard of the Lower Fort of Dindegull

Subidar Meer Abdul Cawder of the 22.nd Batt.n Native Infant.y
Mootoo Naigue Sepoy of the ..... 20.th do ... do ... do
Jomal Mahomed do ... do ..... 7 do ... do ... do
Shaik Homet do ... do ..... 2 do ... do ... do
Side Homet Acting Naigue of the 20 do ... do ... do
Subah Naigue Sepoy of the ... 3.d Travancore Batt.n
Subah Nair ... do ..... do ... do ... do
Nulla Cunna ... do ..... do ... do ... do
Gungah, Sepoy of the ... 7.th Batt.n of Native Infantry

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The above named Evidences say, that the Old and New Guards being drawn up opposite to each other, and at ordered arms during the time the Sentries were relieving, the deceased Subadar reproved the prisoner Shaik Emon for being dirty in some part of his dress, and then entered into Conversation with the Subadar of the Old Guard, both Subadars standing near to the Old Guard, to which the Prisoner belonged; that the deceased Subadar had turned his sword over his right Shoulder behind his back holding the point of it with his left hand, that the Non Commissioned having reported that the Sentries were relieved, the Subadar of the old Guard turned full towards it with an intention of ordering the Arms to be shouldered, the deceased Subadar standing in the same position as before mentioned; that at this Instant the prisoner raised his firelock from the order (no word of Command having been given for so doing) and pushed his Bayonet thro' the body of the deceased Subadar, the time the deceased Subadar received the wound, was about a quarter of an hour before Seven o'Clock, and he died at 2 Clock the same Day.

Signed / J. Bowser
Apt on Comm.t Dindegul

Dindegul
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From Major Oppage communicating intelligence received from some Deserters from Seringapatam regarding the defeat of the Enemy's Army on the night of the 6th Instant

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt
President and Governor &cc

Honble Sir

A Jemidar and eight Sepoys belonging to the Enemy came into me this morning; they bring accounts that Lord Cornwallis attacked Tippoo's lines in four divisions on the night of the 5th or 6th Instant at 12 Clock, and carried them with little Loss, taking the whole of his Guns, Camp Equipage, Baggage &cc and four months pay for his Army, and that his Lordship was in possession of every part round the Fort. Tippoo fled to the Fort

Cummer Uddeen Cawn had marched some time before towards the Bednore Country.

I have the honor to be &ca

Camp near Damien Cottah 12th February 1792.

Signed/ J Oppage
Major Comdg

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mss. Nos. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137.

To the Deputy Paymaster Genral to the King's Troops

To the Deputy Paymaster Genral to the King's Troops desiring him to advance the usual Allowance of Passage Money to Captain Campbell of his Majesty's 74 Regiment.

To the Commandant at Bonamallee

To the Commaindant at Bonamallee desiring him to send fifty of the Invalides of his Majesty's Regiments to the Presidency, in order that they may be

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25th embarked for Europe on the Kent —

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General desiring him to advance One month's pay to Ensign Haughton, to enable him to proceed to the Army; giving Advice thereof to the Paymaster in Camp —

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis

To Sir John Kennaway

To Sir John Kennaway enclosing Copy of a Statement received from Bengal of the amount of Peishcush due to the Rajam to the close of the Fusly year 1200, and requesting him to furnish the Board with such remarks as he may have occasion to make thereon, acquainting them, at the same time, of the person into whose hands the future payments at this place are to be made —

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mlls. Nos 138. 139. 140 —

From the Commandant at Poonamallee —

From the Commandant at Poonamallee — advising of his Intention to send the Invalids to the Presidency after having settled with the men, and given them their regular discharges —

From the Acting Resident at Hyderabad —

From the Acting Resident at Hyderabad advising of his Intention, in consequence of the uncertainty of the Communication between Baramul and the grand Army, of transmitting his letters by the way of Madras enclosing one addressed to Sir John Kennaway —

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From the Commander of His Majesty's ship Vestal. 22nd.

From the Commander of His Majestys Ship Vestal advising of his being perfectly ready to receive the Dispatches of Government and requesting that they may be sent on board without delay

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mem. B. Nos. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146

To the Commander of His Majesty's ship Vestal

To the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Vestal requesting him to take charge of the Government dispatches for the Honorable Court of Directors, and forward them to London by the earliest opportunity after his arrival in England

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis.

To the Resident at Ganjam

To the Resident at Ganjam approving the steps he has taken to bring the Ministers of Vizianagur to a proper Sense of the Company's authority recommending him to act with great Caution whenever it may be necessary to have recourse to Arms on similar occasions and to lose no time in discontinuing every Article of Expence incidental to the Equipment of a Detachment for field service when the object of Captain Little's Expedition shall have been attained informing him that his Instructions to that officer were more connected with Military Detail than was necessary for the occasion and forwarning the Bills of Intelligence which accompanied his Letter of the

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To Ensign Colebrooke.

To Ensign John Colebrooke desiring him to take charge of and escort to Vellore, two lacks of Pagodas for the use of the Army delivering over the Tumbrills, on his arrival at that place, to the Officer Commanding

To the Commandant at Vellore

To the Commandant at Vellore desiring him to forward the Treasure Tumbrills that will be delivered to him by Ensign Colebrooke, to Lieutenant Cuppage at Amboor, under a proper Guard.

To Colonel De Wangenheim

To Colonel De Wangenheim informing him that as the Kent's stay at this place will be very short the Board think it will be more convenient that he should proceed to Europe by a future opportunity

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

23d Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. No. 24 enclosing a Letter to his Address received from Lord Cornwallis.

Sent the following Letters

To the Secretary to the Honble Court of Directors enclosing Return of King's Invalids embarked on the Kent

To Thomas Morton Esqre

Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, by order of the Honble the President in Council, a Return of Invalids of the King's Regiments embarked as Charter party Passengers on the Kent under the Command of Capt. Campbell of his Majesty's 73d Regt.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Fort St. George 23 February 1792

Signed W. C. Jackson

Secy.

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To Messrs. Henry Michell
Daniel Ince
& Charles Baker

To Messrs Michell, Ince and Baker informing them of their having been appointed a Committee to investigate the Cause or Causes of Mr Haliburton's removal from Office during the administration of Mr Holland. Instructions on the Subject

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inform you, that he has been pleased to appoint you to be a Committee for investigating into the Cause or Causes which occasioned the removal of Mr David Haliburton from his Seat at the Board of Revenue and from the Office of Persian Translator during the Administration of Mr John Holland

You will be furnished from the Public Department, with the documents necessary to assist the Enquiry; and I am directed to draw your particular attention to what appears upon the Revenue Consultations of the 22nd September 1789: concerning the attempts that were made to suborn the persons who gave evidence at the two preceding Consultations to retract their declaration

You will strictly investigate all the Circumstances, and report your Proceedings upon the whole Business with all convenient Expedition

Fort St. George
22nd February 1792

I am, Gentlemen, &c
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

Dispatched the undermentioned Pass as entered in Mss Nos 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156

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To the Import Warehousekeeper. 23d

To the Import Warehousekeeper desiring him to issue to Mr. Thomas Cockburn, Attorney to Captain Williamson, upon receiving payment for the same at the price charged to the Contractor for Clothing, such quantity of Scarlet Cloth as he may require for the service of the 1st Battalion of Bengal Volunteers.

To the Commander of the Hon.ble Company's Ship Kent.

To the Commander of the Kent enclosing a return of Kings Invalids ordered to embark on the Kent as Charter Party Passengers for England under the Command of Captain Campbell of His Majesty's 74th Regiment, and informing him that he will receive from that Officer the Sum of One hundred Pounds for his Passage.

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Colonel Braithwaite informing him that before any Permission can be given to Colonel Frazer to visit the Presidency, he must state the Cause of such Application so shortly after his Return to his Station.

To the Deputy Comptroller Gen.l of Army Accounts.

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts informing him that Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery must be called upon, in the first Instance, to refund the Amount of all overcharges in the accounts of the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army and that if the Money be not recoverable from the Commandant the Board must look to the Paymaster, who is accountable for the Expenditure of the Public Money.

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To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam approving their Intention of cantoning the two Companies of Europeans in such Station as may be most advantageous to the Men during the present Scarcity of Grain

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue informing them that the Application of the Merchants of Malajaumagur for Permission to establish Warehouses of Trade at Ponde is under reference to the Nabob Mr. Andrews to be permitted to defray the Expence of building three Boats for the Service of Rivers Coverry and Coleroon. the Revenue Troops under the Command of Lieutenant Henderson to be Stationed at the Places recommended by Mr. Brighton

To the Reverend Mr Swartz

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz informing him that Mr Ram will receive Instructions from the Board of Assumed Revenue respecting the future Payment of Bava's Pension.

To the Collectors at Dindegul Caroor & Paligautcherry

To the Collectors at Dindegul Caroor and Paligautcherry desiring them to use every possible Exertion in forwarding Supplies of Rice to such Situation at the Foot or the Head of the Puzzy Ghaut Pass as Major Cuppage may deem most eligible

To Major Cuppage

To Major Cuppage informing him of the orders given to the abovementioned Collectors and desiring him to apply to Lord Cornwallis for Instructions respecting the Men formerly in Garrison at Coimbetore

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23 who have already, and may return from the Mysore Country with the Permission of Tippoo authorizing him to appoint Captain Pybus Deputy Commissary Commissary of Grain

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery approving his having secured the Person of Ragona and desiring that he be delivered up to the Rajah of Calastry to be kept by him in Confinement until he has made Atonement for his past Conduct

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis Nos 157, 158, 159.

From the Commandant at Vellore enclosing a Letter from Lieutenant Wilson in which he reports the State of the Horses under his Charge, and requests that he may be allowed to join Major Pater with such as are sufficient by recovered

From the Collector in the Nellore District requesting that an Assistant Surgeon may be stationed at Nellore

From Major Pater enclosing a present State of the Horses under the Charge of Lieutenant Wilson and requesting that such as are sufficiently recovered may be ordered to join his Corps—

24. Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. No 22 requesting he will countenance an Application made by some Merchants of Wallajanagur for Permission to establish Warehouses of Trade at Pondi ——

To the Commandant at Chandernaghery

From the Commandant at Vellore

From the Collector in the Nellore District

From Major Pater of the Cavalry

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie Esquire

The Honorable Major General

Friday 24th. February 1792

Medows absent upon Service

John Huddleston Esquire Absent

indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved

Read the following Letter from Lord

Cornwallis –

From Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart:

Fort St George

Sir

The detachment under the Command of Colonel Floyd joined General Abercromby yesterday just at a time that a body of the enemy's horse were approaching to harrass the rear and baggage flank of his Army

The General has by this means effected his march without any molestation, and he is now encamping in our sight

I desired Sir John Kennaway to

From Lord Cornwallis
General Abercromby's
Army encamps in
the Neighbourhood
Seringapatam Remarks
on the Balance of
Peshcush due to the
Nizam

the

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mention to the Nizam's Minister the intention of paying the Pesheush at Madras, and to acquaint the Board with the name of the Person into whose hands the minister would wish the money to be paid. I am afraid the balance is larger than has been stated by the Supreme Board

I am, with much Esteem, &c.

Signed/ Cornwallis

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to Bengal.

Read the following Letter from the Persian Translator to the Governor General

Camp near Seringapatam 15. February 1792

Annates thereon

From the Persian Interpreter to the Gov.r General - enclosing a congratulatory Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Rahob on the occasion of the late defeat of Tippoo's Army - with a Persian Copy thereof -

To William C. Jackson Esquire Sec.y to the Govt. at Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a Letter from the Governor General to the Nawaub of Arcot - with a Persian Copy of it.

Be pleased to apologize for the Transmission of this Letter without the usual Form, which is owing to the necessity of making up the Dispatch as small as possible

Camp before Seringapatam 15th February 1792

I am Sir, &c.a

Signed/ J. F. Cherry

Pers.n Trans.r

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Translation of Copy of a Persian Letter from the Governor General to the Nabaub Wallaujah Bahauder Dated 11th February 1792.

Your Friend being arrived in the Neighbourhood of Seringapatam together with Hurry Pundit Nana Sahib Bahauder, and the Nawab Seaunder Jah and Nawab Azim ul Dowla with the intention of reducing that fortress. A plan of attack was formed by me, by which my Army was formed into three Columns on the 6th of February at night. The Center one under my immediate Command - that on the right Commanded by General Medows, and the left under Colonel Maxwell In this disposition we advanced from our Encampment, about nine at night and reached the Enemy's Lines in good Order.

General Medows stormed their Entrenchment near the Eidgah* and took possession of it. The Column under my Command attacked the Spot where the Enemy himself was posted, who was not able to resist the impetuosity of our Troops. In the mean while Colonel Maxwell, who had already stormed and taken the Pagoda of Carriget joined me, and we gained complete possession of that Spot, which the Enemy was forced to abandon - Here, and in the Town of Ginjam were all his Tents, Camp equipage &c and seventy five Pieces of Ordnance, which fell into our hands

(* a building for public resort on religious occasions)

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It so happened, that, as it was night, the Troops with General Medows loosing their way, did not join me, which accident prevented the total destruction of the Enemy — Yet, by the blessing of God, I accomplished the object of my wish in driving the Enemy from his Post, and maintaining possession of this, and the Cole Baug and town of Sanjam

As this Victory which is well worthy the page of History, has been acquired through the union and perfect unanimity of the three Confederate States (which union I trust will, with the blessing of God preserve itself to the latest period of time) and that through the cordial Assistance of our Allies the Peshwa, and the Nabob Asoph Jah Bahauder the Power of our Enemy has been effectually reduced, while this success has contributed to the General Joy of your friends, I now offer you my Congratulations on this fortunate Event, and pray the Almighty may render it propitious to you as well as to all our friends and well wishers

* the Nizam

A true Translation from the Persian
Signed/ David Haliburton
Persian Trans.r

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

The Acting President informs the Board that he has sent to the Nabob, the Letter addressed to His Highness.—

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Read the following Letters from the Governor of Pondicherry

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor of Madras

&c &c &c

Fort St. George

From the Governor of Pondicherry stating the line of Conduct he has universally adopted in regard to the Slave Trade

Sir,

I have received the Letter with which you honored me of the 19th Instant, and Copy of the Correspondence between Mr. Yeats and Mr. Sonnerat which accompanied it.

For a long time past Sir I have been impressed with a similar Indignation as yourself at the Traffic of Slaves, and I had ordered Mr. Sonnerat not to countenance it. I believe that it has been principally encouraged by the facility with which these unfortunate people have been embarked at Coringa and their purchasers have found of procuring at Jaggannaickam Bonds of Slavery. Whatever has been the Cause of this detestable Commerce be persuaded Sir I shall adopt every Means in my power that it shall neither be continued nor renewed in the French Establishments in India

Mr. Sonnerat arrived here two days ago, and I have repeated to him my orders to be as strict as possible in preventing any of these unfortunate People being admitted into Yanam.

I assure you I should feel infinite pain

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if the harmony which reigns between our two Nations should be disturbed by a Motive of this Nature.

I have the honor to be with the highest Consideration,

Sir &ca

Signed De Fresnes

A true Translation

Signed T. Chase

French Translator

Pondicherry
22 February 1792

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor of Madras &ca

Fort St. George

From the Governor of Pondicherry complaining that of the Betle and Tobacco intended for the Pondicherry Market have been stopped at the Custom house of Panaiondie.

Sir,

Permit me to call your Attention to a Seizure which has lately been made at the Custom House of Pounaiponde of a certain quantity of Tobacco belonging to the Betle and Tobacco farmers at Pondicherry this is the fact;

The said farmers made a Contract with Allamoor Gupavachittee Sella Apichittee, and Carone, merchants and Inhabitants of Nellore, by which the merchants engaged to send 300 Parcels of Tobacco to Pondicherry; they had transported 150 Parcels to the Custom House of Pannaiondie, dependant on Nellore, and he embarked 50 Parcels for Pondicherry when Mr. Deighton, the Collector at that place, put

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a Stop to the departure of that which was already embarked, and that which was still on land; saying he would not permit Tobacco to be sent to Pondicherry and he was desirous that the Tobacco should be sold to his Merchants.

This Sir, is the way in which the Circumstance has been stated to me If the Tobacco in question had not been contracted for by the farmers of Pondicherry with the Merchants at Nellore, I could have no Claim to address you, because Mr Brighton the Collector has an undoubted right to subject the merchants in his Districts to such Law as he might impose on them, but this Contract Tobacco is become the property of the Pondicherry farmers, and it appears to me but just to let it proceed to its destination.

I hope Sir, you will have the goodness to require a Statement of this Affair to be made to you, and take it into Consideration with your accustomed Equity

I have the honor to be &c

Signed De Fresne

Pondicherry 16th February 1792

A true Translation

Signed T. Chase

French Transr.

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Governor of Pondicherry

The Board hope that from the Orders given by themselves and by Colonel De Fresne the Slave Trade will in future be entirely discontinued

Resolved

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Resolved that Mr. Dighton be instructed to enquire into the Circumstances of the Tobacco belonging to the Batte and Tobacco farmers at Pondicherry, and to restore the same, if the seizure were made in the manner represented by Colonel De Fresne. Resolved also that he be directed to avoid every measure which can tend, in the smallest degree, to interrupt the good understanding which subsists between the two Governments.

Read the following Report from the Hospital Board.

From the Hospital Board submitting sundry bills presented by Mr. Surgeon Walker and recommending that Mr. Galloway be permitted to proceed to Sea for the recovery of his health

Hospital Board
22nd February 1792.

The Hospital Board have received an application from Mr. Robert Galloway Assistant Surgeon for permission to proceed to Sea for the recovery of his Health

Mr. Galloway's long
Stand

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and severe Illness rendering such indulgence necessary — The Board hope Government will be pleased to grant his request. —

approved —

As the Committee of Stores at Chingleput have refused to counter sign the Surgeon's Bills it is necessary that the Governor in Council should be made acquainted with their reasons for so doing. and for this purpose the Hospital Board will call upon Mr Walker to report on the subject directing him at the same time to lay before them for the information of Government Copy of his Correspondence with the Committee

The Hospital Board have the honor to forward three Bills of Mr Walkers for Bazar Medicines, which the Committee of Stores at Chingleput have refused to countersign. As the Board find that these Bills are drawn out strictly conformable to General Anders under date 23 March 1791, they recommend their being paid —

Jas Anderson
Physician Genl

Signed William Raine
Actg Chief Surgeon
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Read the following letter and Enclosures from

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from the Deputy Comptroller General.

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts enclosing Copies of his Correspondance with Capt. Bell respecting his original Bills of Charges for Stores purchased after the Army left Trichinopoly

To William C. Jackson Esqre

Sir

Military Secretary

For the information of the Honorable the President in Council, I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a letter of the 11th Instant, which I wrote to Captain Bell, late Commissary of Stores with the Grand Army, requesting to be favored with his original Bills of Charge which he received from those who furnished him with Stores to enable him to supply the Army; I have likewise the pleasure to enclose you that officer's reply; As Captain Bell has not furnished the Bills required with the permission of the Honorable Board, I will proceed on the Teaudit on this principle, being in possession of the rates at which the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency was formerly allowed to purchase Stores to supply the Army. I am of opinion Captain Bell should be allowed to charge at the same rate, and have the same allowance made him of 15 P Cent on all such purchases. When it is considered

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that Captain Bell had to carry the Stores with him at his own Expence. The Returns of Ordnance and Camp Equipage with the Copies of Captain Bell's day book, both of which I can be easily put in possession will ascertain that the Stores purchased by him were forthcoming; those returns and day books shall be minutely and carefully examined.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble

Servant,

Signed/ Jas Brunton

Dep. J.C.S.

Fort St. George
21st February 1792.

NB, do me the favor to return Captain Bell's letter when you are done with it

To Captain Robert Bell
Artillery

Sir, late Commissary of Stores with the Army

I have been ordered by the Honble the President in Council, carefully to reaudit your accounts from April to November 1790, the more effectually to enable me to execute this order with

propriety

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propriety and accuracy, I request you will favor me with the original Bills paid by you to the persons from whom you purchased Stores, to enable you to supply the Army. They shall be carefully returned to you when the Audit is closed.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient
humble Sowant,
Signed/ J. Brunton
D.C.G.

Fort St. George
11th February. 1792

A true Copy
Signed Pat: Bruce
Asst. C.G.

Lieutenant J. Brunton
Deputy Compt.r General

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th Instant I have received, and shall with promptitude give you every information in my power on the subject. With respect to original bills paid by me for Stores it is out of my power to furnish you with them, so as to afford you the information you may require.—

If however there exists any doubt of the receipt of such Stores, and of there being issued

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to the Army, I can, if it is deemed necessary, furnish Copies of Returns and day books, which, in order to expedite the reaudit, I beg to inform you are lodged with Mr. Ince Secretary to the Military Board, as also authorized Vouchers, from whom you will receive them on application

I am Sir &c &c

Trichinopoly 16th February 1792

Signed/ Robt Bell
Dy Stores

Minute on the foregoing letter from the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Brunton, that if the Authority under which Captain Bell made the purchases, after the Army left Trichinopoly, be, in all respects conformable to the rules of the Service, it will then become necessary to ascertain the Rates at which the Stores were provided; — and, for this purpose, it is highly necessary that Captain Bell should produce the original bills paid by him, or give a more satisfactory reason

for

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for withholding them than appears in his letter to the Comptroller— Resolved therefore that Lieutenant Brunton be instructed to call once more upon Captain Bell for those Bills, apprizing him, at the same time, that unless they are forthcoming, it is very probable his Bills will be rejected altogether, for want of Documents to go upon, to determine on the propriety of his Charges

Read the following letter from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To William C Jackson Esqr.
Secy.

Sir,

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - recommending that sundry Repairs be made to the Granary at Arnee

The Granaries at Arnee having suffered considerably from the heavy Monsoon I have the honor to enclose Copy of an Estimate for necessary Repairs previous to receiving the New Grain amounting to Pags 88. - 10. - for making which be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government.

I am Sir &c
Signed/ Tho Cockburn
C.G.G.P.

Madras
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Agreed that the repairs required to the Granaries at Arnee be executed: the expence not to exceed the Estimate Viz.t 00.. 40. —

Chas. Oakeley

George Barry Esqr

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mss. Nos 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167.—

To the Secretary at Bengal—

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of the Letter addressed to the Honble Court of Directors by this Government under date the 21st Instant, and forwarded by His Majesty's Ship Vestal—

To the Commandant at Vellore—

To the Commandant at Vellore— desiring him to instruct Lieutenant Cuthbert Wilson to proceed to the Cavalry Station near — Arnee, with all the recovered and convalescent Horses under his Charge, and put himself under the orders of Major Pater—

To Major Pater—

To Major Pater— informing him of the Instructions given to Lieutenant Cuthbert Wilson through the Channel of the Commanding Officer at Vellore—

To the Hospital Board—

To the Hospital Board— desiring them to recommend an Assistant Surgeon to do — Duty at Vellore—

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.—

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions— informing him that the Repairs — represented in his Letter of the 22d Instant to be — required to the Granary at Arnee may be executed.—

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To Captain Andrew Read.

To Captain Andrew Read—

Instructions respecting the Countersignatures of Lieutenant Lindsay's Bills as Deputy Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks with the Detachment under his Command—

To the Paymaster to Captain Andrew Read's Detachment—informing him of Lieutenant Lindsay's Appointment to be Deputy Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks: and desiring him to comply with that Officer's Indents of each bearing the Countersignature of Captain Andrew Read—

To the Paymaster to Captain Andrew Read's Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army—

To the Board of Revenue—

To the Board of Revenue—desiring them to instruct Mr Clerk to send to the Presidency such Persons as the Committee appointed to inquire into the Cause of Mr Haliburtons Removal from Office may require, for the Purpose of Examination

26 Received the following Letters

From the Resident at Sugaramme reporting the shortness of Water & bad condition of the Stores received from Bengal on the Eliza and transhipped for Madras on the Snow Enterprize—

W.m C.n Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

at Fort St George—

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 4th Instant covering copy of a report of the Commissary General of Stores upon the state of 12 Tumbrills, laden at Conjeveram, on the Snow Enterprize. John Hamilton

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Hamilton Master, bound to Madras and have, agreeably to your directions, called upon Mr Corsar, to account for the articles missing — Enclosed I transmit to you copy of his answer, and account of Sundries Stores, laden on the Brig Munich, John Taylor Commander, on the 14th September last, bound from Bourbon to Madras — This Account of Mr Corsars, differs materially from the Bills of Lading signed by Captain Taylor, which I forwarded to the Honble the Governor in Council, on the 14th September last perhaps owing to the Hurry in which that Vessel was despatched — In the Bills of Lading (Copy of which I enclose to you) is mentioned 6 Gun Carriages with their appertenances, those appertenances, are probably some of the Articles belonging to the Turntrills — I would wish the Conductor of Stores would examine the Articles delivered from the Munich, that it may be known for certain if any, and what Articles are wanting — Mr Taylor is I believe at Madras, an Officer on board the Snow Enterprize, and may be able to inform you if he received any Stores, but what are expressed in his Bills of Lading, and to whom he delivered them —

I am &c &c

(signed) Math.w Yeats

Mathw

Inclosure

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Math: Yeats Esqr

Resident at Ingeram

Sir

In reply to your letter of Yesterday, enclosing a copy of the Military Secretary's letter to you dated the 4th Instant concerning a deficiency of Sundry Articles which ought to have accompanied the Tumbrills landed here out of the Ship Lizia from Bengall, I send you a list of every article that was bona fide put on shore here, taken as they were landed, and all the small articles were howard and the whole reshipped, by the same list, exclusive of the Tumbrils themselves, there was not the value of a nail landed, other than the articles specified therein, except a spare Tarpaullin to each Tumbrill contained in the body of it, not one of which was ever taken out of it nor a single article uncovered from them. Sir from the Ship was unloaded in a very great hurry and went away in such, so that if there were any spare Articles, such as is mentioned in the Military Secretary's letter, she must have carried them with her—

As to the bad treatment the Tumbrills may have received they certainly received no other, but what they had from being too long exposed to the weather

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weather, a thing it was not in my power to help
the Honble Company have no Godowns here, nor
are there any to be hired - had Lieut Ogilvy been of
an obliging temper they might all have been on board
of his Transports but as he did not chuse to be
troubled with them, necessity forced them to take their
chance, and thus they suffered undoubtedly, but not
one article missing that ever was landed -

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Fredk Cossar

Corunga
13th February 1792

A true Copy
(signed) Robt Scobie

List of Stores landed out of the Ship Eliza Captain Bear
and transhipped at Corunga, on board the Brigg Munich
Ino Taylor for Acct the Honble Company as
p Receipts Veyt

109 Bolts Europe Rope
70 Tents
70 Bundles of Tent Poles
30 Casks Shot
14 Boxes - - do
46 Kegs Ghee
6 Gun carriages
6 Limbers
24 wheels
34 Yokes
12 hand spikes
200 bags of Sugar
6 Chest of Chains
1 Bundle of Bamboo pins

A true Copy
(signed) Robt Scobie

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To W.C. Jackson Esq.re

Dear Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General enclosing a more accurate Returns of the Killed Wounded and Missing on the night of the 6th Instant than those hitherto transmitted—

The Returns of the Killed Wounded and Missing on the Night of the 6th which I formerly transmitted to you, having been prepared in a hurry, and indeed under a press of business, that scarcely admitted of my attending sufficiently to have them drawn out with accuracy and neatness I beg to enclose you a Copy which, being prepared agreeably to an improved form, and being, in every respect, more satisfactory and fitter for the Public Eye, I request may be substituted for those you have already received, and forwarded to the Hon.ble Court of Directors accordingly

By Head Quarters
Camp before Seringapatam
21st February 1792—

I am,
Dear Sir,
with Esteem
&c &c
(signed) Ry Close

Returns

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Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of His Majesty's and the Honble Company's Troops under the Command of Earl Cornwallis in the Attack of the Enemy's Army near Seringapatam on the night of the 6th February 1792 —

General Staff. —— Wounded. Lieut Colonel Malcolm Aguidant General of the Army. —

Artillery Brigade

- Royal Artillery — Wounded, one Bombadier & five 2d Gunners. —
- Bengal Artillery — Killed. Lieut. Fireworker Buchan, two 1st Lindals and six Lascars. Wounded, one Gunner, one Matros one Lindal and thirteen Lascars. Missing, eight Lascars. —
- Coast Artillery — Wounded, one Matros

1st Brigade

- His Majys 36th Regt. — Killed. Lieut Robertson 73d Regiment & Ensign Smith and six Rank and File; Wounded. Lieutenants Brownrigg, John Campbell, Robert M. Campbell two Sergeants, one Drummer and thirty Rank & File.
- Do 52d — Killed. Lieut Hutchinson, one Sergeant and eight Rank and File; Wounded. Captains Hunter and Gough, Lieuts Irwine, Rowan and Madden, two Sergeants, one Drummer and twenty two Rank and File; Missing one Sergeant and eight Rank and File. —
- Do 76th — Killed. Lieut Jones. Wounded. Captain Markham Lieut Robertson, Philpot and Shawe, one Sergeant and seven Rank and File; Since dead, on Rank and File. —
- Do 77th — Killed. Captain Sibbald, Lieut Bayne, one Sergeant two Drummers and twenty Rank and File. Wounded. Surgeon's Mate Paley, one Sergeant and fifty three Rank and File; Missing, five Rank and File —

2d Brigade

- Do 72d — Killed Captain Mackenzie, one Sergeant and fourteen Rank and File. Wounded. Major Fraser, the Honble Captain Maitland Lieutenant Macpherson and Ward, one Sergeant, two Drummers and forty Rank and File; Missing, one Rank and File. —

Killed

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2d Brigade

Madras 5th Batt — Killed two Rank and File. Wounded. Lieutenant Farquhar Ensigne Hamilton, one Serjeant and seventeen Rank and File. Missing six Rank and File —

3d Brigade

3d Bengal Batn — Wounded eight Rank and File —

1st — do — do — Killed. two Rank and File. Wounded. four Rank and File

26th — do — do — Wounded one Rank and File

2d — do Volunteers Wounded. two Rank and File.

4th Brigade

7 — do Batn — Killed three Rank and File - Wounded. three Havildars and eight Rank and File; Missing. one Drummer —

5th — do — do — Killed. Captain Archdeacon, one Serjeant, one Subidar and five Rank and File; Wounded. four Havildars and twenty eight Rank and File; Missing two Rank and File —

8th — do — do — Killed. one Subidar and four Rank and File; Wounded one Jemidar. three Havildars one Drummer and twenty two Rank and File —

5 Brigade

1st Coast — do — Wounded. Captain Brown; Lieutenant Young since dead - two Puckallys and seven Rank and File —

6th — do — do — Wounded. one Rank and File; Missing. one Rank and File —

23d — do — do — Killed. three Rank and File; Wounded. one Jemidar five Rank and File; Missing. four Rank and File —

6th Brigade

2d — do — do — Wounded. Lieut. and Adjutant Marten, one Subidar one Jemidar. and twenty Rank and File; Missing five Rank and File —

21 — do — do — Killed. one Rank and File; Wounded. one Subidar two Havildars and eighteen Rank and File —

22d — do — do Wounded. four Rank and File

Bengal Engineers - Killed. Lieutenant Stuart

Coast — do — Wounded. Lieutenant Hemmings —

Killed

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Pioneers { Lieut Downes corps { Killed, two Privates; Wounded one Serjeant and three Privates. —
Lieut Simmons do Killed, five Privates; Wounded three Privates
Ensign Stokoe's { Killed, one Serjeant and five Privates; Wounded one Private; Missing, two Privates. —

General Abstract

	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	Total
Europeans	68 —	214 —	21	303
Natives — —	40 —	169 —	23 —	232
General Total	108 —	383 —	44 —	535.

I signed B.y Close
Dep.y Adj.t General

To W.m Jackson Esq.re
Sir,

From Captain Alexander Read with Copies of his late Correspondence with Lord Cornwallis regarding his Negociations with the Zemindars for furnishing Grain.

I have just been favored with your letter of the 15th signifying that "as it may be essential to the Public service at this juncture to store Graine in the captured forts above the ghauts and to keep a further quantity for the use of the Army and the Bayarrees. the Board would have me take the orders of Lord Cornwallis with regard to the quantity to be laid up;" which occasions some doubts with me that copy of a letter I had the honor of addressing to his Lordship lately on that head has reached Sir Charles Oakeley, to whom

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26th whom it was transmitted with statements of all my revenue settlements. I therefore inclose a second copy of it to you, that, in case the first miscarried, you may lay it before the Board together with one of the Answers I have received; from which it will appear that all my stipulations for grain are disapproved of.

Bangalore
20th February 1792.

I am,
Sir,
Your Hble
Servt
(signed) Alex. Read

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

My Lord,

Having now settled all the conquered countries to the Eastward of Sunnygutta - excepting that part bounded by the Maggery hills, and the Cauvery which is so much laid waste as to be incapable of producing any revenue; the present Cuttoo Year terminating the 21st June, to which all my Settlements are limited, and meeting with unavoidable delays in acquiring the requisite information to complete, as I propose, my reports of each District, I do myself the honor to transmit your Lordship, in the Mean time, memorandums -

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memorandums of my several Negotiations — The first contains the several Payments made, or due from every district to the end of June; in the second, their several instalments are classed into Months, to shew the Monthly surplus, after — defraying the expence of all the troops under my command, which does not exceed Pags 10,000. as it may be assisting in the distribution of — publick money. And the third shews the quantities of Grain that, if required, may be collected into the ports of Colar, Doodhotta, Hussoor Bengalore, Nundy Droog, and Outray Droog, in the Months of February and March, June and July —

By including Grain in my — Settlement I rather provided for exigencies, than supposed it would be advisable to collect such large Quantities, into those different places knowing that would Straiten the Banjarries, who must be chiefly depended upon, for — carrying it to Camp; and, on that account, care was taken, to leave the receiving it, or an — equivalent in money, Optional — In answer to a Communication on the Subject, to Mr Macleod, I learn, that your Lordship wishes no grain may be collected, for the reason of it's depriving

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depriving the Bazarries of supply, and, conformably to the arrangement I have made, the whole, or part of what is stipulated for, may be left for them to purchase - But, I beg leave to observe, that it may be necessary, to provide for the Consumption there of every one of the Places, I have mentioned, to Lay up a Larger Quantity perhaps than their Garrisons would require, and, that it cannot be done either so speedily or so cheaply, as by requiring a portion of the quantities, my renters have engaged to furnish

The present harvest being already far advanced, and the Inhabitants anxious for leave to part with the crop now on the Ground, I humbly request I may be soon favored with your Lordship's instructions on this head -

I have endeavoured, by every rigorous measure, to make the several Kinds of Marattah Rupees current in this Place, and throughout all the Districts under my management, but the inhabitants will not, unless from a dread of punishment, receive them at the same rate as Company's Rupees, on account of their being so very inferior in value, as from 7 to 10 Pct.

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Knowing that policy or necessity was the cause of that order, I very reluctantly trouble your Lordships on the subject of it; but the consequences are such, that it is incumbent on me to give some intimation of them — The Marattahs and Nizam's people being informed, that the price of their Rupees is so much above their real value, in their Districts are sending them here in great quantities, and — purchasing other Coins that are properly and universally preferred; and the Company's Renters are buying them up with avidity, in other Districts, where they are cheap, that they may pay their — Rents in them — Thus, the good money is taken away very fast, and base coins brought in lieu of it — The Sroffs, or money Changers, and the Shopkeepers are hourly refusing them, on false or frivolous pretexts, which they are obliged to do, or be ruined; and complaints are as frequently made to me, by the Troops and others, of their doing so, which I am under the necessity of redressing, while sensible of imposing a hardship upon the aggressors. Since the measure can only be so partially inforced in this place, by my being on the Spot, I am convinced that notwithstanding the positive orders I have circulated, the Marattah Rupees pass for no more than their intrinsic — value does here —

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Another thing I am desirous of, representing to your Lordship, is, that many of the Inhabitants here, and in other places, have petitioned me for leave to dig up their property without paying half of it to the Prize Agents- if that indulgence were granted to them, I am of opinion that many more of them would return to their habitations of consequence—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Alex.r Read

Bangalore
8th February 1792.

To Captain A. Read
&c &c

Dear Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has received your letter dated 8th February, and being at present much occupied with other Affairs, he has desired me to say, in answer to it, that however desirable it would be to add to our Stock of Grain in Bangalore and Outray Droog, yet that, as immediate supplies to the Army are of much more consequence, he wishes and desires that no arrangements of yours for the delivery of Grain, by the Renters in those places, should in the smallest degree impede, or interfere with, the purchases of the

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the Banyarries, in the districts under your Management, and, consequently, that you should, on his Account insist upon the delivery of a single dean of Grain to our public Stores, if Banyarries shall be willing andready to purchase it, for the general Consumption of the Armies — I believe I have formerly acquainted you that his Lordship not only does not choose, but that he is averse to your taking any public measures respecting Grain, for the Cavalry, and he has now directed me to desire, that you will never more enter that Article in any of your public Statements, but leave it entirely to find its way, as it best can, through the medium of the Banyarries, to the open Markets —

His Lordship is perfectly sensible of the inconvenience and loss that must be experienced from the Currency of the Marattah Rupee, in the revenue receipts, and in the other transactions of the Country — But as is an evil to which, for several very important reasons, he is obliged, at present to submit, & he depends upon you for removing as many of the obstacles as may be practicable,

With regard to the Buried — property, His Lordship thinks it a pity that the

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the Inhabitants should be keiged any longer with the demands of the Prize Agents upon that head, and he therefore authorizes you to publish that all persons are now at liberty to buy up their private property, wherever it may be sold without being subject to claims for a share of it in any shape whatever. You will be so good as communicate this both to Captain Williamson, and to the Gentleman who may be acting for the Prize Agents at Bangalore —

I am with great truth & Regard

Yr Hble

[signed] A. Ross

Camp before Seringapatam 16th February 1792

27th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M B Nos 168, 169, 170 —

To the Attorney General enclosing Copies of Papers received from the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly relative to the Murder lately committed at Dindegul — and desiring him to give his opinion in regard to the most proper mode to be adopted for bringing the offender to Justice. —

To the Hon'ble Company's Attorney General —

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts — informing him that if the Authority under which Captain

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts —

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Bell made the purchases of Stores, after the — Army left Trichinopoly, he in all respects, — conformable to the Regulations of the Service, it will be necessary that he procure from that Officer the original Bills paid by him, or receive some more satisfactory reasons for their being withheld, than those which he has as yet alledged —

To the Collector at Nellore — desiring him to restore the Tobacco belonging to the Bustle and Tobacco Farmer at Pondicherry which has been lately stopped at the Custom House of Painaponde

To the Collector at Nellore

Sent the following Letter to the Governor of Pondicherry —

To Colonel 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

To the Governor of Pondicherry advice of the orders given to the Collector at Nellore respecting the Tobacco detained at the Custom House of Painaponde

Sir,

I have received the Letters which you did me the Honor to write me of the 16th and 22d Instant —

I esteem myself particularly obliged by the manner in which you have been pleased

to

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to convey your sentiments regarding the Slave Trade, which I hope, from the orders we have respectively given, will be entirely discontinued in all the Settlements on the Coast—

I have the Honor to inform you that I have sent instructions to Mr Digleton to enquire into the circumstances of the Tobacco belonging to the Bustle and Tobacco Farmers at Pondicherry and that I have acquainted him with my wish, that he should take particular care to avoid any measure which could tend in the smallest degree to interrupt the good understanding which so happily subsists between the two Governments—

I have the Honor to be, with distinguished Consideration

&c &c

Signed Charles Oakley

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B Nos 171-172—

From the Acting Deputy Assistant General—

From the Acting Deputy Assistant General inclosing an Application from Ensign Fraser of the 9th Native Battalion for Permission to proceed to the Presidency on two Months Leave of Absence—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that orders be

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be issued to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam
to take the necessary Steps for laying up a Store
of 100 Garce of Paddy at Innaconda[illegible]

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

28th February William Petrie Esqre
1792. The Honble Major General Medows
Absent upon Service
John Hudleston Esqre absent indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved

Read the following Letter from
Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis
states the Progress
made in the Negotiation
for Peace and the Heads
of the proposed Preliminaries

Sir,

I last night received your Letter dated
the 13th, and felt great satisfaction from the
probability that my letter of the 8th Instant
would reach you on the following day—
I was too much fatigued when
I got into my tent, which was very late in
the

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the day of the month, and had too many anxious
cares upon my mind to be capable of giving
an account of the Action — and indeed I did not
then perfectly know the extent of our advantage
the consequences of which have now proved
more favorable to us, and more important,
than I conceived when I wrote to my Letter on the
8th —

A Negotiation is now in some
forwardness; and, unless Tippoo's Vakils have
exceeded their Master's instructions, promises
to be brought to a speedy conclusion, the
basis of which is, the surrender of one half
of Tippoo's dominions, to be divided amongst
the Allies according to the terms of the
treaty, and to be chosen by them from the
Countries most contiguous or convenient
for them, a large Sum of Money is likewise
to be paid, and the Sultan's two eldest
Sons to be given as Hostages 'till the
Articles are fulfilled —

I confess I think that an arrangement
of this kind, which effectually destroys the
dangerous power of Tippoo will be more
beneficial to the Public than the capture
of Seringapatam, and it will render the

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finial settlement with our Allies, who seem very fearful to it, much more easy

Those whose passions are heated, and who are not responsible for consequences, will probably exclaim against leaving the Tyrant an inch of territory, but it is my duty to consult the real interest of the Company and the Nation.

I return you many thanks for your kind congratulations, and am, with great esteem and regard,—

Sir,

Your &c.

Cannanore Seringapatam
20th February 1792

(signed) Cornwallis

Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be immediately sent to Bengal

Read the following Letters from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. Nos 23. 24)

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

29th Jumaudessanny 206 Hyr
or
23 February 1792—
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From the Nabob requesting that the sum of 35,000 Pagodas to be deducted from his 5th may be advanced to his Son Amdut ul Omrah

I request you will be pleased to pay unto my Son Amdat ul Omrah Bahauder out

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out of my one fifth, after the Month of June next, the sum of thirty five thousand Star Pags in part of his allowance from the Circar—

What can I say more?

A true translation

(signd) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Wallajah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

7th Rajeb 1206 Hegery or

24th February 1792—

Recvd 25th do

From the Nabob— stating the amount of Shroffs upon his fifth of the Collections which he has granted to Mr Binny. The Right Hon'ble Secretary and to Captain Binny of the Ship Sumsumah Galley.

In consideration that Mr Binny merits my favor, I have therefore, in part of the balance due to him, granted him a Sanadh on the Company upon my one fifth for the sum of Eighteen thousand Pagodas; and also for the sum of twelve thousand Pagodas to Captain Binny on Account of my Ship the Sumsumah Galley—which Sums you will be pleased to pay—In the meantime should Seringapatam be captured and my Country return into my own possession, and if you do not discharge this Money I will pay it my self to those Gentlemen.

What can I say more?

A true Translation

(signd) David Haliburton

Pers. Trans.r

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The Acting President lays before the Board the following Card from the Ondet ul Omrah (which is entered also in 66 No 25.)

From the Ondet ul Omrah representing his pecuniary Embarrassments and requesting that the Application, for his Relief with which he has been furnished by his Father may be immediately complied with.

The Nabob Ondet ul Omrah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Governor Sir Charles Oakely Baronet and has the pleasure to send inclosed a Letter from the Nabob Walaujah which concerns his Highness and begs the favor to acquaint Sir Charles that to this day he never has troubled the Governor or the Council respecting his own Affairs. But the present distress of his own Domestick expences has accumulated to such height, that it was impossible for him to withhold any longer — has therefore drove him to apply to his Father to alleviate it — who has condescended to furnish him with the above Letter, and said, at the same time, that it is the only way he could relieve him — And now the only favor that he has to Ask Sir Charles, is, that he will be so kind to be friend his want by giving if it is not possible upon one Collector's Orders upon the different Collectors for different Sums, as will make up the whole sum

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of 35,000 Pagodas, and in so doing will be the only method that would Mitigate his unexpressable distress, and will always consider it as a particular favor conferred on Sir Charles's sincere friend — And at last his Highness leaves Sir Charles to reflect for a Moment, How great his Highness's distress must be, when he tells him that he has not received any relief from the Nabob in pecuniary matter — ever since the Country has been taken away and His Highness hopes that Sir Charles will be so obliging to comfort him by granting the desired object, and will always acknowledge it —

And also encompasses this a Letter from the Nabob to Lord Cornwallis and begs the favor that it might be forwarded to him —

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Minutes upon the foregoing Letters from the Nabob and the Omdit ul Umrah

As it appears from the above that the Omdit ul Umrah is in considerable Distress, — It is resolved, that the sum of five thousand Pagodas be advanced him from the Company's Treasury on the 1st day of March next — And the further sum of five thousand

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thousand Pagodas on the 1 day of April next to be carried to the Account of His Highness's Fifth

Resolved that the Remainder of the Sum to be granted to His Highness's Son Vizt 25000 Pagodas be discharged by a Bill on the Collector at Tinnivelly payable the 15th day of June Next—

Resolved that Bills be granted on the Collector at Tinnivelly on account of the Nabobs fifth payable on the 15th day of July next in favor of Mr Charles Binny for Eighteen thousand (18000) Pagodas and of Captain Binny for 12000 Pagodas agreeable to the desire of his Highness—

Read the following Letters from Mr Secretary Hay—

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

From the Secretary at Bengal respecting the short delivery at Fort St George of the Spirits shipped on the Faze-allum—

Sir.

The immense Deficiency in the Quantity of Spirits sent to Fort St George on the Ship Faze Allum—Captain McIntosh having attracted the Notice of the Governor General in Council

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Council I am directed to request that you will be pleased to inform me whether she was permitted to quit the Port before the Captain had been obliged to pay the Amount of the short Deliveries, which his Lordship in Council is induced to hope has not been the case, as it is obvious that the Deficiency must have been owing either to Theft or to the greatest carelessness in the Stowage—

Fort William
the 25th of January 1792—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) C. Hay
Secy to the Govt

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary at
Fort St George

Sir,

I was favored, on the 27th of last month with your Letter of the 10th transmitting, by order of the President in Council, a Letter, which — accompanied it from the Secretary of the Military Board at Fort St George to the Secretary of the Military Board at Fort William. and I am directed to acquaint you that the Letter so enclosed was forwarded to Mr Secretary Dashwood.—

From the Secretary at Bengal — inclosing a list of Stores intended to be sent to the Coast by the Northumberland and Manship in part of the last Indent remarks on the informal manner in which that Indent was submitted to the supreme Council — proposes substituting Country, for the Europe Accoutrements and Cartridge Paper applied for—

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The Letter, upon being opened by Mr Dashwood, was found to contain two Indents on the Presidency of Fort William for Military Stores required for the Service on the Coast of Coromandel.

The Governor General in Council upon being apprized of this Application, could not help observing that it came in an irregular Form, as it was unaccompanied by any Request of the Government of Madras that the Stores in Question should be provided, and the Military Board at one Presidency, are not at Liberty to transmit such Indents directly, and in this way to the Military Board at another.

Upon adverting to the Letter which Mr Secretary Tombelle had the Honor of writing to Mr Secretary Chamier on the 10th of September 1790, the Governor in Council will observe it to be therein mentioned "that "whatever Communications or Correspondence "may be necessary to be carried on between the "Military Boards of the different Presidencies "shall be on the Subjects of the Duties assigned "to them, and transmitted, with the Approbation "of, and through the respective Governments, and "not otherwise".

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You are therefore requested to acquaint the Government of Madras that in future, all Indents for Military Stores should be transmitted directly from them to the Governor General in Council or from their Secretary to the Secretary in Bengal, and should be accompanied by an Intimation of their wishes in respect to such Indents—

On the present occasion, as the Public Service might suffer if Forms were strictly adhered to, the Government did not hesitate in directing the Military Board to report without Delay to what Extent the State of the Arsenal here would allow of its supplying the Stores required in the Indents from Fort St George, and they have found that the undermentioned Articles can be immediately provided

Axes Broad		100
Felling		200
Hand		1600
Pick		1200
Pickeroons		30
Bill Books		1500
Canvas	Bolts	300
Cases Brass Europe with Fifes		20
Crows Iron		100
Fifes Europe Spare		100

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Flints		100,000
Fuzes with Bayonets Artillery		600
Hammers Sledge		20
Paper, Portfire, Europe Quires		300
Plates Screws with taps		60
Powder, Gun, 1300 Bags of 100 lb each equal to 60 lbs Barrels		3000
Quadrants Gun Spirits		6
Salarmoniac	lbs	100
Shot	18 Pounder	5000
	12 do	3000
	6 do	6000
	2 Oz. Grape	20
	½ do do	10
	1 do do	10
Shovels		100
Tin Double Plates		500
Tools, Carpenters Chests		2
Vices Bench		5
Hand		30

And that the following Articles may be supplied as soon as they can be made up Viz

Boms Priming	158
Mannutes	3300
Carpaulings large	100 Substitute Canvas
do Small	200

You are requested to inform the Governor in Council that the Buff Accoutrements required on

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in the Madras Indent, cannot be supplied, as the Honble Court of Directors have declined to send out any, but that if good Accoutrements, to be made of Buffaloe Hide, will answer for the service of the Madras Troops, they can be made up here according to any Pattern the Government of Fort St George may think proper to send down.

I am also directed to request that you will be pleased to inform me whether not Country Cartridge Paper will serve instead of that from Europe. It has been found fit for the exercising Ammunition of the Troops on this Establishment.

You are desired to acquaint the Governor in Council that the Quantity of Gunpowder required in the Madras Indent, will be sent forward upon Freight in a Country Ship, and that the other Articles which I have mentioned as ready to be supplied will be forwarded in the Honble Company's Ships Northumberland and Manship on the Proportions specified in the enclosed List.

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I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your &c
(Signed) E. Hay
Secy to the Govt

List

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List of Military Stores to be Dispatched to Fort St. George on the Ships Northumberland and Manoship

		Northumberland	Manoship
Axes Broad		100	
Felling		200	
Hatchets		300	300
Pick		600	600
Bickirons		15	15
Bill Hooks		750	750
Canvas	Bolts	150	150
Cases Brass Europe with Fuses		20	—
Crows Iron		50	50
Fuses Europe Spare		..	100
Flints		5,000	5,000
Fuzes with Bayonets Artillery		300	300
Hammers Sledge		"	20
Paper Portfire Europe Quires		"	300
Plates brass with tapes		10	"
Quadrants Gun Spirits		"	6
Salarmoniac	lbs	"	100
Shot	18 Pounder	2000	3000
	12 do	2000	1000
	6 do	3000	3000
	2 Gr 6	10	10
	½ do do	10	10
	1 do do	"	10
Shovels		50	50
Tin double Plates		500	"
Tools Carpenters	Chests	1	1
Vices Bench		"	5
Hand		"	30

(signed) C. Hall
Secry to the Govt

Resolved

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Secretary at Bengal

Resolved that the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors be directed to report fully whether the Commander of the Ship Lege Adeum made good the Amount of the Short delivery of the Spirits shipped at Bengal previous to his departure from hence; and if not, what Steps were taken to secure the Company against Loss in consequence of the deficiency—

The Board are unconvinced that the Application of the Military Board at this Presidency for Stores from Bengal should have been transmitted in an irregular form—this deviation from the rule prescribed in Mr Fombelle's Letter of the 10th September 1790 proceeded from the inadvertence of the Gentlemen of that Board who omitted to notify that their Letter to Mr Dashwood contained Indents on Fort William, upon which an opinion would certainly have been given, if they had been submitted for Approbation—

Ordered that a Copy of Mr Hay's Letter be sent to the Military Board, with directions to lay all Indents before Government in future with a Letter from themselves, shewing the necessity for making such, whose Indents will be transmitted, if approved, direct to the

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The Governor General in Council —

Agreed that the Military Board be directed to give an opinion on that part of the letter from Bengal which relates to Accoutrements and Cartridge Papers.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Comptroller General

William Collins Jackson Esqr

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From the Deputy Comptroller General — requesting copies of his correspondence with Major Tuft respecting the authority under which he made his purchases of Stores for the use of the Allore Detachment. —

For the information of the Hon'ble the President in Council, I have the Honor to forward you Copy of a letter I wrote to Major Tuft on the 16th instant, on the subject of his charge for Sundry Military Stores purchased by him to supply the Allore Detachment which acted with His Highness the Nizam's troops to the Northward. I have likewise the pleasure to forward the Majors reply, and request that you will Acquaint the Hon'ble Board that notwithstanding the written Order of Lieut Colonel Montgomery late Commandant of that detachment does not appear Authorizing Major Tuft to Make such purchases, yet, the signatures of Lieut Colonel Montgomery is affixed to each bill of charge, which may be considered in the same point of

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View as a written Order,—

Fort St George
the 26th February 1792—

Jas. Wm Dun
Signed J Brunton
Dpty Compt Genl

To Major Tuft
Commanding at Nhomas's Mount

Sir,

I am directed by Government to call upon you to refund the sum of Star Pagodas 1968.32 20/80 One thousand Nine hundred and Sixty eight Star Pagodas, thirty two Madras Fanams, Twenty Madras Cash being the amount of a Charge made by you for the purchase of Sundries to supply the Sillore Detachment, whilst acting with His Highness the Nizam's Troops to the Northward, for which the written Order of the Commanding Officer does not appear

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
James Brunton
Dpty Compt Genl

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A true Copy
Signed Pat Bruce
Ags. G.G.

To Lieutenant Brunton
Deputy Comptroller General

Sir,

I was duly honored with the receipt of your

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your letter of the 16th Instant, and beg leave to inform you that I have waited upon Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery, in consequence of the written Order the Honble the President in Council required from me, of his (Lieut Colo Montgomery) but found him in so weak a state of health, as to be unable to write, he told me that he was ready and willing to declare, before any person, that my Purchase of Stores were made by his Authority and Directions - I beg you will do me the favor to communicate this to the Honble the President in Council who will I trust Authorize some Person to hear Lieut Colonel Montgomery's Declaration on the Subject, which will I hope do away every Idea of my having acted without the Authority and Orders of my Command-ing Officer, in the Purchases alluded to in your Letter of the 16th Instant -

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) R. Smith
Major Artly

Mount
23 February 1792-

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Deputy Comptroller General -

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Brunton that at his the Signature of Lieut

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Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery be appointed to audit Bills for Military Stores purchased by Major Lutt yet the Charges cannot be admitted unless the original Prices be ascertained, which may be easily done by Major Lutt's swearing to the — Validity of his Accounts and that no greater sum is charged against the Company than was — actually and bonâfide disbursed by him —

Read the following Letter from Major Cuppage

W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re

Secretary to the Government

Fort St. George

From Major Cuppage — submits sundry Staff Appointments for the Approbation of Government

Sir

I have the Honor to receive your Letter of the 5th Instant informing me that the Hon.ble the Governor in Council had been pleased to approve of the temporary appointment of Ensign Tickburn to be Assistant to the Europeans serving with this Detachment and also of Lieutenant Hall and Lieutenant F.r M.r Mader as prize Agents in behalf of the Company —

I had the Honor to address the Governor on the 9th ultimo. last I am informed

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informed several Tapals were taken by the
Enemy — I request you will be pleased to —
inform the Governor in Council that as
a Quarter Master is absolutely necessary for
so considerable a Detachment of Troops as
this, I had appointed Lieutenant Balfour
to Act till the pleasure of Government
was known, and hope the Honble Board
will be pleased to grant him the usual
allowance annexed to that post

On the 23d Ultimo I formed the
detachments of the 19th 20th and 25th Batns —
N.I. into one Corps and gave the command
of them to Captain A. Cuppage for the
greater convenience of carrying on the Duty
and appointed Lieut Seale to Act as —
Adjutant till the pleasure of Government
is known. —

In the case of any active service
it is necessary that I should have a Public
Officer near me to carry Orders, I have therefore
appointed Lieutenant Hall to Act as Aid
de Camp and hope the Honble the Govr.
in Council will be pleased to approve of these
appointments. — I have the Honor to be

Hble &c

(Signd) A. Cuppage
Majr Comdg

Camp near
Danien Cottah
16th February 1792 —

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Minute thereon

Major Cuppage must assure Lord Cornwallis on the Subject of the Appointments stated by him to be necessary – such Staff as his Lordship may judge proper, will meet the Approbation of the Board.—

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Received the following

Letter from the Garrison Storekeepers

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakely Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Garrison Storekeepers desires to know if he is to purchase Grain for the Troops at the rate fixed by the Committee and serve it out at 70 Pagodas per Garce.

Honorable Sir

To enable me to comply with Indents for Rice required for the Troops in Garrison, it will be necessary to obtain your permission to purchase it from the Merchants at the rate fixed by the Grain Committee, and at the same time I conceive it my duty to apprize your Honorable Board that the Honorable Company will sustain a loss of above fifty Pagodas per Garce by issuing the Rice agreeably to the mode prescribed in General Orders dated 18th November 1790.

I have the honor to be,
J.r & S.r
(Signed) T. Greenhill
Garrison Storekeeper

Madras
28th February 1792

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M.B N.os 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179.

To the Secretary at Bengal.
- enclosing Copies of Lord Cornwallis's Letters to Sir Charles Oakeley Dated the 20.th and 23.d Instant.

To D.o
- forwarding the Proceedings of this Government in the Military and Political Departments from the 30.th September 1790. to the 28.th June 1791.

To Colonel Braithwaite at Ellore.
- informing him that Ensign Fraser may be permitted to visit the Presidency agreeably to his Request.

To the Garrison Storekeeper.
- informing him that the Grain required for the Subsistence of the Troops must be purchased at the Rate fixed by the Grain Committee, and served out at the Rate of 170 Pagodas per Garce.

To Captain Alexander Read
- desiring him to follow implicitly all such Orders and Instructions as he may receive from Lord Cornwallis regarding the

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29th the Disposal of the Grain collected by him.

To the acting Agent for Spiri=
tuous Liquors - enclosing Copy of a letter
from Mr. Secretary Hay - and desiring
him to report whether the Commander
of the Page allum made good the a=
mount of the Short= Delivery of Spirits
Shipped in Bengal previous to his de=
Departure from this Port; and if not,
what Steps were taken by him to secure
the Company from Loss in Consequence
of the Deficiency.

To the acting Agent for Spiri=tuous Liquors.

To Major Kirkpatrick - desiring
him to address Lord Cornwallis on
the Subject of the Staff Ap.a Appointments
which he has represented to be necessary.

To Major Kirkpatrick.

Sent Letter to the Nabob / as
entered in C. C. N.o 26 / informing him
that in consequence of his Request the
Sum of 35,000 Pagodas would be paid to
His son Omdut ul Omrah out of His
Highness's Fifth and the further Sum
of 30,000 Pagodas / 18,000 of / which to be
paid to his Secretary M.r Benny, and the re=
/ Remainder to Captain Benny / by a Bill on Tanne=
rally payable the 15.th Day of July next.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

At

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Thursday
1.st March 1792.

acting President

William Petrie Esq.r

The Honorable Major General
Medows absent upon Service.

John Huddleston Esq.r absent.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

Read the following Letters
from Lord Cornwallis. viz.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

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

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis
- encloses his ultimate
Propositions to Tippoo
Sultaun - advises of a
Skirmish having
taken place between
a Detachment from
General Abercrombys
Army and a Corps
of the Enemy.

I this day received the Alleging
congratulations of the Board dated the
17.th instant for which I request that you
will assure them of my grateful
acknowledgements.

The negotiation which I
mentioned in my Letter of the 20.th is
still

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still pending, some difficulties were started by the Vakeels relative to a peculiar circumstances respecting Tipu's two elder Sons, neither of whom as I understand are intended by him to be his heir, some objections were likewise offered by them to the cession of particular places, on the plea of their being ancient possessions, and no proposals were made for paying part of the stipulated Sum in Jewels or gold.

To all these points I have given distinct and decided answers, and have required that the business may be brought to an immediate issue; The Vakeels who carried my ultimate propositions yesterday to their Master, have returned this day to our Camp; and as our deputies will meet them either this evening or tomorrow Morning, I shall soon be enabled to Judge whether the treaty is likely to succeed. —

There is, in the meantime, no relaxation in the operations of the war

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War, we are carrying on our approaches with as much expedition as possible, and General Abercromby, who is encamped on the South side of the River had yesterday a very smart skirmish in support of an advanced Picquet, which the Enemy had come out in considerable force to attack; The troops which General Abercromby detached from his Camp repulsed the Enemy although they were in a great degree protected by the fire of the Fort, but I am sorry to add that this advantage cost him 109 Men killed and wounded. —

Colonel Floyd arrived this Morning with a Convoy of above twenty five thousand Bullocks. Perseverance Bhow is within three or four days March of us, and I have strongly urged him, instead of coming forward to our Camp to cross the river and join General Abercromby.

I am, with much esteem,
Sir
Your most obed.t humble Servant
(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp near Seringapatam
February 23.d 1792

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c. &c. &c.

From Lord Cornwallis enclosing Copy of the preliminary Articles of Peace agreed upon and exchanged on the 23d ultimo. the Vestal Frigate, if at Madras, to be detained 'till further orders

Sir,

Being very much hurried I have only time to tell you that the Preliminaries were settled late last night, that a cessation of hostilities has taken place this day; and that two of Tipsoo's sons are expected in our camp this evening.

I transmit a translation of the preliminary articles and request that you will be pleased to forward Copies of them both to Bengal and Bombay.

If, by any accident, the Vestal should not have sailed before this letter reaches Madras, you will be so kind as to desire Captain Osborne to remain until he hears further from me.

I am, with much esteem,

&c. &c.

Camp near Seringapatam February 24th 1792

(Signed) Cornwallis

Copy of the preliminary Articles agreed upon and exchanged — dated 22d February 1792.

Articles 1. One half of the dominions which were in the possession of Tipsoo Sultaun at the Commencement of the present war

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War shall be ceded to the allies, adjacent to their respective Boundaries and agreeably to their Selection.

2. Three Crores and Thirty Lacs of Sicca Rupees shall be paid to the Allies agreeably to the following particulars - Viz.t

1. One Crore and Sixty five Lacs shall be paid immediately in Pagodas, or Gold mohurs, or Rupees of full weight and Standard, or in Gold or Silver Bullion.

2. The Remainder one Crore and Sixty five Lacs, at three Instalments, not exceeding four Months each on the three Coins beforementioned.

Article 3. All subjects of the four several Powers who may have been Prisoners, from the time of the late Hyder Ally Khan to the present Period, shall be fairly and unequivocally released.

4. Until the due performance of the three Articles abovementioned, two of the three eldest Sons of Tippoo Sultaun shall be given as Hostages; on the arrival of whom, a Cessation of Hostilities shall take place

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Article 5 When an agreement containing the Articles above written shall arrive, bearing the Seal and Signature of Tipsoo Sultaun, Counter agreements shall be sent from the three Powers; and after the Cessation of Hostilities, such a definitive Treaty of perpetual Friendship as shall be settled by the several parties, shall be adjusted & and entered into.

A true Copy

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

Resolved that the following Letter be written to Lord Cornwallis.

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

To Lord Cornwallis - congratulatory on the Termination of the War - the Northumberland to be detained until the arrival of His Lordships Dispatches.

My Lord,

Sir Charles Oakeley has laid before us, your Lordships Letter to him of the 24th Ultimo, enclosing a translation of the preliminary Articles of Peace & settled between the Confederates and Tipsoo Sultaun.

Our minds are impressed with the highest degree of satisfaction on perusing these Articles, which provide so amply for the honor and security of the

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the Confederates, at the same time that they stipulate such large advantages both in territory and money — We beg your Lordship to accept our cordial & congratulations on this most happy & termination of the War.

We shall transmit by express, Copies of your Lordships dispatches to Bengal and Bombay — The Vestal sailed on the 22.d ulto, but the Northumberland is now here receiving cargo and will be detained until we receive the Letters your Lordship may wish to send by her. —

We have the honor to be with great Respect and Esteem
Yo.r &c.a &c.a

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(Signed) C. Oakeley Sec.y to Govt

Congratulatory & letters on the Termination of the War to be written to Major General Medows

Resolved that a Letter of Congratulation be written to General Medows on occasion of the happy Termination of the War.

The Nabob and the Rajahs of Tanjore and Travancore. —

Ordered that a Copy of Lord.d Cornwallis's Letter of the 23.d with the preliminary Articles be sent to Bengal and to Bombay by Express. —

Copies of the preliminary Articles to be sent to Bengal and Bombay. —

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The Acting President recommends
that the following Letters be written to his
Highness the Nabob and to the Rajahs
of Tanjore and Travancore / vide also C.C.
N.os 27. and 28.

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
Fo.a Fo.a Fo.a Fo.a Fo.a

To the Nabob - congratulatory on the Termination of the War. -

May it please your Highness.

The Interests of your Highness
and the Company being intimately —
blended, and the welfare of the one
being in part the welfare of the other,
it is proper that your Highness should
be made acquainted with the Success —
Tidings which I received this morning
from Lord Cornwallis. — I anticipate the
Joy which your Highness must feel on
knowing that the Enemy has been humbled
and subdued by the victorious Arms of
your Friends; — The Confederate Powers
have condescended to listen to the sup-
=plications of the Enemy for Peace, and
have granted it to him upon such Terms
as render it highly improbable he will
ever have it in his power to destroy the

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Peace of the Country - By the Preliminary Articles, Tipsoo has agreed to cede one half of his Dominions to the Allies - to pay three Crores and thirty Lacks of Sicca Rupees, and to deliver two of his three eldest Sons as Hostages for the due Performance of those stipulations - I congratulate your Highness on this honorable Termination of the War, and have the honor to be. —

Fo.: Fo.: Fo.:

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(Signed) C. Oakeley

To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Rajah of Tanjore and Trankenare - congratulating on the Termination of the War. —

At this auspicious moment I write your Excellency with sentiments of the most cordial congratulation on the Success, which by the Blessing of God, has attended the Arms of your Friends in the war with Tipsoo Sultaun - It must afford your Excellency inexpressible satisfaction to learn that the Enemy has been humbled and subdued by the Valor of his opponents - The Confederate Powers have condescended to listen to his supplications for Peace, and have granted it to him upon

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upon such Terms, as render it highly improbable he will ever have it in his power to disturb the general Peace of Hindostan - That he never may, and that your Excellency may live long and happy, are the sincere wishes of your true Friends! —

What can I say more?

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/Signed/ C Oakeley

The same to the Rajah of Travancore.

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore / as entered also in C.C. N.o 29 /

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Dated 18.th February 1792. —

From the Rajah of Tanjore applies for an advance of 25000 Pagodas - and requests to be furnished without Delay with the Accounts of the last year's Revenues.

I have been informed that Tippoo Saheb had erected batteries and fortified himself under the walls of Seringapatam, that Lord Cornwallis had taken these batteries by assault, and routed the enemy's army. I cannot express the joy, which I feel at the news of this great

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great victory: I pray to Heaven that my wishes may be accomplished in their fullest extent extent by the speedy reduction of the Fort, and there is not the smallest appre-hension of my being disappointed in this expectation. As the English are formed for truth, and charity, and the just protection of their subjects, victory attends all their motions, and their prosperity daily increases.—

The Collectors do not pay me seems sufficiently large for my expences. The Hooley feast is now at hand, and I have much occasion for ready Money to defray the charges. I shall therefore be much obliged by your Excellency's ordering orders to the Collectors for the payment of Pagodas / 25000) twenty five thousand in ready money. This sum may be deducted from my proportion.— As this matter is of importance to me I have addressed your Excellency in full confidence of your giving the necessary instructions without delay.— I wrote to your Excellency once on 13.th September 1791, and again on the

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the 7th January 1792 requesting to be furnished with an account of the Collections made in my Country, of which I am still totally ignorant, but I have not yet been favoured by your Excellency's compliance: I am therefore induced to make this further request that your Excellency will order the account of the last year's Revenue to be immediately furnished me. All my reliance is on the English. Believe me always your Excellency's Sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more?

A true translation

(Signed) J. Webbe M.S.a

Resolved that the Board of Assumed Revenue be directed to instruct the Collectors at Tanjore to advance to the Rajah on account of his festh the Sum of twenty five thousand /25,000/ Pagodas, and to with-hold all further payments until they shall become due.

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Resolved also, that the Board of Assumed Revenue be directed to furnish

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The Accounts called for by his Excellency &
without delay, as the Board are very desirous
that he should have no cause of complaint
on this head. —

Read the following Letter from
Major General Medows. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Senior Member at the Presidency, and the
Gentlemen in Council at Fort St George. —
Madras. Jo.a Jo.a

From Major
General Medows
returning Con-
gratulations on
the Defeat of
the Enemy's Army
on the Night of the
6th Instant. —

Camp near Seringapatam the
23d of February 1792. —

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I have the honor of yours of the
Seventeenth this day, and most sincerely re-
turn with interest your congratulations
upon the glorious success obtained by Lord
Cornwallis over the Enemy on the night of
the sixth. If, at a time when our perfidi-
ous and troublesome Enemy is so near us
being undone, and one of the worst men
is upon the eve of being so totally over-
thrown by one of the best, I could lament
any thing, it would be the unlucky cir-
cumstances that obliged us first to column
as

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as I had the honor to lead, to have so small a share in it.

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

(Signed) W.m Medows
Gov.r &c. &c.

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General

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

From the Deputy Adjutant General. - Major General Medows recommends that Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm be appointed Comptroller General in the Room of Colonel Kapper - that Major B. Close be appointed Adjutant General - vice Malcolm - and Captain Alexander Agnew Deputy Adjutant General vice Close. -

Sir,

Preliminaries of Peace having been agreed upon between the confederate powers and Tipsoo Sultaun, General Medows directs me to request you will lay the following recommendations from him before the Board. -

Lieutenant Colonel Henry Malcolm to succeed to the appointment held by Colonel Kapper, and to hold the Rank of Colonel on the same footing until the pleasure of the Honorable the Court

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Court of Directors shall be known; only that the Rank of Colonel as above mentioned is not to be conferred on Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm, provided the Honorable Company have expressly prohibited that Rank from being given to Colonel Kaspers Successor.

Major Barry Close, Deputy Adjutant General, to be Adjutant General of the Army, vice Malcolm, with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel as annexed to the Office and Captain Alexander Agnew to be Deputy Adjutant General, vice Close, with the Rank of Major as annexed to the Office.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

(Signed) B. Close

Dep. Adjutant General

Head Quarters Camp before Seringapatam 24th February 1792.

The Board approve and confirm the appointments recommended by Major General Medows — Ordered that they be published in General Orders.

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Mitchell, Innes, and Baker.

To

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President in Council &c.

From Messrs Michell Ince and Baker applying for an Interpreter, two Peons, and a small supply of Stationary.

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Honble Sir and Sirs,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Military Secretary's Letter, informing us of your Honorable Board having been pleased to appoint us a Committee for investigating into the cause or causes which occasioned the removal of Mr David Haleburton from his Seat at the Revenue Board and from the Office of Persian Translator during the Administration of Mr John Holland, and requiring our Report upon the whole Business with all convenient Expedition, We therefore take the Liberty of requesting to be furnished with an Interpretor, a small Suppsly of Stationary, and two Peons to enable us to effect the same.

We are

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient Servants

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27th February 1792.

(Signed) H. G. Michell

" Danl Ince

" Chas Baker

Ordered

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Ordered, that the Servants and Stationary applied for by the Committee, be granted. —

Read the following Letter from Colonel de Wangenheim.

From Colonel De Wangenheim requesting that he may be allowed to embark for Europe, with his suite, on the Northumberland.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor &c. &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

The Northumberland Indiaman being arrived here from Bengal in order to proceed from hence to England, I must respectfully take the Liberty to request that Government will be pleased of ordering for myself and the Officers and Men from the 19th Hanov: Regiment who are permitted to return with me, a Passage for England, on Board of that Ship. —

The reason, why I think it necessary, of applying to Government for my return to Europe on the present occasion, is, because the Transport, with, should

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Should my departure from here be
longer delayed, arrive a convidenable
time before me in England; and, of
Course, there could then no further ar-
Arrangements be made, respecting the
future destination of the Men. —

As I have likewise understood
that the other Ships, which will touch
here this Season, on their way to
England, are all very much crouded
with Passengers, and there being room
sufficient on Board the Northumber=
land, I presume to hope, that Govern=
ment will be pleased of taking the
same into consideration, and at the
same time that my most respectful
Application will be granted.

I have the honor to remain,
with great respect. Sir. Yr.
(Signed) Wangenheim
Colonel

Madras
28.th February
1792. —

Agreed to inform Colonel
de Wangenheim that as there will
not be room on the Northumberland to
accommodate

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accommodate him and his Suite; and as it is highly probable that all the Ships remaining to be dispatched, will be in England before the Transports, the Board hope it will be equally convenient to him to proceed by a future opportunity

Read the following Letter from the Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council

Sir

From the Military Board opinion on the Master Attendants Bills and on Foggle Alis Claim - enclosing Draft of the Contract to be entered into with Messrs Topping and Parry - and a Report State of the Fire Arms received from England and Comparative Remarks on the inferior quality of the Company's Arms to those furnished for the use of His Majesty's Troops - Recommendations on the Subject of forwarding the Stores intended for Amboyna Stores and Gunpowder received in the Month of January - Arsenal and Laboratory Books duly brought up.

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands under date the 15th and 18th Instant and beg leave to make the following Remarks upon the Bills of the Master Attendant enclosed in the former. —

Bill for 7 Iron 12 Pounders - Pagodas 295

The rate at which the Weight of these Guns is charged being proper, and the necessary deductions having made, on Account of the Excellence of Boring them, we are of Opinion the Amount

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amount should be discharged.—

Bills for Water Supplied

As we have no Documents before us whereby to ascertain the quantity of Water delivered, except the Receipt, which the Counter-Signature of the Commanders of the different Vessels seems to imply, it only remains for us to observe that the Tripss, or Supplies of Water, are charged at the regulated Rates.

Bills for Shipping and Landing Ordnance Pagodas 153.37—

The charges in these Bills having been compared with the Rates lately established by Government, We find there is an Excess of Charge — amounting to Pagodas 64-37- which we conceive should be deducted from the above Sum— Herewith we inclose a Comparative Statement, to which We beg leave to refer you for more particular Information

We should with equal readiness, offer an Opinion upon the

Bills

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Bill for erecting a Fire place on board the Ship Henry, but being unacquainted with the nature of the Work, which is totally maritime, its Dimensions and the quantity of materials it required, the

trust we shall stand excused in profes-
ing ourselves incompetent to any Judge-
ment as to the justness of the charge made.

With respect to the claim
of Fuzzle ali Jemidar of the 1st Regi-
ment of Native Cavalry to difference
of Pay, between Havildar and Jemadar,
We are of Opinion, from the Documents
produced, that he is fully Entitled
thereto.

Having expunged the Article
regarding Advances, from the Gun
Carriage Contract, We have therewith
the honor to Submit it to your perusal
for Execution.

We also submit a return
of the number and State of the Fire
Arms received from England on the Ships
of the last Season; those which are un-
serviceable having been surveyed, We have

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directed to be packed, in conformity to the Commands of the Honble the Court of Directors and shall cause them to be embarked on whatever Ships for Europe, you shall be pleased to direct upon this Occasion The Commissary General of Stores has called our attention to the great Insufficiency of the Locks of the Company's Musquetry, hitherto received from England, and having, in consequence, compared all the parts of a Lock belonging to one of His Majesty's Musquets, and Carbines, with one of each Sort of the Company We find, upon a very minute Investigation of the Surface as well as Temper of the metal, Workmanship, and Dimensions of each, that the former are Superior in every respect, We have therefore directed a Lock of each Description to be packed with the unserviceable musquets, and beg leave to suggest the necessity of a Recommendation to the Honble Court, that the particular attention of the Gun Smiths employed by the Company, be required to this Circumstance, as the great Inferiority of their arms is a matter of much Import, as well to the Service to be expected from them, as the Durability of them.

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We also beg leave to inform you that the Stores you lately directed to be replaced at Amboor, are ready to be dispatched, but are from the Scarcity of Troops in Garrison, a Sufficient Escort, cannot conveniently be forwarded, We would propose sending them off in small Decachons, as Carriage can be procured unless any other mode shall appear to you more advisable from a probability of the Incursion of the Enemys Horse. —

The Quantities of the different Articles Specified in the Enclosed List of Stores received from the Military Store keeper in last Month & having been approved, on Examination; We have directed them to be received upon the Company Books, as well as Three hundred and thirty Barrels of Gun powder, which, upon proof, have been reported to us to be very superior in quality. —

We have also Examined the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory, which we found regularly brought up to the End of the preceding Month. —

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

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(Signed) E.d Collins
" Geo Maule
"
" George Hall

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Return of the Number and State of Fire Arms received from England by the Ships of the year 1791.

Articles	State	No.	Remarks
Muskets with Spring Bayonets	Serviceable	5161	
	Repairable	4	Stocks damaged apparently on the Passage
	Unserviceable	14	. . . Vents too large.
	Do	1	Bore . . Do
	Total	5180.	

(Signed) George Hall
Comy General of Stores.

Fort St. George
26th February 1792

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

Minutes upon the foregoing Letter from the Military Board. —

Agreed that the Bills of the Master Attendant be sent to the Accountant General, with orders to include them in the Account Current which he has been directed to draw out, with particular reference to the observations of the Military Board.

Ordered that the Bills of Fuzzle ali for difference of Pay be signed for Payment. —

Ordered that the Draft of the Contract for Gun Carriages &c. be sent to Messrs. Tolfrey, and Parry, and that they be informed

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informed the Board will be ready to execute the same on Tuesday next.

Agreed that the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors be drawn to the Circumstances mentioned by the Military Board regarding the bad quality of the Arrow.

Ordered that the Honorable Arrow be sent to England on the Northumberland.

The Stores intended for Bombay may be sent off on small Divisions as suggested by the Military Board - and as the Country is now in perfect Tranquility, and likely to continue so, there does not appear to be any necessity for sending an Escort with them.

Chas Oakeley

George Parry Esqr