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Diary

Sent the following Letters —

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

& to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at

Fort William.

Gentlemen,

Bengal — respecting the
order Form in which the
Indents of Stores &c. for
use of this Presidency were
remitted to the Superiors
viz. —

Our Secretary has laid before us
the Letter which he has received from M. Hay
dated the 3d. Ultimo.

We are concerned that the
Application of our Military Board, for
Stores from Bengal, should have been
transmitted to you in an irregular form
This Deviation from the Rule prescribed in
your Late Secretary's Letter of the 15th September 1790
proceeded from the Inadvertence of the Gentlemen
of that Board, who omitted to notify to us that
their Letter to M. Secretary Dashwood contained
two Indents on the Presidency of Fort William,
upon which we should certainly have given a
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opinion if they had regularly come before us —
Conceiving, from the tenor of the letter from the
Military Board, that the Packet to Mr. Dashwood
contained nothing more than the usual quarterly
Returns of Stores, we directed our Secretary to
forward it to Mr. Hay without any remark, but
we shall be particularly careful in future that no
Indents for Stores be transmitted to you, without
the necessary observations from us. —

We have directed the Military Board to
furnish us with their opinions whether or not
Accoutrements made of Buffaloe Hide and
Cartridge Paper Manufactured in Bengal, will serve
instead of the Buff Accoutrements and the Europe
Cartridge Paper required in their Indent. As soon
as we receive their report we shall address you on
the Subject. —

We have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient,
humble Servants,
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
W. Cowell
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address
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To the Honorable Charles Stuart
& to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council
at
Fort William

Gentlemen,

We have the honor and pleasure to inform you that Preliminaries of Peace between the Confederate Powers and Tippoo Sultaun were settled on the 23d Instant, and that a Cessation of Hostilities took place on the next day.—

Bengal and Bombay—
advising on the Termination
War. Copy of the Preliminaries
& Articles of Peace enclosed.

A Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter to Sir Charles Oakeley, and a Translation of the Preliminary Articles, are herewith enclosed, and we beg leave to offer you our most Cordial Congratulations on this happy Event.—

We have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen,

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Your &c.
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
For Council

The same to the Honorable the Governor in Council
at Bombay.—

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

Hon'ble Sir,

To Major General Medows congratulating on the Termination of the War.

Sir Charles Oakeley having laid before us a letter which he has received from Lord Cornwallis advising that Preliminary Articles of Peace had been settled between the Confederate Powers and Tippoo Sultaun, we beg leave to offer you our most Cordial Congratulations on this happy termination of the War.

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

Fort St. George
7th March 1792.

Received the following Letters.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations Dated 7th March 1792

The Acting President acquaints the Board, that the Town Major has just put into his Hands the following paper which was shewn to him, the Town Major, by a Man apparently Stationed at the Gate of the Fort Square for the purpose of making the Contents public.—

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department Mr. Thomas William resumes the Honble Company's Service & Council

To

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To the Gentlemen of this Settlement

This is to notify that Mr. Cecil Smith,
Writer on this Establishment, has behaved himself
as a Coward and a Scoundrel in his late Transaction
with me. —

(Signed) Thomas Wallace

Fort St. George
1st March 1792.

The Acting President thinks it necessary
here to remark, that two days ago he received
information that a Challenge had been sent by
Mr. Thomas Wallace to Mr. Cecil Smith, which
would probably end in a Meeting to fight. He,
in consequence, immediately sent the Town Ma
to insist upon those Gentlemen giving their w
honor, that no such design should be Carried
into Execution. This the Town Major reported
that he had done; and the Acting President hoped
that their private differences might have been
accommodated, but he was surprised the next
day to learn, that Mr. Wallace had sent a fresh
Challenge to Mr. Smith by Ensign Brice, w
which Mr. Smith had very properly refused
to accept, having given his word the day before
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( ) to the Town Major that he would not go out of

the Acting President, upon this Information

orders Ensign Brice under Arrest.—

The Board are of Opinion that

Mr. Wallace should be immediately sent for,

and asked if he is the Author of the Paper

above inserted— That Gentleman according to

attending the Board, and the Question being

put to him, he says that he is the Author

it— The Conduct of Mr. Wallace

on this Occasion is so highly Offensive and

irregular in every respect, that the Board find

themselves under the disagreeable Necessity

Marking it by their Severest displeasure Here

Therefore that Mr. Wallace be suspended from

the Company's Service, until the pleasure of

the Court of Directors be known, and that

a Copy of these Minutes be sent for his

Information.—

A true Extract

(Signed) Robert Clerk

Dep. Secy

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to the different Gentlemen to whom they were addrest

— on the 19th —

The following day a body of Horse, about 200,

made their appearance in this District, said to be

part of those that were lately in the Carnatic, and,

as they kept between me and Coimbatoor, there is a

chance that the Tapals may fall into hands of

I therefore forward this direct to Canoor by private

hands, that the Service may not be impeded. —

As I have not had any communication

with the Grand Army, or received any instructions

from Lord Cornwallis later than the 9th of last Month.

I cannot take upon me to say that my footing is so firm

in this District, as to recommend the forwarding

any Supplies of Rice to be deposited in this quarter.

Damien Cottah and Sattymungalum is only to be

defended against Horse and the Fort of Gurzelhetty

is in ruins" —

As soon as I am certain of the communi-

-cation being secured with General Abercromby's

Army, I shall write Mess.rs Wynch and M.c Leod

to forward their Supplies, and shall take

every measure that is in my power to protect

them. In the meantime I have recommended it

to

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To W. C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you,

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions suggesting the Propriety of establishing a Post at Conjeveram for the Protection of the Supplies of Grain passing through the Southern Countries.—

for the information of Government, Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage, and request to be favored with Instructions whether I shall Countermand the Advance of any Supplies from Cavoor Dindigul and Paliguttcherry until Major Cuppage shall deem it safe for them to proceed, or direct the Collectors to use their discretion in sending them on in small parties with Sepoys or Peons.—

If a post could be established at Sunkerdurgum it would, there is Reason to believe, have a good effect by Keeping in Check the parties which at present infest those Districts from Sunkerdurgum.—

Madras 29. Febry 1792

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Cockburne
C.G.C.S.

Thomas Cockburne Esqre

Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your Letter of the 9th with its several enclosures which I forwarded to

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to them to be in as great forwardness as possible, or otherwise it would require a considerable time to have every thing in motion after the Orders are given

As the distance between Caroor & Dindigul is very considerable, it would be Rendering my Detachment to a very small body was I to cover the Convoys from both these places, and afterwards to protect the Supplies from Paleghaut to my the foot of the pass, I therefore request that you will apply to Government for Orders to be sent to Colonel Bridges to spare a few Companys of his Garrison to protect the Convoys from Caroor to Erode or one days March on this side of it, where I will have a Detachment ready to receive them. And the Convoys from Dindigul, being more near my I can protect them with less risk.

I am, Sir,
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Camp at Kattyamungalum
21. February 1792.

William Collins Jackson Esqre
Military Secretary

Sir, Colonel De Wangenheim, Commandant of Black Town, has sent into this department a Charge of

Thomas Hall Deputy Comptroller & General of Army Accounts - desiring to know if the Sub. D.C. forwarding the Horse Rent bill of last March was sent to the Officer Commanding the Black Town

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of /35/ Thirty five Pagodas for House rent for my Signature; doing the Honor to inform me if it is The Honorable The President in Council's pleasure that I shall Countersign this Charge - the Orders of the 27th Ultimo reduce the House rent of all Ranks to /5/ five Pagodas pr Annum from the 1st Instant. -

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the 29th Feby 1792

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(Signd) J. Brunton
Dep. Pb. S.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
President in Council &c &c

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of your Honorable Board, Copy of a Letter I wrote to Mr George Andrew Ram, resident at Tanjore bearing date the 15 Ultimo, On the subject of a Charge made by him for bringing Paddy in Sacks from the Country to the port of Tanjore. I wrote to Mr Thomas Castleton Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for information on the subject agreable to the Orders of your Honorable Board, and have referred me to Mr Ram,

I have

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I have likewise the Satisfaction to transmit your
Mr Ram's Reply to mine of the 21st ultimo inexplana
and have Respectfully to observe, it would appe
that when the Rajah of Tanjore delivers gra
into the Companies Granaries in lieu of Money,
as part of the Annual Subsidy paid by him, t
that, to the prime Cost of the Grain in the Countr
is added the bullock hire advanced by the Residen
which makes the Paddy amount to nearly the
same price for which it is to be had in the Buga
by this means the Company sustain little or no
loss; the Rajah gets Credit for the whole Weig
the Prime Cost of the occasion in the Country com
with the Charges of bringing it in, advanced by t
President, to make it equal to the Bazar price, a
so much Money received to Account in part of
the Subsidy due by him; for, on the Credit side
of the Cash Account, between the Rajah and the
President this Sum is entered under the head of Gra
purchased including wastage and Carriage, and
is generally from twenty two, to twenty three
Pagodas for Paddy: this mode it appears has
been invariably practised by Mr Ramé
predecessor

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predecessors, and, it seems, was sanctioned by the
Government.—

The Quantity of Grain brought in from
the Country to the Fort of Tanjore in August 1790, it
Amounted to 102,505 Cullums, And in Value to
Pagodas ℔ Cent
16,805.. 1.. 40 the Bullock hire for bringing it in
Pag.s ℔ Cent
Amounted to 6,155.. 37.. 40, more than one third
of the Prime Cost; Mr. Ram, at this Juncture, pleads
in his own behalf the great distance from whence
he was obliged to bring this Paddy to the Fort &
And the Almost total desertion of the Bullock &
people from the Tanjore Country at the &
Commencement of the present War for fear of
being pressed by the Contractors people, there
being At that time a large part of our Army
Assembled on Trichinopoly plain, Your Honorable
Board will perceive, from Mr. Rams letter to me,
that those people Refused to Return from the
places they had fled to, until they had received
Assurances of protection from the Reverend &
Mr. Swartz and himself; Mr. Ram has been
pleased to favor me with a Copy of an Agreement
made by the Reverend Mr. Swartz with the &
Bullock

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Bullock people in order to prove that his Charges
aforementioned for Carriage were not extravagant
The foregoing particulars being duly Considered
And from the enquiries, I have thought it
incumbent on me to make respecting the price
of Paddy at other places, particularly at this
Presidency in August 1790, the period at
which Mr Ram collected his Paddy, it
appears the Average price of this Grain was
then Thirty four Pagodas ₰ ℔ Garce, That supplied
by Mr. Ram Amounts to Thirty five pagodas
℔ Garce all expences ₰ is when laid up
in Store, This difference may be Accounted for
therefore with all due deference to your
Honorable Board ₰ am of opinion his
explanations are Satisfactory, And his
Accounts may be permitted to pass Accordingly

I have likewise the honor to forward
your Honorable Board Copy of a letter I wrote
Mr James Strange Paymaster at Tanjore,
on the 15th Ultimo, who acted as Commissary
of Grain and Provisions, for an explanation
of Charges made by him in September, October
November

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November, and December 1790 January and Febry 1791
for Wood, Salt, Ghee, and Gunnies purchased at
what Appeared to me exorbitant prices, I have likewise
the honor to forward Mr. Strange's Reply of the 23d
ultimo Containing the explanations required, It
appears by this Reply that Mr. Strange had the
Authority of the Commissary General of Grain &
and Provisions for the purchases he made, and
Your Honorable Board will perceive that previous
to his obliging Ghee he represented to
Mr. Cockburn the Considerable advance that
had taken place in the price of this Article
from the time he first Received the Orders of the
Commissary General of Grain and Provisions
to lay up Stock proportionately of it in Store, and the
Answer he received to the last of Articles
transmitted by him in January 1790, which
was not until August finally Authorizing
him to lay up Stores, this I am of Opinion
is a satisfactory explanation On the part
of Mr. Strange; agreable to his Request &
I have pursued his Accounts for April & May
1791 and find Ghee Charged in April at twenty &
four

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seven Pagodas ff Candy, and in May at 25 Twenty five Pagodas ff Candy, those prices are Moderate, Mr Strange pleads the Custom of his predecessors in purchasing wood by weight; I am sorry I cannot agree with him in Opinion that this mode of purchasing would be for the interest of the Service; if wood purchased by Billets of a Certain length and thickness and of Approved quality was put into store with equal Care and Attention as that purchased by weight it would last as long, and be as little subject to decay: I trust your honorable Board will not think me guilty of digression by observing here that in large Garrisons where Establishments of Lascars are Kept they might occasionally be employed in Cutting down wood in the Vicinity of their Station which would simply Cost the Company the Carriage of it into Garrison, Mr Strange Accounts for the high price of Salt by laid up in Store by stating the great Number of Bullocks the Carriage of it required from the Sea, and the length of time they were in going And Coming, and that, expences so included, twenty three Pagodas ff Garce was the Market price of the day: This being the Case a

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his explanation on this head, likewise what he has urged in his own favor respecting his Charge for Gunnies, may be deemed satisfactory

I am with great Respect, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) H. Brunton
Deputy Ch.

The Honorable. Major General. Medows
President and Governor &c. &c. in Council

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Hon'ble Sir

I beg leave to lay before you ... Cash required for the Manufacture of Gun powder for this present Month, and have honor to be with great Respect. &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Jos. duPré Porcher
Mily Storekeeper.

Estimate of Cash wanted by the Military Storekeeper for Gun powder Manufactured this Month ..... Pagodas 1200. — —

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(Signed) Jos. duPré Porcher
Military Storekeeper

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council.—

Honorable Sir,

Upon my leaving Bombay I was ordered to Fort Victoria to take in Bullocks upon the Company's Account, and land them at Cannanore, The Resident at Fort Victoria told me he imagined there might be some mistake, as they were to be landed at Billapatam, but would give me no order to Land them there, upon which I dispatched my Long Boat to Cannanore, under Charge of the third Mate a Midshipman and 4 Seamen, to Learn where the Cattle were to be landed, and to meet the Ship off Billapatam, upon my arrival at Cannanore and Billapatam the Board had not been heard of, tho' the Boat was dispatched 8 days before the Ship sailed: upon my Arrival at the French Settlement of Mahé a French European had just come from a small place belonging to Tippoo about

Boat

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about 3 League to the Southward of Mangal
and saw any Boat coming in there for refreshment
having been plundered by the Mahrattors; the
People immediately seized the Boat, Chained
the Officers and People together, and sent them
up the Country — I should therefore be Obliged to
you to state these Circumstances to the Right
Honorable Earl Cornwallis —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W. Smith

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Names of the Officers and People —

Thomas Peacock ——— 3d. Mate
William Thompson ——— Midshipman
Henry Gem — Quarter Master
Henry Cotman ———
Edmd. Rowlands ——— Seamen —
Joseph Johnston ———

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
To the Resident at Travancore
enclosing a Letter for the Rajah, congratulatory
the Termination of the War, and a Copy for his Info.

To the Resident at Travancore —

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To the Reverend Mr. Swartz - enclosing a Letter
for the Rajah of Tanjore, congratulatory on the
termination of the War, and a Copy for his
Information. -

The Reverend Mr Swartz

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army
Accounts - informing him that Major Tuite's Charges
for Stores purchased cannot be admitted unless
the Original Prices be ascertained by his swearing
to the Validity of his Accounts, and that no great
Sum is charged against the Company that was not
actually and bonâfide disbursed by him. -

The Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Military Board - enclosing Copy
of a Letter from the Secretary at Bengal &
regarding the Informality in the Transmission
to Fort William of the last Indent of Stores for
the Service of the Coast - Instructions on the &
Subject for their future Guidance desiring them
to report their Opinion upon that part of the
Letter beforementioned which relates to
Accoutrements and Cartridge Paper - and enclosing
Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Ingeram
respecting the 12 Bengal Tumbrills landed at
Coringa. -

The Military Board

To

Major

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To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam — desiring them to take the necessary Measures for laying up as soon as possible a Store of 500 hundred Garce of Paddy at Injeondah —

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — informing him of the Orders given to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam —

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 7. 8. 9. 10.

From the Commandant at Tiruchinopoly enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with the Collector of Madura and Carroor on the Subject of forwarding Grain to Damicotah. —

From the Commandant at Tiruchinopoly —

From Messrs Chase Parry and Co

From Messrs Chase Parry & Co — to purchase Part of the unserviceable Gunstaps on the Island, as Ballast for Ships, upon the Terms they were formerly taken by Captain Bruce of the Ship Yarmouth. —

From the Resident at Ganjam —

From the Resident at Ganjam — enclosing Copy of an Account Sales of condemned Military Stores, and requesting Permission to write the Loss incurred, off the Books of his Residency —

From

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From Major Porter - recommending that the Horses expected to join his Detachment under Charge of Lieutenant Wilson be placed on the Strength of the two Regements -

To Major Porter of the Cavalry -

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Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis -

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c: &c: &c:

My Lord,

We have received a Letter from Captain Smith, Commanding the Honorable Company's Ship Dublin stating, that his Long Boat with an Officer and five of the Crew had been seized in a small Port belonging to Tippoo Sultaun about three Miles to the Southward of Mangalore where they had put in for Refreshment; and that the People had been Obtained together, and sent up the Country. - We enclose Copy of Captain Smith's Letter for your Lordship's more particular information, and have the honor to be, with great Respect & Esteem,

&c: &c:

To Lord Cornwallis respecting the Officers and Men belonging to the Honorable Company's Ship Dublin who have been taken Prisoners & sent to the Mysore Country -

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(Signed) Charles Oakeley
&c: Council.

Received the following Letters. -

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.

Acting President. In Council.

Hon^ble Sir,

I have perused the Papers forwarded to you by the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly relative to the Murder committed at Dendigul, and agreeable to your Orders of the 27th ultimo that I would give my Opinion as to the most proper mode of bringing the Offender to Justice, I have the honor to observe, first, that Dindigul does not lie within the Original Jurisdiction of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and Secondly, that the Acts passed in the present Reign for enlarging its Jurisdiction extend to British Subjects only. I have therefore to submit to your Honor in Council as my Opinion that the proper and the only mode of bringing the Delinquent to Justice is by trial by a general Court Martial.—

I have the honor to be,
Hon^ble Sir,
(Signed) Benj^a Sullivan

Fort St. George
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From the Attorney General
Opinion respecting the mode
of bringing to Justice the Offen-
ders committed a Murder at
Dendigul.—

murder

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2. To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley &c.

Governor and President and the Gentlemen

the Members of the Council

of Fort St. George

Honorable Sir, and Sirs,

Honored by your Answer of the

14th Instant to our Representation of what

happened at Jaggernaickpooram, may it be

permitted to us to engage Your Attention again

on the Subject. For, as we trust, that Justice and

Equity are the Rules of the Acts of your Government

of Country and People, so, and not less, do we hope,

Honorable Sir and Sirs, that you are pleased

to acknowledge it in us a Duty to speak for and

defend our Dependents against all Wrongs or

which they, with Reason, complain of to us.—

For this Reason, Honorable Sir

and Sirs, You will be pleased not to take it

amiss, that we further Clear our Chief of

Jaggernaickpooram of the Suspicion, under which

Honorable Sir and Sirs, he seems to have fallen

with You too by the Supposition, as if the Trade

in Slaves, for Exportation had received too great

Encouragement

From the Chiefs and Council at Calicut representing the steps they have taken to effect the abolition of the Slave Trade

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Encouragement by the Permission given to foreign Contractors for the Sale and Transportation of them from our Factories —

This Supposition we conceive to be founded in the wrong Notion and Relation of things given by the Gentlemen of Masulipatam. We believe that the enclosed Advertisements to render the Purchase of free Men as Slaves in the Transportation of the same out of their Native Country so difficult as it was possible to invent by one, as our Chief, not qualified to stop the Transportation by forcible means, will convince you, Honorable Sir and Sirs, that since — July 1791 it has been the Meditation of the abovementioned Chief to oppose this indelicate Practice by such means as he was allowed to use, and which he thought would obstruct and stop the Avidity of the Purchasers of Men Kind, tho the Penalties set upon it were not found sufficient to stop the Evil. And what is still more, we have, since our late Letter, received from Jaggernaick Pooram a Declaration, of which a Copy goes enclosed, of two Persons, which, out of Your own Territory Curinge, to

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deprived of their Liberty, were brought as Slaves on
Board of a Ships, that lay at Anchor near the River of
Solengy, which however, on the Arrival of that
Vessel in the Roads of Jaggernaickporam, by the
care of our Chief. or by sending his Servants, the
Uncle of the two Stolen Men on Board of that
Ship were liberated, and sent to one of Your
Agents to give Information of that Incident

By this one and the other we trust that
we have removed the Suspicion, as if so base a Business
as that of trading in Mankind was favored by the
abovementioned our Chief. To shew our Aversion
to Such a detestable Trade, and the sincere desire
which prompts us, in all which can the Equity
may be required of us, and by Vertue of over
publick Authority is practicable, Honorable
Sir, and Sirs, to join your Endeavors to the
Reformation of this unlawful Trade, we have
extended our late Orders for Jaggernaickporam
to all our Factories in the North, and we have
besides ordered to take the necessary Measures
against our Navigators on Board of our Ships
in the purchase of free People, and not
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to permit the Commanders to export, or lawfully to purchase any more, than one or two for their own Service, and not to carry them out of the Country, or alienate them. When our Ships arrive, we shall extend the Same to the Commander of such a Ship and all Such as belong to it. —

More Tokens of our good Will to work together to the Execution of this good Design, we are not able to give. For finding it ourselves difficult to get what each Family may want for Food on Account of the great Scarcity of Rice, the Charity of communicating it to the Poor cannot find place to that Extent, than when there is less Scarcity of such an Article as this, which alone is able to lay the pinching hunger of the Poor by a Hand so liberal and so able as that of the English. —

We have the honor to be with very great Respect

Ff: Ff: Ff:

(Signed) " Jacob Albrecht
" Jacob Samt. de Raeff
" J. L. Winckelmans
" Jr. Wm. Bloeme
" Louis Adrien de Bruyn
" Jn. Jos. Hasz. —

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in Fort Geldria
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Advertisement

It it has happened more than once that Transfers about Slaves were asked to be made out on Cajans, or which were granted elsewhere, without Knowing assuredly how such a Transfer happened to be made; to be herein precautions and also to oppose the Evil of Kidnapping Children, for which there is Reason of forming a Suspicion, there being at present Carried on a great Trade in it by various unknown People; it is found expedient to institute

That hereafter no Slaves, whether Male or Female shall be allowed to be sold, but by personal appearance before the Scribe of those, who by the Law of the Land, may have a Right thereto.

That such a Person being unknown shall be held to shew a Certificate signed by the Zemindar Shanadar or any other authorized Person of the Place or Village to which he belongs, that he there has his fixed Habitation, before any Transfer be done, or made out.-

That by this Certificate it shall be necessary to appear that a Child which the Man or Woman's

that

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2°. That Appeares desires to sell, is of such Relation to them, that the Sale of it may be made by them or them

That it shall be necessary, that the Scriba, in the Bill of Transfer, mention, that all such Evidence is produced and examined by the Interpreter and Braamin which both are hereby charged at each time to give their Vote thereto

That if any thing be wanting in this of Evidence no Transfer of Slaves shall be made Sub Poena of Nullity.—

That each Transfer which is to be made, after previous Examination, shall be written upon Stamped Paper of 12 Shiv.rs to be registered among the Original Papers and a Copy upon stampt Paper of 6 Shiv.rs.—

That for the Original Copy thus written upon stampt Paper shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Scriba 4 Rupees and 1 Rupee to the Interpreter and Braamin for the Examination

Every one is hereby cautioned, that whosoever, after the Affixation of this, shall continue, Contrary to the Contents of the same, to trade in Male or Female Slaves shall be corrected according to Circumstances.—

Pard

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And that everyone may be enabled to avoid all Damages, and may have no Ignorance to plead, these shall be Published and affixed both in the Dutch and Country Languages by the Chiefs of this Factory, who have signed the same and confirmed it with the Company's usual Seal.—

Done at Jaggernaick pooram on the 16th July 1791: was Signed: / Cas: Leon: Cilbracht, & P. Ca. Van Hogendrop / In the Spatium stood: / upon Order of the Chiefs published and affixed 18th July 1791 / (Signed) A. F. Van Holt. / Further be Cancelled / agreed to / Signed / C. L. Cilbracht.—

Advertisement

As the Precautions which we have endeavoured to use on the 16th July last already with regard to the Manifold Dealings in Slaves and the making of Transfers seem not to Answer the intended Purpose, this Trade being still Carried on with as much Avidity as ever by Purchasers, which are made both here in this place and elsewhere, consisting the Exportation of them as it

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it seems most here at Jaggernaickpooram, where they imagine to have discovered that Company's Peons are used as Guards of these Dealers —

Therefore is again regulated and ordered, by these, that for each Male or Female Slave, & which shall be transported from hence, Jaggernaickpooram, the Purchaser may have been made here or elsewhere, shall be paid two Rupees for the Exportation, exclusive of the Expences of the Transfer of all such Slaves as be purchased at Jaggernaickpooram itself; and which two Rupees shall be collected and enjoyed by the Renter, one half to find his Expences out of it, and the other half to account for it to the Poor Box of this place for the Benefit of indigent People, while Company's Peons are earnestly cautioned not to suffer themselves to be employed by any one to watch these purchased Male or Female Slaves, under Pain of Corporal Punishment and Dismission from the Service in case of Transgression —

And that every one may be notified of the same, this shall be published in the Dutch &

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and Country Languages, affixed at the Cotwalls Choultry, confirmed by the Company's Seal & and Countersigned by the Scribas.-

Saggernaick pooram 6: January 1702

/Signed/ C. L. Eilbracht /Lower/ Agreed to

/Signed/ Cas: Leon. Eilbracht

Agreed to

Jno Abdam

first Sworn Clerk to

L: S:

For the Honble Company

This 23d Day of January 1702.

Appeared before me Albertus &

Francois Van Holt, Book Keeper and Sworn Scriba of this Factory in the presence of the Witnesses hereafter to be named Casili Cnikoo Wenkay 23 Years old, and Moorneddy Nugeloo 20, both Inhabitants of Carpa, which, upon the Request of the Gentleman, the Chief, Mr Casparus & Leonardus Eilbracht, declared to be true and nothing but the Truth.-

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That now 9 Days ago they went to-
-gether from the Place Candreeuw to Yanaon &
each with a Cannoe, or Cooly Load of Cloth for
the Account of Cojeel Gangeloo, which they
the Appearers, having delivered at Yanaon and
being about to go back, met there in the Bazar
a Servant, Named Soobay, who gave Some Matts
to be forwarded to one Rajah Gopal at Coringa;
the Servant having left them, the Appearers,
halfway from Coringa, and having given
them a Boy to go with them to Coringa, they
the appearers, having reached Coringa, delivered
the Matts to Raja Gopal, who told them, that
he had some Cajan Leaves, which were to
be Carried to the River Side, for which, besides
the Seven Dabbooses each, the Cooly from Yanaon
to Coringa there should still be given to each of
them Seven Dabbooses.-

That they had asked some Dabbooses to
buy Rice, but that they had received nothing,
Rajah Gopal saying that it was too late to
cook.-

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2nd That They, the Appearers, being called up about 12 at Night were obliged to go to the River Side, and upon the Question, which they made to Gopal where the Cajan Leaders were, answer, that they lay on the River Side.—

That They, the Appearers, being come to the Riverside were ordered by the aforementioned Servant Gopal to go into the Boat, which they were there.—

That, having no Inclination to it, and asking what they had to do in the Boat, they were forced into it by the Boat People with Threatnings and Blows; and that the Boat, as soon as they were come into it, sailed, and went to the Ship that lay at Anchor close to the River Solengy, and which some Days after came into this Road. Chulingas being come on Board with Ballast, they told their Case the Chulinga People, and desired them to give Notice thereof to their Uncle Cassiredy Pellana in the Service of the Chief of Saggenaicke pooram, that they might be released, which also was effected to their Satisfaction on the 21st. Instant.—

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Concluding herewith, they, the attesta-
tors, declared what they had attested for the
Reason of giving Information, to be the clear
Truth, being ready to confirm the same further
with an Oath if required.—

Thus done and attested in the Dutch
Factory of Jaggernaick pooram dated as
above in the Presence of Adrianus Mathews
da Silva, and Christian Bernardus Dirksz
as Witnesses.—

The Minute of this is written upon
loose Seal for the Honble Company
and properly (Signed) below stood / quod a
Attestor / was signed / A. P. Van Holt sworn
Scriba.—

Agreed to
In Council
W. C. Jackson Esqre
First Sworn Clerk
Secretary to the Government

From Major Kippen inclosing
a draft of Lieutenant Johnston
of the Engineers.—

Sir, Fort St. George

I request you will be pleased to lay the
accompanying Letter from Lieutenant Johnston of
the

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the Engineers before the Honorable the Governor in Council

Camp at Sattymungalcum
23d February 1792

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

To. Major Cuppage
Commanding &c &c &c

Sir,

I have to request you will forward the enclosed letter to Government and am,

Sir, Your most obedient Hble Servant
(Signed) Geo. Johnston
Lieutenant Engineer -

Camp Sattimungalum
23d February 1792. -

To the Honorable the Governor and Council
Fort Saint George

Honorable Sir,

At the time the Grand Army was at Singanellore I was ordered into Coimbetore, to take Charge of the Works and such Repairs as should be required at that place; and an Establishment of Artificers was ordered in with me from the Army, by the Chief Engineer; they have ever since been employed on the public works, either at Coimbetore or Paulgautchurry, as occasion has required

From Lieutenant Johnston - complains of Mr. Corbett's having refused to pay the Artificers employed under him, with the Sanction of the Commander in Chief, in the Execution of Repairs of the Public Works at Paulgautchurry and Coimbatoor -

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required them, particularly at the latter place, in
Building and repairing the Public Granaries and
Store-rooms - Rice Godowns - Quarters for all the Officers
of the Garrison, and the different Sheds and Barracks
for which there never has been a charge of any sort
to my Knowledge having been executed by these people
Several Months since I received a letter from
W. Corbett, Paymaster and Store Keeper at this
place, with an Extract of Remarks from the
Auditor of Accounts desiring I would explain and
give my Authority for keeping and employing
so large an Establishment of Lascars, Coolies,
Artificers &c. or to refund the Pay that had
been drawn for them; I accordingly transmitted
my Authority &c. to the Paymaster, for the
Satisfaction of the Auditor; but have never received
an Answer whether Satisfactory or not, tho
I have written repeatedly since regarding it -
The whole of the Abovementioned Artificers are
now Eight Months in Arrears of the Garrison;
their Pay having been stopped ever since, by
the Paymaster refusing to pay them without
a particular Order. -

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In the Auditors remarks he Observes that the Establishments of Artificers are large, and Charges high: I have only to say that the Establishment employed and returned by me were ordered with me from the Grand Army, and have been constantly employed on the public Work Since; there is a large Establishment of Artificers and Lascars attached to the Storekeeper, the latter of which I have none. Tho' mine are the only ones objected to, and their Pay Stop't & who were sent in with me from the Army and are employed on all repairs &c. requires.—

As I have no Authority for discharging the above people and they are now Eight Months in Arrears, and I have made them considerable advances, which I am no longer able to do, must beg you will be so good as to order their pay, and to Inform me whether it is requisite they shall be continued during the War.—

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I am,
Honble Sirs,
with Respect &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo Johnston
Lieut. of Engineers

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in A B Nos. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20

To the Military Board - approving their

To the Military Board

Opinion upon the Master Attendants Bill and Jemedar Fuzzle Ally's Claim - and their recommendation for sending off the Stores intended for Amboor in Small Divisions informing them that the unserviceable Arms of the last Season which they have ordered to be packed in Conformity to the Commands of the Honorable Court of Directors may be shipped on the Northumberland. -

To Messrs. Topping and Parry - enclosing

To Messrs. Topping and Parry - Contractors for Gun Carriages. -

the draft of a Contract to be entered into with them for the Provision of the Articles therein specified, and informing them that the Board will be prepared to execute the same on the 6th Inst.

To Major Young - returning Fuzzle Ally's

To Major Young of the Cavalry. -

Jemedar's Bills, signed for Payment. -

To the Accountant General enclosing a Report

To the Accountant General. -

of the Military Board upon Sundry Bills presented by the Master Attendant, with the Resolutions of Government annexed, and desiring him to include the Sums therein specified in the Account which he was directed to draw on on the 15. Ultimo. -

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To the Board of Assumed Revenue desiring them

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.

to instruct the Collector at Tanjore to pay to the Rajah the Sum of 25,000 Pagodas and to lose no time in furnishing the Account Collection which His Excellency has repeatedly applied for

To Messrs. Mitchell Snee and Baker informing

To Messrs. Mitchell Snee & Baker

them that they have the Board's permission to employ an Interpreter and two Peons during the Time the Enquiry they have been instructed to make may last; and that they will be furnished on Indent with such Stationary as they may require.

To the Commandant at Chingleput desiring

To the Commandant at Chingleput

him to send fifty King's Invalids to the Presidency including all the Men now at Chingleput who have European Wives.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly informing

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.

him that the proper and only Mode of bringing the Sepoy at Dendegul, charged with the Murder of the Subadar, to Justice, is by Trial by a General Court Martial.

To Colonel Dellwangenheim informing him

To Colonel Dellwangenheim

that as there will not be Room in the Northumberland to accommodate himself and his Suite, and as it is probable that all the Ships remaining to be dispatched

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dispatched will arrive in England before the transports, the Board hope it will be equally convenient to them to proceed by a future Opportunity.—

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 26th Ultimo.

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters &c. & entered in M. B. Nos. 21. 22. 23.—

From the Acting Resident at Hyderabad &

From the Acting Resident at Hyderabad.—

enclosing a Letter addressed to Lord Cornwallis, & containing a Request from Sir C. W. Malet for Instructions in consequence of Intelligence he has & receive of Mahajee Scindia's having marched from Eugen towards Poonah.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Provisions recommending that the Storekeepers at Amboor and Vellore be directed to prevent any more Banjarries from proceeding to Pondamalee and that M. Henderson be instructed to beat out the new Paddy into Rice in the different Villages with all Expedition in order that the Banjarries may themselves go and take it up as such Rates as may be agreeable to them.—

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From

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No 1.

From the Collector at Cannor - acknowledging

From the Collector at Cannor

Receipt of the Board's orders on the Subject of forwarding

Supplies of Grain to Damia hcotah -

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Dispatches the undermentioned Letters &c

entered in Mt. B: Nos. 24. 25. 26. -

To the Collector at Vellore - desiring him

To the Collector at Vellore

to use his best Endeavours to beat out the new

Paddy into Rice, in the several Districts under

his Management -

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions -

informing him of the Orders given to Mr Kinderaley,

and desiring him to instruct the Storekeepers at

Amboor and Vellore not to suffer any more Bengarries

to proceed to Poonamalee -

To the Commander of the Northumberland -

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship Northumberland -

desiring him to receive on board his Ship a Box &

addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors containing

unserviceable Muskets -

No 6.

Received the undermentioned Letters &c

entered in Mt. B: Nos. 27. 28. -

From Lieutenant Lewis - enclosing an

From Lieutenant Lewis of the Bengal Establishment

Indent of Provisions required for the use of the

Native -

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Native Troops under his Command who are now on board the Asia on their way to Fort Malbro

From Mr. Thomas Parry stating that

From Mr. Thomas Parry one of the Contractors for Gun Carriages. —

Mr. Topping's Absence from the Presidency prevents the Execution of the Contract agreeably to the Orders of Government. —

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Acting President

Tuesday 6th March 1792

William Petrie Esqre

The Honorable 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,

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

from Lord Cornwallis – Tippoo's two Sons arrive in Camp –

Tippoo's second and third Sons did not arrive in our Camp till this day; the former is about ten years old, and the latter, who is the Son of Burraun-ud-Dien's Sister, and Considered as the heir to the Sultanah, about eight – The delay in their arrival was not occasioned by any interruption of the Treaty, but by the difficulty and distress of their leaving the Zanana, and by Tippoo's Anxiety that they Should be properly received by me –

You will easily imagine that As Children under their Circumstances, I could not be deficient in shewing every mark of kindness and respect, and I was happy to observe that the Boys Seemed to entertain no apprehensions of their new Father –

Our Deputies and Tippoo's Vackeels will now enter earnestly upon their business, and as Soon as we can receive our first payment

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of Money, I think we may retire a little from this dreary waste.—

Camp near Seringapatam
February 26th 1792

I am, with much esteem & regard,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis

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

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis respecting his Dispatches for Europe desires to know if the Board have received from Captain Bannerman Copies of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Hollond relative to the Purchase of Sattarah and or Conjeveram.—

I have determined to send my Aid-de-Camp Captain Madan to England with the account of our late operations and of the Treaty; and he has this day left Camp on his way to Madras.—

Captain Madan however cannot reach the Presidency before the 13th or 14th of next Month; and it is possible that my dispatches may not arrive there quite so soon If therefore the Northumberland which I understand to be the first Ship expected from Bengal, should come into the roads before the 10th of March I should wish that she might be dispatched immediately with

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a Copy of the Preliminary Articles, which it is of great consequence to convey to England as soon as possible, and that Captain Madan and my dispatches should proceed on the next Ship; But if the Northumberland should arrive in the roads on or after the 10th of next Month, I request that she may be detained to convey Captain Madan and my dispatches. —

I have not heard that the Board has received from Captain Bannerman a Copy of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Holland relative to the Rajah of Travancore's purchase of Cranganore and Jaccottah from the Dutch. —

I am with much esteem, —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp near Seringapatam 29th February 1792. —

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis —

Agreed to inform Lord Cornwallis that as the Northumberland is to take in half her Cargo at this place, the Board fear, that, with the utmost expedition, she will not be ready for Sea till the 15th Instant, but that his Lordship may —

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may be assured she will not be detained longer than may be absolutely necessary, Knowing as the Board do, how important it is that the Company should be in early possession of the Articles which have been agreed upon, preliminary to a General Peace.—

Agreed also to acquaint his Lordship that in the letter to him of the 21st September last, the Board stated that they should call upon Captain Bannerman for a Copy of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. John Holland relative to the Rajah of Travancore's Purchase of Tyacottah and Cranganore, and that a Copy of it would be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by the first Opportunity, which was done Accordingly with the Board's dispatches by the Phenix

Read the following Letters from the Board of Trade & Revenue

To

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

We have received a petition from

From the Board's assumed Revenue opinion on an Petition received from Narsim Rauze praying to be released from his Confinement at Vellore

Narsimrauze praying to be released from his confinement at Vellore, which we think our duty to lay before you, and at the same time to explain such Circumstances as may be necessary for your information. When you thought it expedient in May 1791 to put his person under Restraint, it was communicated to Narsimrauze that his release would in great Measure depend upon his future good behaviour: as far as this consideration is involved the Collector's report is decidedly in his favor; but, from other petitions, which have been presented to us by Cavel Rauze and even by Narsim Rauze himself, we have reason to Suppose that he carries his Views something beyond a simple release, for he insinuates that the dewany to Bomrauze Pollam is hereditary in his

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his family and requests the restoration of it. If therefore he should be released without means being taken to restrain his intrigues serious consequences may be reasonably apprehended. If however the Honorable Board should see proper to remove the restraint upon his person, We take the liberty of suggesting that this indulgence should not be granted unless he procures Satisfactory Security for his future good Conduct: in this event we can point out no person more eligible that Cawest Rauze, Son and Minister to Bomrauze; for if Cawest Rauze should become responsible he will hold the double advantage of conferring an obligation on Narsim Rauze and the power of withdrawing his Security in Case of any turbulent attempts.—

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We have the Honorable &c. &c.
(Signed) " Wm Petrie
" David Haliburton
" Wm Balfour

To

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

Honble Sir,

We do ourselves the honor of laying before you Copy of a letter which we have Received from the Collector at Nellore, and of requesting your instructions for our guidance.—

From the Board of Assumed Revenue the Collector at Nellore applies for orders respecting a Man apprehended for a Murder committed at Condapee

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Fort St. George
5th March 1792

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

Gentlemen,

Having received information from the Renter of Condakoor Purgunnah that some Lambadies had arrived at Condapee, a Village in that Purgunnah, and that a dispute had

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had arose amongst them / it is supposed Regarding their Cast / that five of them were Murdered, and the Rest had absconded to the Guntoor Circar, where they have since been apprehended, as Soon as that Circumstance came to my Knowledge I Requested Mr. Cochrane to send them here, that I might represent the transaction to you, as one of them, sent hereby order of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, is arrived / two others having escaped from the Guard / I have to Request you will be pleased to give me your Orders respecting him.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Richard Dighton
Collector Nellore District

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

Nellore
27 February 1792

Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Board of Assumed Revenues.—

Agreed to inform the Board of Assumed Revenue that if Canoot Rauze consent to become responsible for the good Conduct of Narsim Rauze there can be no objection to the latter's being released from his present Confinement, but that

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that it would not be adviseable to give him his Liberty under any other condition less secure.—

Resolved that the Collector at Nellore be directed to examine Witnesses and take their Depositions regarding the Murder committed at Condapee—after the Board have seen the Papers which he may transmit, further orders will be given on the Subject.—

The Acting President informs the Board that repeated and pressing Applications have been made by the Omdit ul Omrah Bahauder for the immediate delivery of the Bills agreed at the Meeting of Council the 28th Ultimo to be granted to him at the request of the Nabob—But as it is very probable the Omdit means to dessicate them at a heavy Loss to himself, the Acting President recommends that the Bills be made out in the following Manner

The Acting President's Proposition respecting the Delivery of the Bills agreed to be granted to the Omdut ul Omrah—

First Set for Pagodas—10,000.. and to be delivered immediately—
Second Set for—ditto—5000.. and to be delivered on the 25th April—
Third Set for—ditto—10,000.. and to be delivered on the 25th May—
25,000.—

Approved and ordered accordingly—

Minutes of the Board thereon—

Read

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Read the following Petition of Soobaroyam

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President in Council of

Fort St. George

The humble Petition of Soobaroyam
Son of Davy Naig late Interpreter
to the Honorable Company

Sheweth,

Petition of Soobaroyam praying that Government will write to Lord Cornwallis to procure the Enlargement of his Relations who were taken Prisoners at Permacoil and are now in Confinement at Seringapatam. —

That Your Petitioners Brother in law named Thyagaroy, (who had served James Landon Esqr. as his principal Servant in the Collection of Revenue) was at Permacoil at the Time it had been surrendered up to Tippoo's People; notwithstanding the Articles of Capitulation were to set every man at liberty, the said Thyagaroy with two of his Brothers and others, took & Prisoners and Carried to Seringapatam where they are still detained under Confinement. —

Understanding that Peace has been concluded thro Providence, your Petitioner most humbly begs & hopes that may it please your Honr to use your Honors good Offices with his Lordship

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to effect the relaxement of the said Thyagaroy and his Brothers from their present Confinement & under which they have been laboring for along time to the great melancholy Grief and Misery of his Family, for which Charity -

Your Petitioner, as in duety Bound
Shall Ever Pray
Soobaroyan

Resolved that the Board of Accounts and Company's Revenue be directed to write to the Collectors of such of the Districts as may at any time have been visited by the Enemy during the late and former Wars, instructing them to forward as Correct Lists as possible of the Names of the Inhabitants who have been Captured in their Divisions, and are now in Confinement in the Mysore Country specifying the time and Manner in which they were taken, that the same may be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis for his information.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from

Major Agnew

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The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Governor and Council of
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I had the Honor on the 19th Ultimo to address Mr. Jackson, the Military Secretary of Government, acknowledging the receipt of an Extract from the General Letter of the 6th May 1791 on the Subject of Claims referred to the Honorable the Court of Directors for decision and requesting that payment might be ordered of such parts of those Claims, as by the Letter of that Honorable Court, I conceived to be allowed me.—

Mr. William Balfour to whom I had transmitted my Bills informs me that your Honble Board has decided "That no Batta shall be paid"—

Permit me to state that, Conformably to the usages of the Service, if I was considered as absent on duty from this establishment, I am regularly entitled to Batta: That I was so considered is evident from the General Orders of Government, the Returns of the Army, and the Orders respecting me from the Honble the Court of Directors— If not considered as on Duty I am entitled to no Allowance whatsoever.—

That in dividing my claims into two Parts, one of which was rejected as unfounded and the reasons of that rejection adduced; and the other admitted without division, and without comment by

From Major Agnew requesting to know the Grounds on which the Payment of Batta during his absence on Service is refused; and to have Permission to refer his Claim to the Right Honorable the Governor General.—

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by the Honorable the Court of Directors — the evident meaning of the Honorable Court was, that the whole of the latter part of my Claim should be paid — Viewing the Subject in this Light, I hope the Honorable Board will favor me by a communication of the grounds on which the payment of Batta during the Period of my absence is refused; should they not on reconsideration, think proper to admit my Claim, as I trust they will. The Letter of the Court of Directors to which I again beg leave to refer appearing to me to contain a full and clear decision in my favor for the whole of the latter part of my demand — and, as the Honorable Board will find on examination that Batta was included in the Amount of the second Part of the Claims transmitted by me to the Honorable the Court of Directors, Regt. for my Pay and allowances from the time of my Embarkation with the late Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart on his Mission to China till my return to this Presidency, and which claim that Honorable Court have by their Letter of the 6th of May 1789 directed "shall be made good to me"

I request to be favored with the determination of the Honorable Board on this Subject; and, should it be unfavourable to my claims, that the Honorable Board will permit me to state the circumstances of my demand to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, with whose Government the Mission, on which I had the Honor to be employed, was immediately connected. —

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

(Signed) Patk Alexr Agnew
Capt. 3d Batn P. Infantry.

Camp before
Seringapatam
21st February 1792

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Minute thereon.—

Agreed to inform Major Agnew that although the Board are very desirous he should receive the whole of the Allowances intended for him by the Honorable Court of Directors, yet, as the Allowance of Batta was not expressly mentioned, and as the Service on which he was employed was entirely unknown to this Government they approve his Suggestion of stating the Circumstances of his demand to the Governor General, to whose opinion every Attention will be paid.—

Read the following Letter from Major Cuppage.—

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

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you that I marched here on the 20th with a view to get in the rear of a body of Horse that made their appearance in this District some days ago, and said to be part of the Horse that were lately in the Carnatic And to endeavor to

From Major Cuppage, a Detachment from his Corps Employed in Pursuit of the Enemy in the Village of Cuttaurtah. requesting that the Colonel Pretends may be allowed two Months Batta and Extraordinaries to Parade

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to surprise a Post the Enemy had taken about
25 Miles from hence on the North side of the
Bowanny —

The same evening at 9 o'clock I detached
the 5th and 16th Battalions Native Infantry &
under Captain B. Vigors with that intention,
but he was taken so ill on the road that
he was under the necessity of delivering over
the Detachment to Lieutenant Both, at 1 o'clock
next Morning they came to the Village of Cutta
Cottah and completely surprized the party &
consisting of about 70 Horse and 300 Peons,
eight Horses was taken the remainder got
off without Saddles or bridles and about 30
of the Peons Killed and Wounded, of the former
was Caveder Ally the Dewanjee of Sally-
-mungalum crossing the River in his
Palanteen which fell into our hands, a few
Bullocks and near 1000 Pagodas were also
taken. It will have an exceeding good
effect routing this party, and I hope clear
the Country of them —

Mench

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Much to the honor of the Detachment they made a March of upwards of 36 Miles in 18 hours and not a Man left behind.

I shall march tomorrow towards Shaver, it being the most centrical situation in the District, to cover the different convoys of Rice that are to be deposited in Damien Cottah, and as I am obliged to have a post in Sattymungalum and Damien Cottah and a Chain of posts from Paleghat = cherry to the latter place, I request the Honorable Board will be pleased to direct Colonel Bridge to send a party to Erode to cover the convoys from Carroor, two Companys of regular Sepoys and one of Sibandies would be sufficient to protect them against any party of the Enemy that are on the North Side of the Cavery.—

As my Detachment may be called on for immediate Service I am of Opinion it ought to be kept as complete as possible, and ready at all times for Service.—

Camp at Sattymungalum
24th February 1792.

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

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Agreed

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Minute thereon —

Agreed to express to Major Cuppage the Board's Satisfaction at the Account he has given of the good Conduct of the Troops whom he had employed in surprizing the Enemy's Post at the Village of Allavelah

The Acting President informs the Board that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions has been instructed, by Orders from Lord Cornwallis, to Countermand the directions given to the different Storekeepers to the Southward in regard to the Storing of Grain at Damiah Cottah for the use of the Grand Army —

The Commissary General of Grain and Provisions receives Instructions from Lord Cornwallis to Countermand the Orders given to the Southern Storekeepers on the Subject of storing Rice at Damiah Cottah —

Agreed that the above be communicated to Colonel Bridges and to Major Cuppage —

The above to be communicated to Colonel Bridges and Major Cuppage —

Read the following Report from the Hospital Board, with Enclosures entered viz.

M. B. N.° 29/

Hospital Board
5th March 1792

The Hospital Board have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Orders of Government for the appointment of an Assistant Surgeon to be Stationed at Nellore —

From the Hospital Board — Acknowledging that Mr Shipperd is appointed to do Duty at Nellore and the Garrison of Rampore and Mr A Donoghoe with the 8.° Battalion Native Infantry inclosing a Memorial from Mr Harding addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors and a letter from Mr Nelson requesting Charges in his Account objected to by the Pay master at Trichinopoly. —

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Approved

The Memorial will be forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors

Mr. Phipps and at present attached to the 8th Batt.n of Sepoys, has for some time past been attending the Collector at Nellore. The Board recommend his being appointed to that Station and to the Garrison of Rampore, and that Mr. O'Donoghoe Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the 8th Battalion of Sepoys at Ongole in the Room of Mr. Phipps.

The Hospital Board have the honor to forward to Government the Petition of Mr. Thomas Spalding, Assistant Surgeon to the Honorable the Court of Directors; they can only observe that Mr. Spalding was recommended to a Station in their Proceedings of the 21st July 1788 on his producing his Indenture from the Honorable Court, but that no fixed date of Rank has yet been given him from his not being arrived in any of the Lists from England

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The Hospital Board have the honor to forward to Government Copy of a letter from M.r Wilson Assistant Surgeon at Cannore on the subject of Claims that have been made by the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to Refund an overcharge for Sick and wounded Sepoys left in the Field Hospital at Cannore in the Months of March and April 1791, as also an overcharge for a Mastry and Six Coolies for the 20th Battalion Native Infantry from the 1st November 1790 to the 23d February 1791

The Board beg leave to recommend this letter to the favorable Consideration of Government, As they are convinced from the General Orders that M.r Wilson has quoted, that he regulated his expenses for Sepoys agreeable to his conception of the Order and that he must have paid the Money that he has charged for Coolies

(signed) Ja.s Anderson
Physician General
" Wm Baine Act.g Chief Surgeon
" Wm Duffin Head Surgeon

The Governor in Council, supposing that the orders quoted by M.r Wilson are correct in point of fact, agrees to allow his charge for Coolies from 1st November 1790 to the 23d February 1791, at the Rates specified in the G. O. issued in Camp on the 7th May 1790

The General Order by Government of the 3d November 1791 must be attended to - and M.r Wilson's Charge for March and April 1791 on Account of Sick & Wounded Sepoys, regulated in strict Conformity thereto

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam with Enclosures entered in Mss. No. 3063 35

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
President &c. Council
at
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In my letter of the 9th Instant I intimated to you, that Jugganaut Doo, late R. Zemindar of Kimmedy, had on his flight from Vizagapatam sought refuge among the Refractory Zemindars of this District, many of whom tendered to him every support in their power, and Endeavoured to conciliate him to an acquiescence in their Views, for increasing the Distractions which have so long and so unhappily obtained in this District, Mummidoo and A Sanadoo associates in hostility to the Company with each of whom he had an Interview, and an interchange of presents &c. were especially A Solicitous to seduce him to Colleague with them - Adverting to the Influence of A Jagganautdoo's family and Character These were A powerful

From the Resident at Ganjam forwards on Jugganautdoo, by a timely measure, to return this Gentleman to the Company forwards sundry Papers relating to the late Conspiracy among the Garrison Peyadas -

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premises of Serious apprehension to me, but as
I did not wish to add to your alarms for the
state of affairs in this District, I forbore from
Communicating such Suggestions to you.—

It is greatly more satisfactory to me
to be able to inform you, that, notwithstanding
these Impediments, I have been able, by amicable
means, to prevail on Juggannaut doss to recede
from their Counsels, to surrender himself
at Ganjam; and to await your Resolutions
upon the Statement of his Condition and
affairs, which he requests permission to
forward through me for your Consideration.—

The Chiquitty Rajah was the principal
Instrument in my hands, for the accomplishment
of a Service which I doubt not will afford you
much pleasure.—

In my letter of the 9th Instant I had the
honor to acquaint you that I had detected a
formidable Conspiracy among the Goomsur
Boyapoos, and I have now the pleasure to
transmit to you translations of the intercepted
Letters then alluded to, and of the Depositions
which

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which were made on the Occasion.—

I have the Honor to be, with the

greatest Respect &c. &c.—

Ganjam
18. February 1792.

(Signed) Thomas Snodgrass.—

The Board are well pleased to find

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Ganjam.—

that Mr. Snodgrass has been able to prevail on the Jaggannaut to, by amicable Means, to return to that obedience which he owes to the Company, but from which he had so improperly withdrawn himself.

Mr. Petrie informs the Board that the Instructions have been sent to Mr. Snodgrass from the Board of Revenue, for his future Conduct towards Jaggannaut &c.

The Acting President lays before the Board the following Bill sent to him by the Mr. Snodgrass for money disbursed by him under the Heads of Intelligence, various Expenses, and Presents.—

Mr. Snodgrass's Bill for Intelligence, various Expenses & Presents, laid before the Board by the Acting President

The Honorable Company ——— Dr.

For Intelligence from 20th December 1791 to 18 February 1792		
To Expenses for two Brahmins sent to Nowagudda for Intelligence of the Motions of the Calicoot & Boyapoor, their disbursements & for Presents		145 — —
Carried Over		145 — —

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Brought over Rupees ... 145 ... —

To Expences for two Bramins sent to Bonapoor
for Intelligence of the Motions of the Calicoote
Boyapoor their disbursements &c for Parents 120 ... —

To Sea Hircarra ke sent for the same Service
to Goomsur ... 24 ... —

To Nine Hircarrahs & Peons Employed for
the Same Account in Calicoote ... 36 ... —

To three Bramins Employed to watch the
Motions of the Goomsur Boyapoor their
Disbursements & for presents ... 135 ... —

To four Hircarrahs sent to Nowagedah
and Bonapour for the Same Service ... 16 ... —

To two Bramins with Doolies and a Suit
of Attendants sent to Jeypadah to Meet
Jaggunaut doo late Zemindar of Kimmedy
for their Expences and for presents ... 592 ... —

To a Pair of Shawls and piece Muslin
presented to Jagganaut doo ... 175 ... —

To the Price of a horse presented to the
Chiquitty Rajah ... 500 ... —

To 2 Peice of Superfine Broad Cloth @
Do ... Do ... 404 ... —

To the Expences of a Bramin sent to Chiquitty
to meet & receive Jugganaut doo from
that Rajah and to Escort him to Ganjam ... 40 ... —

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Ganjam
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at 350 ₹ 100 Pags.

(Signed) Thomas Snodgrass
Resident

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Agreed to inform Mr. Snodgrass that,

Minute of the Board thereon.—

some of the Charges in the above Bill appear high, particularly those relating to Presents, which the Board wish in future to be made only by their Orders. But that, as the Service was an extraordinary one, in which much Zeal and address were displayed by him, they do not, upon the present occasion, object to the Bill.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Store Keeper.—

The Honorable. Major General. Medows
President and Governor &c: in Council
Fort St. George

From the Military Store Keeper enclosing his Account Current for the Month of January — States the Cause of the Increase in the Price of Gunpowder —

Honorable Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you my Account for the Month of January, with an Account Current shewing a Balance due to me of Star Pagodas 5039.21.50, which I request you will direct to be discharged.—

The

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The price Charged for Gun Powder of
late is considerably higher in any of the preceding Months
being higher in the Month. I think it necessary to
inform you that this Increase is owing, first, to the
Article of Sulphur having risen considerably in Price,
Secondly to my having indented for Salt Petre
from the Export Warehouse Keeper and being charged
15 Pagodas ℔ Candy, when the Bazar Price is not
more than eleven - and lastly, owing to the Quantity
of Powder being decreased from 535 Barrels ℔ Month
to three hundred, and my being under the necessity
notwithstanding such decrease to keep up the
same Establishment of head Servants as formerly
— All these Causes combined have made an Increase
in the above Article of four Pagodas and three
quarters ℔ Candy. —

I have the honor to be, with Respect,

Honorable Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant,

(Signed) Jos: du Pre Porcher
Mill'y Storekeeper

Fort St. George
2d March 1792.

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Dr. The Honorable Company in Account

1792.		₱	₱	₱	₱
January	1st To Balance brought from last Months Account Current			12909. 19. 46	12909 19 46
	31st To the Amount of Military Stores purchased this month as ℔ Account particular			16210. 823 ..	16232 31. 0
	To the Amount of Military Charges as ℔ Account particular			255. 2907 ..	952. 15 ..
	To the Amount of Stores bought of Import Warehouse Keeper			5876. 61. 40.	5877. 25. 40.
				35250. 26011. 6.	35972. 19. 6
	To Batta paid in Exchange for Pag.s 225 @ Sam.s 45 ¼ ℔ Pagoda is			— .. 10181. 20.	282. 29. 20
				Pagodas. 35250. 36192 26	36255. 12. 26

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Current with Jonas Du Pre Porcher Military Storekeeper — Cr.

				o f c	o f c	
1792						
January	2d	By Cash received from the Company's Treasury		1,200.	36,00 "	2,250. " "
	16th	By ... do. ... do. ... do. ...		10,000	" "	10,000. " "
	31st	By ... do. ... do. for Stores sold to Sundry Persons this Month		1.	89.50	3. 17.50
		By Cash to be Transferred due to the Import Warehouse Keeper for Stores bought of him this Month		5,876	61.40.	5877. 25.40.
		By Cash Received from the Company Treasury the 10th February 1792 being the Balance due to the Military Storekeeper to 31st December 1791.		12,909	19.46.	12,909. 19.46
				29986.	36,70.56	30,990. 26.56
		By Balla received in Exchange for Sant. 10,181..20. @ 45 1/4 Sant. Pr Pagoda is		225. " "		225. " "
				30,211.	36,70. 56	31,215. 26.56
		By Balance due from the Company		5039. 21.50.		5039. 21.50
			Pagodas	35250.	36,92	36,255. 12.26

31st January 1792.

Jas Du Pre Porcher
M.y Storekp.r

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Minute thereon

Agreed that the Balance of Mr. Porcher's Account Current for the Month of January be paid from the Treasury.—

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The Board are satisfied with the Reasons given by the Military Storekeeper for the encreased Price of Gun Powder in the Months of January, but direct, in future, that he purchase Salt Petre wherever he can procure it on the Cheapest Terms.—

The Acting President lays before the Board a Return of Officers and Men of his Majesty's 11th Hanoverian Regiment, and recommends that Captain Foulkes be directed to accommodate them with a Passage on the Asia.—

Return of a Detachment of His Majesty's 11th Hanoverian Regiment, ordered to embark on board the Asia Indiaman for England.— Fort St. George 8th March 1792

Return of a Detachment of the 11th Hanoverian Regiment to embark for Europe on the Asia.—

Commissioned Officers			Non Commissioned Officers Rank and File					Total Non Commissioned Rank and File—	Total including Officers
Colonel	Captains	Lieutenants	Sergeants	Corporals	Drums & Fifes	Privates			
1.	3	1.	6.	1.	6.	23.		36.	41

List of the Officers.—

Colonel — Wangenheim
Capts — Wolfe —
do — Hennuber
do — Clavee
Lieuts — Breymanen

N.B. The Colonels Servant included as private, is not on the Strength of the Regiment.—

(Signed) R. Gomonde
Town Major
Orderd

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Ordered Accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Captain Foulkes, this moment Received.—

To the Honorable Sir. Charles Oakeley &c.

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

Honorable Sir,

From the Commanders of the Honorable Company's Ship Asia — representing his Inability to give accomodation to the Hanoverian Detachment, and requesting that they may be sent home on board this Ship.—

An Officer from Colonel Waggenheim has just informed me that the Colonel with his Suite have Orders to embark on board the Asia for Europe: they leave to request you will have the goodness to order him on Some other Ship as it will not be possible for me to accomodate him in mine.—

There are on board the Asia Sixty Sepoys with their followers — one Officer of Artillery, one — Surgeon's Assistant and two Writers sent on board by the Honorable the Governor General in Council for Fort St. Malborough, these take up some part of the Room allotted for the Honorable Company's Servants —

There are likewise on board, three hundred Barrells of Powder, and the strictest precaution is ne[ce]ssary to guard against fire.—

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The Asia was originally destined for Madras and Bengal, and the alteration of her Voyage, to Benncoolen has been a real and serious loss to me. I have to hope therefore that as I have been so materially hurt, that I may be favor'd in this Instance, especially as there is the Northumberland now in the Road, and the Marlborough, Camden & Dutton shortly expected from Bengal

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I am, with Respect &c.
(Signed) J. D. Foulkes

Minute thereon.— Agreed to acquaint Captain Foulkes that the Board would have pleasure in complying with his Request, if there were any probability that the Ships coming from Bengal could afford the necessary Accommodation for Colonel de Wangenheim and his Officers. but that, under these Circumstances, the Board are obliged to desire him to receive the Troops on the Asia.—

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To The Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K. G.

Governor Genral &c &c &c

My Lord.

We have been honored by the receipt of Your Lordships' Letters dated the 26th. and 29th. ultimo. — as the Northumberland is to take in half her Cargo at this place, we fear, that, with the utmost — expedition, she will not be ready for Sea till the 15th. instant — but your Lordship may be assured we shall not detain her a moment longer than may be absolutely necessary, knowing as we do, how important it is that the Company should be in early possession of the Articles which have been agreed upon preliminary to a Genral Peace. —

In our Letter to your Lordship of the 25th. — September last, we had the Honor to state that we should call upon Captain Dannerman for a Copy of his Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Holland relative to the Rajah of Travancores Purchase of Tyacottah and Cranganore from the Dutch, and that we should transmit a Copy of it to the Honorable Court of — Directors by the first opportunity. —

Captain

Lord Cornwallis advising of the expected period of the Northumberlands' Departure and informing him that this of Captain Dannermans Correspondence with Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Holland have been transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors. →

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6.th Captain Bannerman having, in Consequence, furnished us with the papers in question a Copy of them was sent to the Honorable Court with our Dispatches by the Phenix. —

We have the honor to be,
with great Respect and Esteem, —
Sir.a &c.a &c.a
Signed Charles Oakeley
&c.a Council.

Fort S.t George.
6.th March 1792

Received the following Letters

W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary Fort S.t George.

From the Military Paymaster General applies for Instructions respecting a Box in the Possession of one of Mr.r Johnstons Servants supposed to contain Half Batta Notes &c.a &c.a —

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose you Copy of a Letter, I have received from Mr.r Farrow, which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Honorable the acting President and obtain his order respecting it, I beg leave to suggest it may perhaps be as well, that the Box should be opened and its contents examined in the presence of the Commanding Officer and some other person belonging to the Garrison —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.a &c.a &c.a
Signed B. Roebuck
M.y P.r G.l

Fort S.t George.
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To Mr. Benjamin Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

Sir

A Person who was Long in the Service of Mr. — Johnston has shewn me a Letter from that Gentleman to him which, tho' dated the 15th. December, he says he has but just — received it would Seem that a Box attended the Letter with some Publick Papers, such as Half Batta Notes, and which this Servant says he can procure, — but the Conduct which the late Paymaster has pursued respecting those Papers to the present Time, is so Suspicious, that I am cautious of interfering in them until I receive the Orders of Government for that — purpose —

The Name of the Man is Vedenada Pillah —

I am,

Sir Sir

Signd C. Farrow

Paymaster —

A true Copy

Signd Benjamin Roebuck.

Mg. Pr. Pmt —

To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary Fort St. George.

Trichinopoly
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27th. February 1792

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General inclosing a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nabob congratulatory on the Termination of the War —

Sir,

I have the Honor to Any the Commands of the Governor General in transmitting You a Letter from his — Lordship —

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Lordship to his Highness the Nawaub of Arcot, accompanied by an English Copy for the Information of the Honorable Board. —

Be pleased to apologize for the transmission of this Letter in it's present form, which is in conformity to the general restrictions at the Post office in regard to the size of Letters. —

Camp
Seringapatam
1. March 1792.

Jaw, &c. &c.

Signed J. F. Cherry
Pers: Interpreter

To the Nawaub of arcot

written 1. March 1792

Having in a former Letter informed Your Highness of the Success that attended the attack which I made on the Enemys Camp on the night of the 6.th February, I have now the pleasure to communicate to you that at the earnest desire of Tippoo Sultaun, and with the Consent of the allies, a — negociation was commenced for the restoration of Peace; and, the preliminary Articles having been agreed upon, a Cessation of Hostilities took place on the 24.th February. —

As I consider Your Highness a Friend Well wishe of the Company and English nation it affords me great Happiness to notify to you, the Success that has attended my Exertions during the War; and, with that view, I inclose a Copy of the five preliminary articles that have been agreed upon on both sides, and doubt not that the Contents will

afford

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6th afford you Satisfaction: when the definitive Treaty of Peace shall have been entered into and settled. Shall be enabled to communicate the Contents of it to your Highness. as I am sensible that such an Event repleate with the Peace and Tranquility of Mankind, must be a Source of Pleasure — a and Satisfaction to your Highness. —

A true Copy.

Signed J.n T. Cherry

Dep.y Sec.y

Inst.ce of a Letter to the Nabob.

Inst. Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. 1131 / enclosing the Letter from Lord Cornwallis above mentioned.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.D. N.os 36. 37. 38. 39. 40 & 42. 43. & 45

To the Military Storekeeper enclosing an order upon the Treasury for the Payments of the Balance due to him upon his Account Current for the Month of January — and desiring him in future to purchase Salt Petre wherever he can procure it on the Cheapest Terms. —

To the Military Store=keeper

To the Commissary Genral of Grain and — Provisions desiring him to countermand the orders he has issued to the Southern Storekeepers for advancing Grain to Damiah Cotah. —

To the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions —

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly. — informing him of the orders given to the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions. —

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly. —

To Major Cuppage informing him of the orders.

To Major Cuppage —

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7th orders given to the Commissary Genral of Grain and Provisions - and expressing the Board's Satisfaction at the Accounts he has given of the good Conduct of the Troops employed in surprizing the Enemy's Post at the Village of Outta Cottah. -

To Major Patrick Agnew

To Major Patrick Agnew - approving his suggestion of referring his Claim on account of Batta, to the Right Honorable the Governor Genral. -

To the Resident at Ganjam

To the Resident at Ganjam - expressive of the Board's Satisfaction at his having prevailed on Aggannaut Doo, by amicable Means, to return to his Obedience to the Company informing him that on the present Occasion the Board do not object to his Bill for Intelligence, Presents &c. but that they wish in future that no presents should be made without their Orders desiring him to write the Los's incurred by the sale of the condemned Military Stores off the Books of his Residency. -

To the Military Board

To the Military Board enclosing Copy of a Letter from Messrs. Chase, Parry & Co. and informing them that Government have no objection to the Offer made by those Gentlemen for the purchase of the unserviceable Ordnance enclosing also Copy of a List of condemned Military Stores sold by the Resident at Ganjam, and informing them that Mr. Snodgrass has been instructed to write the Los's incurred thereby off the Books of his Residency. -

To the Deputy Comptroller Genral of Army Accounts

To the Deputy Comptroller Genral of Army Accounts.

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7th. Accounts - informing him that the allowance of House Rent to the Commandants of the Black Town is to be discontinued on Colonel De Wangenheim's Embarkation for Europe and that the Explanations given by Messrs. Ram and Strange on the different articles in their Accounts, referred to in his Letter of the 5th Instant, are deemed Satisfactory - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Johnston of the Engineers - and desiring him to explain the Cause of the Auditor's Inattention to the repeated Letters addressed to him by that Officer regarding the Objectionable Changes in his Accounts -

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts, enclosing, for his Information and Guidance, Extract of a Report from the Hospital Board respecting Mr. Wilsons' Accounts, with the Resolutions of Government thereon -

To the Board of Mhumid Revenue

To the Board of Mhumid Revenue - informing them that Government do not think it advisable to grant to Narsim Rauze his Liberty unless Cavel Rauze consent to become responsible for his good Conduct - desiring them to instruct the Collector at Nellore to examine Witnesses and take their Depositions regarding the Murder committed at Condapee and submit the Papers they may receive to the Decision of Government - desiring them also to procure from the different Collectors correct Lists of the Names of the Inhabitants who have been captured by the Enemy in their respective Districts

during

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7th during the late and former Wars and are now in Confinement in the Mysore Country.

8th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.B. Nos 46. 47.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly, inclosing Applications from Captain Bell and Mr. Nicol Main for leave to visit the Presidency.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly.—

From Colonel Dettingenheim—requesting that four Months Pay may be advanced to the Officers and Men of His Majesty's 14th Hanoverian Regiment—ordered to embark on the Asia; and that some Allowance may be granted to Lieutenant Breymann on account of his having acted nearly two years as Brigade Major to the 5th Brigade.—

From Colonel Dettingenheim.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in W.B. Nos 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.—

To Colonel Dettingenheim—informing him that only three Months Pay can be advanced to the Officers and Men ordered to embark on the Asia, and that Lieutenant Breymann's Application cannot be complied with.—

To Colonel De Dettingenheim.—

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops—desiring him to advance three Months Pay to the Officers and Men of the 14th Hanoverian Regiment ordered to embark for Europe on the Asia.—

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops.—

To the Commander of the Company's Ships Asia—inclosing a Return of the Electoral Troops ordered to

To the Commander of the Company's Ships Asia.—

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8th to imbarke on his Ship for Europe, and desiring him on his Arrival in the Downes, to apply to the Company's Agent at Deal for the Honorable Courts orders as to their further Proceeding.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery informing him

To Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery.—

that he has the Boards Permission to proceed to Europe for the Restablishment of his Health.—

To the Board of Assumed Revenue informing them of

To the Board of — Assumed Revenue.—

the Manner in which the Board with that the Bills for 35.000 Pagodas which they have agreed to grant to Omdut ul Omrah should be drawn out, and delivered.—

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter

To the Secretary at — Bengal.—

from Lord Cornwallis dated the 2d. Instant.—

Received Letter from the Rajah of Calastry [illegible] entered in C. C. 7th. Stating that his Son Tenanair is — to

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry.—

collecting Peons under a Pretence of intending to join the Army and expressing his apprehensions that he Meditates a Recommencement of his former disobedient and predatory Conduct.—

Received the following Letters—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President &c. Council at Fort St. George.

From the Resident at Paiyam with a List of new Charges in the Accounts of the Pay-master in the Tchapore District.—

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Enclosed I have the Honor to transmit to you a List of new Charges which have place in the Accounts of the Paymaster of the Tchapore District for the Month of January, and which were paid, and are now Communicated

to

8.th to you in Conformity to the Second Article of the Instructions to Paymasters contained in the Book of Regulations

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest Respect
Sir.a Sir.a Sir.a

Tanjam
4.th February 1792.

/Signed/ Tho.s Snodgrass
for M.r John Lemox
P. J. D.

List of new Charges in the Camp for the Month of January 1792

	Sr. P. Ds.
John Mackenzie of the Invalid Infantry his Subconductor Allowance with 6 Pal.rs from Barrampour to Tanjam and reconducting Stores from Tanjam to Barampour for 4 days	1. 6. —
Conductor Heron his Stationary allowance	" 24. — "
Thomas Shippard Gunner in the Artillery for acting as pioneer Serjeant	1. — —
William Mathural Key Serjeant of Aska his allowance for acting as Lieu.t D.r M.r Serjeant	1. — —
Ditto his Batta bill	2. 20. 50
John Satchell Store Serjeant of Aska his allowance of Artillery acting Sub conductor	1. — —
Additional Pay to the Coffres Invalid in the Artillery	10. 28. —

/Signed/ Tho.s Snodgrass
for M.r John Lemox
P. J. D.

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The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley, Bar.t

Governor in Council Fort S.t George.

Honorable Sir.

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province suggests an Arrangement for adjusting M.rs Murray's Claims on Sibberow Brahmin.

It is now a considerable time since, in obedience to your Commands, I have endeavoured to recover from — Sibberow /who was delivered over to me by the Nabob's Manager at Arcot/ the amount of his Debt to M.rs Murray /late M.rs Stevenson/ He acknowledges being a Debtor to her, but as he possesses no property /as far as I can get information/ except a few fields and Cattle, he is unable to pay, or produce Security for his Debt. For his person, if released, he can find Security. His property may be worth from 150. to 250 P.s but as it is situated without the Bounds of my authority, in the Nabob's Districts, and as the possession of the Title deeds might not easily be obtained, I apprehend Purchasers would not — readily offer, should Government approve of proceeding thro' any Channel, to that Extremity. —

Perhaps the most eligible mode of procedure (and which I think practicable) would be for Sibberow to make over to M.rs Murray the Title-deeds of his property as — Security for the payment of 500 Pagodas, in full of all demands, at certain reasonable periods. — If M.rs Murray Consents to this, and this Sum was mentioned by her

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8th Husband come / Think the Transaction may be adjusted.
Request your ..... Commands, observing at the same time
that the Debtor was only delivered to me conditionally with
a view of accommodating matters if possible, —

Trivatore
5th March 1792

I have the honor to be.
&c &c &c
/ Signed N. E. Kindersley
Collector

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

From Lieutenant Colonel Collins inclosing a Letter from Ensign Brice and recommending its Contents to the favorable Consideration of Government —

I have the Honor to transmit Officially a Letter from Ensign Brice of the Second Battalion — 4 European Infantry, under my Command, —

From the conversation, I have had with that Officer, I am led to believe, that the impropriety of his late conduct, originated more from youthful folly and inexperience, than from any premeditation of disrespect to — 4 your Orders. —

I have indulged myself in this liberty of — 4 opinion, from Ensign Brice's apparent contrition, and have reason to hope, and believe, that the full sense he — 4 entertains of his past conduct, will so forcibly operate on his mind, as to guard him against future — 4 irregularities

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8.th irregularities. —

I have the Honor to be, with respect —

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

I Signed E.d A. Collins

Lieut.t Col.o Comm.g 2.d B.n E.n L.t

Fort S.t George

the 8.th March 1792

To the Honorable Sir. Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Governor &c.a &c.a

Hon.ble Sir.

From Ensign Pond - expressive of his Concern at his late improper — Conduct and requesting to be relieved from his Arrest. —

I hope that any Delay which has occurred, in my requesting you to accept my humble Apology for the cause of my being first under Arrest by your Command, communicated to me by the Town Major, will not be — imputed to a want of proper Sense of my Situation or of respect due to your high authority; on the Contrary, I am so Sensible of the weight of such a Censure, and of my Error in having committed any apparent Imprudence that may have Incurred it, that I feel the greatest diffidence in addressing you on the Subject: but I trust you will have the Goodness to permit me to offer an apology, dictated no less by the highest respect than the Strictest Sincerity —

I am Conscious that it was very imprudent for a person so unexperienced as myself — as all to interfere personally, between parties who were Engaged in dispute: For though the interference may

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8th may be grounded on motives fairly allowable, and with good intentions, it may very possibly be seen in a different light, and Contrary intentions may be imputed — I by no means deny the fact of my having waited on Mr. Smith, but I cannot by any means admit that the Manner of my waiting on Mr. Smith or of Conversing with him; for only some general Verbal — Conversation passed, did at all amount to what the Town Major Expressed to me, carrying a Challenge to him from Mr. Wallace; But while I confess my Extreme imprudence in interfering in any manner, I must beg leave to assure you upon my honor, that I was at that time ignorant of the — important Circumstances which had previously occurred, that the misunderstanding of those Gentlemen had attracted your Censure, and that the Town Major had accordingly Called on them. —

I must beg to exculpate myself from a Miscon- duct which would justly aggravate the Imprudence of which I confess I have been guilty; in at all appearing in such a business; for that Error and imprudence let me humbly beg — you will withdraw your displeasure; and believe that it is impossible to entertain a higher respect for Government, or more respectful sense of its authority than I have the honor of saying. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c &c
Signed Robt Brice
8th 2d Batn Engrs

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9th. Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis—

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships letter dated the 2d. Instant—

We observe with great Satisfaction the sincere desire manifested by Tippoo in the execution of his Engagements, and are happy to find that so large a proportion of his first Kist had been received by your Lordship.—

Some days ago we sent two Lacks of Pagodas in Specie to Amboor, for the disposal of which your Lordship will now be pleased to give such directions as you may think proper.—

We shall have particular Satisfaction in accommodating Mr. Drake and the other Persons who made their escape from Chittledroog, with a Passage to England, and in giving them such pecuniary assistance as they may require.—

We have the honor to be, with great Respect and Esteem— &c. &c. &c.

Signed Charles Oakeley
&c. Council.

To Lord Cornwallis—requesting he will give such Orders as he may think proper regarding the two Lacs of Pagodas lately sent to Amboor—and expressing the sincere desire of Government to pay every Attention to Mr. Drake and the other persons who made their escape from the Enemy—

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President

William Petrie Esq.re

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service. —

John Huddleston Esq.re absent indisposed —

Friday
9.th March 1792

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis. —

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

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

Sir,

In the course of Yesterday and the day before Tippoo has sent out a Crore and ten Lacks of Rupees; and the Vakeels promise that in three or four days the first Kist, amounting to one Crore and Sixty five Lacks, shall be discharged. —

In consequence of this proof of his intention to — execute the treaty faithfully, I have directed General Abercromby to fall back a few miles to-morrow, and encamp near the

From Lord Cornwallis — Tippoo sends to Camp one Crore and ten Lacks of Rupees in part of his first Kist. General Abercromby's Army falls back one March does not require any further supply of Cash. Attention to be paid to Mr. Drake and the other Persons who made their Escape from Chittledroog &c.a and who are on their Way to the Presidency to embark for Europe. —

Abercromby

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Ford.

The Kumanbady Ford, and I have assured the Vakeels, that if they deal fairly with us about the accounts of the Revenues, I will in two or three days withdraw our troops from the Island.—

I cannot yet tell what extent of Country will fall to our Share; but my first option will be the Barramaul and Salem districts, which will afford a secure Frontier to the Carnatick.

There will be no occasion for your forwarding any further supplies of Money to us from the Presidency; for altho' I have promised an handsome gratuity to the troops, whose expectations were raised perhaps too high at the — prospect of entering Seringapatam in a few days, and who have at this time every Claim to reasonable consideration, I hope still to have enough to prevent my making any further — demands upon You for some time.—

Mr. Drake, late midshipman of the Hannibal, and the prisoners who made their escape from Chittledroog, and the neighbouring Forts are now on their way to Madras,— and are very anxious to return, by the first opportunity, to their native Country after a ten years Captivity; I request therefore that your Government will be pleased to provide passages for them, and supply them with every thing necessary for their voyage, and with a sufficient sum of money to enable them to visit their friends when they arrive in England.—

I am with much Esteem.
Yr. &c. &c. &c.
Cornwallis.

Camp near
Seringapatam
2d. March 1792.

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis.

The Board observe with great Satisfaction the Sincere desire manifested by Tippoo in the execution of his Engagements, and are happy to find that so large a Proportion of his first Kist had been received by this Lordship

Resolved that Lord Cornwallis be desired to give such directions as he may think proper regarding the two Lacks of Pagodas lately sent to Camp for the use of the Army.

The Board will have particular Satisfaction in accommodating M.r Drake and the other Persons who made their escape from Chittledroog and the neighbouring Forts with a Passage to England, and in giving them such pecuniary assistance as they may require.

Read the following Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue.

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue inclosing Sundry Statements and accounts of the Carnatic Revenue from the Date of the Assumption to the 30.th November 1791 Remarks thereon

In Compliance with your Commands for furnishing His Highness the Nabob, we now have the honor of laying before you the inclosed Persian Jummeh Wasul Baky and Jummeh Kherch Accounts of the Carnatic Revenue from the time of the Assumption to 30.th November 1791.

as it may be necessary to excuse the seeming delay which has arisen in the preparation of these Accounts, we beg leave to observe that the accuracy which was absolutely

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requisite in these accounts, put it out of our power to make up any accounts for the Nabob until we received Mr. Place's Corrected Statement of the Revenue for Fusly 1200, which was sent home by the last dispatch: a Persian translation of this might have been sufficient, had we not discovered that some part of the Collections from the Nabob's Sagurs at Trichinopoly, while they remained — under the Company's management, was included in the General Gross Collections, until those Sums should be separated, it was impossible for us to prepare the Accounts required for his Highness; this explanation was received but a few days since, after which we lost not a moment in preparing the Sundry Accounts, which we have now the honor of submitting to you —

The inconvenient period at which these Sagurs were delivered up, tended very much to impede and embarrass the Settlement of these accounts. The Nabob has now been Credited for P.s 31.173.9.27. being the net receipts of our Collectors from — those Sagurs, which had been included in some of the Larger Farms; but Mr. Kindersley, in whose Division the largest — proportion of the Sagurs is situated, has found an insurmoun= table difficulty in settling with the Nabobs Agents for the Charges of Collection previous to the Surrender of the — Sagurs; which ought to be deducted from the Gross receipts — The amounts of these Charges, together with the Balances made over to the Nabobs Agents, will more than Complete the Sum Stipulated for by Treaty —

With respect to the other part of the Revenue, it is

unnecessary

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unnecessary for us to make any further Remark — save that it will be found accurate and Conformable to the Books, which Our Accountant is now Balancing —

We have the honor to be,

Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Fort St. George
8th March 1792.

Signed } William Petrie
David Haliburton
William Balfour

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No 1

Summeh Wasel Bauky or Account of Demand, Gross Collections and Outstanding Balances of the Revenue of the Carnatic for the year of Fusly 1200. between the date of the Assumption and 12th July 1791.

	Pags	Fs	Cs
Amount of Summeh-bundy or Settlement for Fusly 1200. as p. Statement transmitted by the Collectors	22,950	3	14.56
Deductions therefrom Viz.t			
Remissions for Jaghires and Enam Lands given up to Individuals -			
As Setwed	Ps. 15	16	18.5.
Nellore	7040	"	—
North division of Arcot	14674	30	68
South ... D° of .. D°	252	"	—
Trichinopoly	1194	2	48
	23437	15	41.
Remissions for Jaghires given up to the Nabob			
North division of Arcot	62932	"	—
South .. D° of .. D°	8610	35	12
Trichinopoly	45544	7	48
	117087	6	60.
Remissions for Losses occasioned by the Enemy	236716	26	19.
Total amount of Remissions	377241	12	40.
Remains	19.17.797	2	16.
Gross Collections on account of Fusly 1200	15.85.652	7	57.

NB In this Sum is included Ps 9034 Fs 33 Cs 39 Received from Tirriore, which, in M.r Place's Statement is carried to the head of Extra Revenue - 3.32.164. 30. 39

Outstanding Balances of the Settlement of Fusly 1200 .....

A true translation from the Persian Account

Signed David Haliburton

A true Copy / Signed J. Webbe Secry.

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Abstract of Summah Kherch or Account of Receipts and

Year of Fusly 1200 Viz.t from the

Pt f.t Cs

Wofsoul or Receipts Viz.t

of Balances of the year of Fusly 1199 . . . . . 74.747.10.78.

of the Current revenue of Fusly 1200 as Pt Wasel Bauky Account No 1 } 15.85.652.7.57.

of Extra revenue of Fusly 1200 . . . . . 18.819.21.39.

N.B. The receipts from Terriore being 9034.33.39. being added to the above make the Sum of Pagodas 27.854.18.78. the Total of Extra Revenue in Mr Place's Statement

Total Ports Receipts - 1679.219.4.14.

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No 2 Disbursements of the Revenue of the Carnatic during the date of the Assumption to the 12th July 1791.

	P. F. C.
Kheirch or Expenditure	
Charges to be set off against the revenue of Fusly 1199	20834. 4. 6½
D° — of Pensions and Charitable allowances for the Fusly Year 1200	26774. 27. 6
D° — of Collection incident to the revenue of Fusly 1200	196359. 25. 4½
Total amount of Charges	243968. 24. 3½

NB. The Particulars of the above three articles are given in the — Persian Account

Nett Receipts —	14.35.250. 18.57.
Expenditure of the above Nett receipts, being Pagodas 14.35.250.18.57	16.79.219. 4. 11½
Paid into the Company's Treasury, to Paymasters and Store-keepers of Garrisons	9.05146. 6.23
To the Nabob, as Ye Seperate Account	289.263.32.56
To be accounted for by the Collectors, as Balances at the close of their accounts the 12th July 1791. Viz.	
Balances of advances for Tuccavy and Taunk Repairs recoverable	25.831.15.24
Cash in their hands	2.1500.9.-.37
	240.840.15.58
Pagodas —	14.35.250.18.57

A true translation from the Persian account.

Signd D. Haliburton

a true Copy.

Signd J. Webbe Jung.

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Account of Money due to His Highness the Nabob on account of the "5."
Fifty 1200 and of the Nett receipts from his Jaghires during the time they

		Ps.	fs.	Cs.
Due to His Highness the Nabob Viz.t —				
1/5th. of the net revenue of Fifty 1200 calculated as follows —				
Pros.s Collections	16.79.219. 4. 11.			
Deduct receipts of 1199.	747. 47. 10. 7/8.			
Charges of Collection for 1200	196.359. 25. 47.			
Charities for D.o	26774. 27. 6.			
	2.97.881. 27. 51.			
Receipts from his Jaghires				
In the Northern Division of Arcot	8827. 15. 3.			
D.o in Southern D.o	989. - 68			
Trichinopoly	21.354. 29. 36.			
	31171. 9. 27.			
	3.29.052. 7/8.			
Remains	13.50,166. 3. 16.			
The fifth of which, due to the Nabob, is				2,70,033. 7. 67.
Due to him on account of the nett Receipts from his Jaghires as before mentioned				31,171. 9. 27.

NB. The particulars of the receipts in each division, with the Names of the several Jaghires, are given in the Persian Accounts

3,01,204. 17. 14.

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Arising to him from the Nett Collections of the Revenue of the Year of
were under the Company's managements.

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Received by His Highness the Nabob Viz.t:-

	Fs.	Fs.	Cs.
By his Annuls from the commencement of the Fasly year 1200 to the Several dates on which the Collectors took charge of the Revenue		62.106.24.72	
Disbursed on his Accounts in the Several Districts since the Assumption		7157. 7. 64.	

N.B. The names of the Several districts where these payments were made are given in the Persian account.—

Paid to him from the Treasury as p.r his receipts Viz.t:—

In the Months of October 1790 Pagodas	10.000		
of November	10.000		
of December	10.000		
of January 1791	20.000		
of February	20.000		
of March	30,000		
of April	20.000		
of May	20.000		
of June	10,000	1,60.000	
of July			
D.o in Bills on the Collector of Tinnevelly	20,000		
In the Months of May 1791	20.000		
June	20,000	60.000	
July		2,89,263.32.50	
Total Receipts of the Nabob		11.940-20.32	
Remaining due to him on the 12th July 1791		301.204-17.14.	

A true translation from the Persian Accounts
(Signed) David Haliburton
a true Copy (Signed) J. Webbe Secry

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Abstract of Summah Kherch or Accounts of Receipts and Dis=
bursements of the Year of Fusly 1201 viz.t

	Rs. fs. Cs.
Wossoul or Receipts viz.t	
of Balances of the year of Fusly 1199	4929 - 13 - 1.
of Do. of the Year 1200. viz.t	
In part of the outstanding Balances of the Settlement of that year	20263. 27. 49
Balances remaining in the Collectors' hands on the 12th July 1791	21500 - 38.
	47639. 28. 1.
In part of the Current revenue of Fusly 1201	285. 274. 31. 59.
Do. of Extra Revenue for Do.	45. 993. 8. 24.
	1. 49842. 9. 27.

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No 4 Disbursements of the Revenue of the Carnatic from the Commencement from the 13th of July 1791. to the 30th November 1791.

	Ps	Fs	Cs
Kherch or Expenditure viz.t			
Pensions and charitable Allowances for the year of fasly 1201.		5311.	22.39.
On Account of Salary to the Members of the Board of Revenue and Collectors.		35820.	17. 44.
On accounts of charges of Collection of every denomination		72487.	9.70.
Amounts of Charges to the 30th November 1791.		113,619.	13. 73.

N.B the particulars of the above Articles of charges are given in the Persian Accounts.

Nett receipts		6,36222.	31.34.
		7,49,842.	9. 27.
Expenditure of the above Sum of Pagodas 6.36.222. 31.34. Nett receipts			
Paid into the Company's Treasury			
and to Paymasters of Garrisons	391622.	22.76.	
advances for cultivation	11593.	" 9.	
Do for mulberry Plants	567.	34. 15.	
		12,160.	34. 24.
		403783.	21. 20.
Paid to the Nabobs Fs Seperate Account		140,374.	20. 22.
		544158.	5. 42.
Balances of Cash in the hands of Collectors on the 30th November 1791.		93064.	25. 72.
		6.36.222.	31. 34.

A true translation from the Persian accounts.

(Signd) David Haliburton.

A true Copy (Signd) J. Webbe Secry

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Account of Money due to His Highness the Nabob on account of the in the Carnatic from the commencement of the —

Due to His Highness the Nabob	Ps. Fs. Cs.
Balance arising to him as per account for Fusly 1200	11.940. 20. 38
Do 1/5th of the Nett collections of Fusly 1200 to the 30th November 1791 calculated as follows Viz.t —	
Nett receipts as per the Summeh Kherch Account for Fusly 1201	6.36.222.31.3/4
Deduct therefrom Viz.t	
Receipts on Account of 1199	4.929. 13. 17.
Do Receipts on Account of 1200	2.15.008. — 38
Do Received at Palnaud Extra revenue of 1200	116. — 20
	2.20.053.13.75
There remains —	4.16.169.17.39
of which 1/5th is due to the Nabob —	83.233. 32.24
Total due to the Nabob —	95.174. 16. 62
over paid to him on 30th November 1791 —	45.200. 3. 40
Star Pagodas —	140.374. 20.22

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105 Fusly year 1200 and the 5th arising to him from the Nett Collections

Fusly year 1201. or 13th July 1791. to 30th November 1791.

	P. P. C.
Received by His Highness the Nabob Vizt.	
By his amil at Tinnevelly previous to the assumption, and since acknowledged by him	113.—3.10.
Disbursed on his account in the districts of Nellore and Tinnevelly	26.—17.12
Paid to him from the Company's Treasury as Pr his several receipts.—	
In the Month of August 1791	20000.—"—"
of September	10.000.—"—" 30.000.—"—"
D°. In Bills on the Collector of Tinnevelly	
in the Months of August	20.000.—"—"
of October	60.000.—"—"
of November	30.000.—"—" 1.10.000.—"—"
	Star Pagodas 1.40.374.20.22

A true translation from the
Persian Account.—

Signed David Haliburton

a true Copy Signed J. Webbe Secry.

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Dowle or Estimate of Summih Cundy of the districts of the Carnatic for the Year of Fusly 1201. commencing the 13.th July 1791. and ending the 12.th July 1792

	Ps	fs	Cs	Ps	fs	Cs
Peishcush of Zemindars and Saghiredars paid at Madras.						
Calastry				10,775	—	—
Vencataghury				21,673	10	64
Arnee				2,857	5	11
						35,305 15 75
The District of Angole part rented for				90495	30	—
D.o under Aumany valued at				18,356	28	64
						1,08,852 22 64
The District of Palmaud under Aumany valued						33,000 — —
The District of Nellore part rented				3,70,509	9	58
D.o under Aumany Valued				19,925	4	40
						3,90,434 14 18
The District of Selved rented for						10,500 — —
Vellore and Districts, and Bomrauzes' Peishcush, in the North division of arcot, part rented				2,25,279	20	36
D.o under Aumany				1126	14	25
						2,26,405 34 61
Trinomalee &.a districts in the Center division of arcot part rented				147,388	28	—
D.o Aumany				8444	—	—
						1,55,832 26 —
Chillumbrum &.a districts in the Southern division, part rented				169,041	10	16
Aumany				3181	—	—
						1,72,222 10 16
Trichinopoly division						
Six district rented for				2,02,933	33	—
Arrack Farm and mint rented				3,333	30	—
Peishcush of manipara Polygars				16,154	26	20
part under Aumany valued at				19000	—	—
						2,41,421	7	20
Arrialore rented for				20869	26	—
Morrianpollam D.o				31,505	16	—
						2,93,595 13 20
Madura division. District rented for				78,153	12	22
Peishcush of Ramnaut				62857	5	11
D.o of Shevigunga				50000	—	—
						1,91,010 17 33
Simmully district rented for				4,53,926	4	—
D.o Extra Revenue				11082	—	—
D.o Polygars Peishcush				4,65,008	4	—
				57,449	16	—
						5,22,437 20 —
Total Star Pagodas						25,39,618 4 47

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Signed D. Haliburton

A true Copy Signed J. Webbe Secy

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To the Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Hble Sir.

From the Board of Revenue recommending that some Provision be made for the Yeomiadars in the Center Division of the Arcot Province.

When it was under contemplation to make a general deduction of the Yeomiahs in the Carnatic proportionate to the terms of Sir Archibald Campbells treaty, we called upon Mr. Landon for a list of the Yeomiadars in the Center Division of Arcot; The Collector, in answer, — informed that he had received no application whatever for Yeomiah, principally owing to the alarm, which was spread among the Inhabitants by the Enemys' — invasion in November 1790. the Stipulated Sum was — therfore proportioned to the other districts, without — making any allowance for Mr. Landons' division: Since Tranquility however, was restored to the Country, Several Petitions have been presented to us, and to the Collector, who has, in Consequence, transmitted a Corrected — Statement of Yeomiah in his districts amounting to P. 1846. 26. 49. as this Sum, when reduced to the — proportion observed in all the other Collectorships, will not be Considerable, we beg leave to recommend the Yeomiahdars to your Indulgence.

We have the honor to be.
&c. &c. &c.
Wm Petrie
D. Haliburton
Wm Balfour.

Fort St. George.
9th March 1792.

Signed

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To the Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue representing the Circumstances which prevent their furnishing the Accounts applied for by the Rajah of Tanjore recommending that Copy of the Statement of the Tanjore Collections which accompanied their Letter of the 25th January be transmitted to the Rajah and that the Carnatic and Tanjore Revenues be debited for the Expence attending the Establishment of their Board.

We are sorry that it has not been in our power to comply with the Rajah of Tanjore's request regarding the accounts of Collections made in his Country; but we beg leave to assure you that we have been by no means inattentive to Your Commands upon that Subject; for, having repeatedly called upon our Accountant for the requisite accounts, he has addressed the accompanying Letter, which we take the liberty of submitting to your consideration. Should the Honorable Board be inclined to wait till the Accounts mentioned by Mr. Place be received from the Collectors, we beg to assure you that no time shall be lost, after the receipts of them, in preparing the Accounts for his Excellency; but Should you think the Statement, to which Mr. Place alludes, sufficient, we have the honor to inform you that we laid a Copy of it before you under date 25th of January last.

We think it but necessary to observe, that the Tanjore Revenue has not been debited hitherto for any part of the expence attending the establishment of the Board of Assumed Revenue. The Salaries to the Members of it, Secretary, Accountant and Office

Charges

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charges Amounting to Pagodas 27.000 - Pr Annum altho
we have received no orders from You on this Subject -
yet, as it is but just a part of this expence should be -
charged to the Tanjore revenue, which is under our Superin =
-tendance equally with the Carnatic, It is our opinion -
that the revenue of each should be debited in proportion
to the Nett Revenues received from them for the Expence -
attending this establishment, from the Commencements of the
present Fasly year - The whole of the charge on that -
account for last year was only charged to the Nabob, -
since February 1791. when the Boards of Revenue, were
separated - The Company having been at the charge of the
greater part, Viz.t the Salaries to the Members of the Board
before that period. - If your Honorable Board acquiesce
in our recommendation, it will be necessary that we should
be furnished with Your orders on this Subject, to enable
us to make the necessary arrangement of the Accounts
for the present Year. - We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
9th March 1792

Hon.a Hon.a Hon.a
Wm. Petrie
Signed D.r Haliburton
Wm. Balfour

To William Petrie Esq.re

President &.a Members of the Board
of Inland Revenue.

Gentlemen,

In answer to Your letter of the 2.d ultimo

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I beg leave to observe that I cannot, from the materials I am possessed of, at present draw out a more Satisfactory State of the Revenues of Tanjore than I had the Honor of laying before You on the 19th January last, and that if His Excellency the Rajah is desirous of having fuller information — regarding any thing it contains, I apprehend the Collectors would be able to give it more expeditiously than myself I am in daily expectation of a very particular Statement of the Tanjore Revenues which will shew the Collections in Grain, as well as in money, together with the Disbursements standing against each District and the Balance in each, and shall, when it arrives, be able to inform You in those points wherein my former Statement was defective. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Lio. Place.

a. D. a. R.

Fort St. George
9th March 1792

Mr. Petrie

Mr. Petrie thinks it

delivers in the following Minute

Board that the

ue to Mr. Halliburton to inform the

in drawing out the

rious difficulties which he met with

Summa Kherch accounts

Mofsoul Bandy, and the

could only have been Surmounted by his great assiduity, Knowledge of the details of Revenue management, and intimate acquaintance with

Mr. Petrie's Minute — representing the great Industry and Ability which has been displayed by Mr. Halliburton in the preparation of the Accounts of the Carnatic Revenue —

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with the Country Languages —

Signd Wm. Petrie

Minute of the Board upon the foregoing Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue —

The Board observe, with pleasure, the correct and able manner in which the accounts of the Carnatic Revenue have been drawn out, and it is resolved to express to the — Board of Assumed Revenue the satisfaction which the — Board feel at the information communicated by Mr. Petrie of Mr. Haliburton's great assiduity in the preparation of these Accounts. —

Resolved that the Yeomiahdars in the Ceded Division of the Arcot Province, be put on a similar footing with those already provided for in the Carnatic.

Resolved that the Statements of the Tanjore collections which accompanied the Letter of the 21st. January from the Board of Assumed Revenue be sent to the Reverend Mr. Swartz for the information of the Rajah, and that Mr. Swartz be desired to acquaint his Excellency that in a short time he will be furnished with a correct account of the Collections. —

The Board are of opinion that the Carnatic and Tanjore Revenues should each be debited, in proportion to the nett Revenues received from them, for the expence attending the Establishment of the Board of Assumed Revenue; but they see no reason why both Countries should not be debited from the same Period. Viz.t

February

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February 1793 when the Boards of Revenue were
separated; and it is therefore resolved that the neces
Adjustments be made in the Revenue Books in Conform
to this opinion.—

Read the following Letter from
Mr. William Balfour.—

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir.

As I understand from Lieutenant Colone
Montgomery that he cannot obtain the Permission
Government to procud to Europe until he shall find
Security for the Amount of a Refund ordered in M
Accounts of Mr. Malcolm, late Paymaster to the
Detachment doing Duty with the Nizam's Troops, fo
Charges incurred by the Colonel. I request you will
acquaint the Hon.ble the Governor in Council that I
shall consider myself accountable to the Compan
for whatever Sum shall be found to be due from
Colonel Montgomery upon a final audit of Mr.
Malcolm's accounts.—

From Mr. William Balfour offering to hold himself accountable for whatever sum shall be found due to the Company upon the final Audit of Mr. Malcolm's Accounts.—

I have the Honor to be,
&.a &.a
Signed Wm. Balfour.

Fort S.t George.
8.th March 1792.

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Minute thereon —

Mr. William Balfour having rendered — himself accountable to the Company for whatever — sum shall be found to be due from Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery upon the final audit of Mr. Malcolms accounts, it is resolved that Colonel Montgomery be permitted to embark for Europe on the Northumberland —

The Detachments of Cavalry at the race Stand and at Arnee to be directed to proceed to the Cavalry Cantonments at Arcot — Arrangement regarding the Distribution of the Horses. —

The acting President recommends that the Detachments of Cavalry at the race Stand under — Major Young and at Arnee under Major Pater, be directed to proceed to the Cavalry Cantonments at — Arcot and that the Horses of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons with the above Detachments, be — returned to the Races from whence they were received —

Approved and ordered accordingly —

The Contract entered into with Mr. James Brodie for furnishing Cloathing to be — continued for another year. —

The acting President lays before the Board the proceedings of a Committee for examining the Cloathing furnished by Contract, by which it — appears that the cloathing has been entirely approved — He therefore proposes that the Contract be continued for another year to Mr. James Brodie, as there is every reason to believe that the Terms on which the cloathing is now provided, being the lowest

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of a great many offers made in consequence of the advertisement last year, are as reasonable as any that would be offered upon the Publication of a fresh advertisement.

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Received the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 54. 55. 56.

From the Commander of the

From the Commander of the Hon.ble Company's Ships Asia. —

Asia - representing his Inability to furnish suitable Accomodation for the Detachement of Electoral Troops ordered to embark on his Ship for Europe. —

From the Secretary to the Hospital

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board. —

Board - recommending that Mr. Nicol Mein, Hoard Surgeon at Trichinopoly, be permitted to visit the Presidency. —

From the Commandant at Chingleput.

From the Commandant at Chingleput sends fifty eight Hindoo Inva- lids, 1 Woman, and two Children to the Presi- dency to embark for Europe on the Northum- berland. —

Sent Letter to the Nabob / as

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

entered on C.C. N.o 32 / enclosing the Persian Pannuah Wasjey Patty and Pannuah Church Accounts of the Carnatic Revenues from the Date of the Assumption to the 30th November 1792. —

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. —

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To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General - acknowledging Receipt of his Letters of the 15th Ultimo and 1st Instant, and informing him that Lord Cornwallis's Letter to the Nabob which came enclosed, have been duely Delivered. —

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General.

To Mrs Murray - enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr Henderley, and desiring her to state whether the arrangement which he has suggested for liquidating her Demands upon Sibberoo Brawning meet her Approbation. —

To Mrs. Murray.

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Calastry Rajah, and desiring him to take such Steps as may appear to him most advisable for bringing Timmaia to a due sense of his improper Conduct. —

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly - informing him that Mr Nicolletti and Captain Bell have the Board's Permission to visit the Presidency. —

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly. —

To Do desiring that the Box lately sent to Trichinopoly by Mr Samuel Johnston, supposed to contain publick

To Do

Papers

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10th Papers, may be opened, and an Inven=
=tory of its Contents taken, in his presence,
and that of the Paymaster and Fort
Adjutant. —

To the Deputy Comptroller
General of Army Accounts — informing
him of Sundry new Charges which
have Place in the Accounts of the Paymas=
ter of the Itchapore District for the Months
of January, and which have been approved
by Government. —

To the Deputy Comptroller or General of Army accounts. —

To Dº desiring him, during
the absence of the Comptroller General,
to attend the Meetings of the Committee
for regulating the Accounts of this Presiden=
cy, according to the System adopted in
Bengal. —

To Dº

To Lieutenant Colonel Collins
— desiring him to release Ensign Price
from his Arrest. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Collins commanding the 2d Battalion of European Infantry. —

To the Reverend Mr Swartz
— enclosing, in order to their being laid
before the Rajah of Tanjore, Copies of
two Abstract Statements of Receipts and
Disbursements from the Tanjore Country
from the Date of the Assumption to the
30th

To the Reverend Mr Swartz.

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11th from the Rajah of Cochin and the appropriation of them. —

The first advance demanded of the Rajah of Travancore was for the sum of one Lack of Star Pagodas, which I received in different Species at the Exchange of 375 Rupees for 100 S. Pagodas and which was accounted for by me at that rate — when the Subsidy of Ten Lacks of Rupees for Annum was demanded, the rate of Exchange was established by your Letter at 365 per 100 — at which, every subsequent Sum was adjusted by me with the Rajah — you will please to observe by the Statement, that the amount received from the Rajah of Travancore is Rupees 19,97,998 " 11 " 68 — but the first Lack of Pagodas having been received at the rate of 375 Rs. for 100 — makes a difference in the Exchange of Rupees 10,000, — so that the Balance due by the Rajah is Rs. 12000. — " 12. — The accompanying abstract account of Subsidy will explain the Transaction. —

The Balance due by the Statement in December, has been since remitted to Mr Corbett, the acting Paymaster at Palghaucherry, as will appear in this Months account Current. —

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

(Signed) George Powney.
Resident.

Cochin
9th February 1792.

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General Statement of Receipts and Remittances

		Rupees F. C.	Rupees F. C.
1790 March April Septem.r	To M.r B. Torin, Paymaster at Pa= lamcotah, Specie sent to him, by order of Government, at different times, as per his receipts & amounting to . . . . . " " "		2,75,000 " "
	To the Honble acting President in Council Fort S.t George		
Augt. 28.th	Bill remitted on Bowanie Jun= kara Putta amounting to .		1,00,000 " "
1791			
January 23.d	Do. on Bowanie Junkara Putta for 30,160 Pag.s Pagodas & Rupees . .	12,076 " 4 "	
April 10.th	Do. on Jaganad Teacher for Pag.s 30000 or	12,344 " 11 " 48	
May 5.th	Do. on Do. for 10000 Pag.s Pag.s or . .	3318 " 8 " —	
Sept.r 6.th	Do. on Do. for . . .	3,000 " " —	
	10 Do. on Bowanie Junkara Putta for . . .	2,00,000 " " —	
October 8.th	Do. Do. for . . .	500000 " " —	
		12,32,802. 11. 48.	13,32,802. 11. 48.
		Carried over	16,07,802. 11. 48

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in the years 1790 and 1791 from the Travancore Residency

		Rupees f c	Rupees f c
1790 March 31st	By Rajah of Travancore Cash received on account of his Subsidy for the year 1790	100,000	
April 10th	Do. Do.	100,000	
August 28th	Bill on Bowane Sunkara Putta for	100,000	
Sept. 16th	Cash received from him Do.	75,000	375,000 .. ..
1791	By Rajah of Travancore the following Bills and Cash received from him, on account of his Subsidy for the years 1790 and 1791 Viz.		
January 23d	Bill on Bowani Sunkara Putta for 30,160 Pags Pag. or Rs.	1,00076..4 .. –	
March 9th	Cash 10,000 Bs. P. or	33181 .. 8 .. –	
April 10th	Bill on Jagannad Tauker for 30000 Pags. P. or	99544 .. 11. 68.	
	Cash 10,000 Bs. P. or	33181. 8. ..	
May 5th	Bill on Jagannad Tauker for 10000 Bs. P. or	33181 .. 8 .. –	
	Cash 19,840 Bs. P. or	65832 .. 8 .. –	
	Carried over	364998 .. 11 .. 68	375,000 .. ..

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Acct. f. C. Rupees f. C.

To Brought over 1607,802.11.42

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To Major General Abercromby
Cash remitted to him at sun
different times, and hundrafts
upon me amounting to . . . 11 11 11 215643.9.11

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To Mr. Corbet acting Paymaster
at Palghautcherry Cash
remitted him Viz.t -

February . 4th 10,000 Star Pagodas or 36500 11 11

March . . 9th 10000 Do. or 36500 11 11

September . . 20th Cash 10,000 11 11

November . . 10 Do. 10,000 11 11 2,13,000 11 11

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May . . . 5th To the Garrison of Palghautcherry
Sundry articles confiscated by Rajah
of Cochin 10724 3 11

To 57,50 Rupees received from the Rajah
of Cochin in January 1791 being
credited at 15,333.18 Sh.Rs. for at 375 Rs. @ 100
Star Pagodas in that Month, when
the account was made up in Rupees
in the Month of September - the Balance
of Star Pagodas was accounted for
at the rate of 365 Rs. @ 100 Star Pagodas
- the difference in Exchange. . . 1532.10.20

2048703.9.68

To Balance 59295.2.11

Rupees . 2107998.11.68

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				Rupees f. C.	Rupees f. C.
1791		By Brought over		3,64,998.11.68.	375000 " "
September	6	By Rajah of Travancore Bill on Pagandà Sauther for	3,00,000. " "		
	10th	D° on Bowane Sunkana Putta for	2,00,000 " "		
	18th	Cash	40,000 " "		
October	8th	Bill on Bowane Sunkana Putta	5,00,000 " "		
			1,35,000 " "		
November	19th	Cash	83,000 " "	16,22,998.11.68.	19,97,998 11.68.
December		D°			
1791		By Rajah of Cochin, the following Sums received from him on account of his first year's Tribute and rent of Chetiva Island.			
January	7	Cash received of him for first Kist of Tribute due on 25th December 1790.		17,500 " "	
	27th	D° for an advance of one year's rent of the Island of Chetiva		40000 " "	
May	25th	D° for 2d Kist of Tribute due on 25th March 1791		17,500 " "	
June	25th	D° for 3d Kist of Tribute due on 25th June		17,500 " "	
November	19th	D° for last Kist due on 25th September		17500 " "	1,10000 " "
				Rupees	21,07,998.11.68

C. Travancore 31st December 1791. (Signed) George Powney Resident

Abstract Account of Subsidy

Rajahs of Travancore ..... D.r Contra ..... C.r

	Rupees f. c.			Rupees f. c.
1790. To Subsidy for this 1st year	10,00,000 " "	1790	By Cash 10,000 Star Pagodas.	3,75,000 " "
1791. To D.o ... for ... D.o	10,00,000 " "	1791	By Cash and Bills	16,22,998. 11. 68.
To difference in Exchange	10,000 " "		By Balance due	12001 " 12.
Rupees	20,10,000 " "		Rupees	20,10,000. " "

Travancore 31st. December 1791.

Signed George Powney
Resident

Received Fort St. George 11th March 1792

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W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department.

From the Commandant at Poonamalee addressing of the Instructions he has received from Compy regarding the Prisoners of War belonging to His Majesty's Regiments now at Ellore - and the Men of the 36th and 52d Regiments at Trichinopoly. —

Sir,

You will please acquaint the Honble President in Council that I have this day received an Order from Seringapatam, of Date the Fourth of this Month, desiring me to apply to Government to request that the Honble President in Council will be pleased to Order the Prisoners of War belonging to His Majestys 52d Regiment from Ellore to Poonamalee, and likewise that Government will be pleased Order the Soldiers belonging to the 36, and 52d Regiments, at the same time, from Trichinopoly to Poonamalee.

I am, &c.a &c.a

Signed Geo: Brodie
Major to His Majesty 52d Regiment

Poonamalee
11th March 1792.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military and Political Department.

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army accounts - enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with the Military Board regarding the Establishment of Artificers placed under the orders of Lieutenant Johnston of the Engineers.

Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 7th instant, addressed to me by order of the Honble the President in Council

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11th of the accompanying Letter from Lieutenant Johnston, of the Engineers, at Palicaudicherry, informing you, at the same time, that, as Major Maule has Certified that the Artificers therein mentioned were supplied from his Establishment in the Field by order of Major General Medows, they are of opinion their Arrears of Pay should be discharged.

Fort St. George
7th February 1792.

I am &c.
(Signed) Daniel Ince
Secretary

A true Copy
(Signed) Pat. Bruce
Asst. C. G.

To the President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have been duly honored with your Secretary's Letter of the 7th Instant, on the subject of Lieutenant Johnston of the Engineers' Charge for Artificers at Palacaudicherry, and have now the pleasure to Report thereon, agreeable to your Request: as Major Maule has been pleased to Certify that the Artificers charged for in Mr. Johnston's Bills were

supplied

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suspicion from his Establishment in the Field, by order of General Meadows, I am admit that they ought to be paid agreable to the established rules of the Service, and shall write to M.r Vincentio Corbett, the Paymaster at that Station, to that effect this day, but I apprehend that these Artificers were ordered into Palamcautcherry to complete some Repairs, which were at that time much wanted, and should not have either been discharged, when their work was finished, or again ordered to join the Chief Engineers Department in the Field. Therefore, unless it shall be the opinion of your Board that such an establishment of Artificers is absolutely necessary, for the good of the Service to be kept up at Palamcautcherry, I shall object to their receiving Pay from the time their arrears shall have been discharged. —

I am

Gentlemen, &c.a

(Signed) James Brunton

Deputy Cont.r Gl. &c.a

Fort S.t George
13.th February 1792.

A true Copy
(Signed) Pat Bruce
ap.t A.G.

To

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To Lieutenant James Brunton,
Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of
yesterday, I am directed by the President
& Members of the Military Board to
inform you, they are of opinion that it
will be for the good of the Service, that the
present establishment of Artificers in the
Garrison of Palacautcherry should be
continued.

I am &c.

(Signed) Daniel Ince
Secretary

Fort St. George
14th February 1792

A true Copy
(Signed) Pat. Bruce
a.d.c. G.

To Vincentio Corbett Esqr.
Paymaster at Palicautcherry.

Sir,

As Major Maule has
Certified that the Artificers employed
by Lieutenant Johnston, were sent in
from

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from the Grand Army, and that the Mr
Military Board are of opinion they ought
to be paid their Arrears and continued,
you will be pleased to do accordingly.

I have the honor to be &c.a

(Signed) James Brunton
Deputy Cont.l Genl. &c.a

Fort St George
14th February 1792.

A true Copy
(Signed) Pat.k Bruce
aft.t D. G.

William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts - Captain Bell acknowledges his Inability to produce Vouchers required by the Board for the Purchases of Stores &c.a made by him for the use of the Army

Sir,

I request you will do me the
honor to lay the inclosed letter from
Captain Bell of the Artillery before
the Honorable the President in Council,
in Order that I may receive his final
determination respecting the Charges
made by that Officer when acting as
Commissary of supply to the Army.

I have the Honor to be &c.a

(Signed) J. Brunton
Deputy D. G.

Fort St George
March the 10th
1792.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant I. Brunton

Deputy Comptroller General

Sir,

I am sorry It is not in my power to reply in so satisfactory a manner as I could wish to your Letter of the 29th Ultimo, - for, although I am prompted both by Interest and Inclination to explain and authenticate in the clearest manner every charge made for Articles purchased by me for the use of the Army in my late Department of Commissary of Stores, I must acknowledge my Inability to produce the required Vouchers for which I shall endeavour to account. —

The Articles in question were either procured for ready Money from different places, and at different times at my own private risque or purchased occasionally in the Camp Bazar for ready money likewise, and not brought to the Honorable Company's account until actually

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actually required for the Service, and as the several Articles were delivered agreable to authorized Indents / as appears by my Explanations given into the Military Board in September last / I did not think it necessary to preserve the four Bills which were then in my possession. —

I can only add, that being unconscious of having made any Charge whatever beyond the Established and allowed Prices of the Articles purchased / as may appear by a reference to former accounts / I could not foresee that such requisition as that contained in your Letter of the 11.th Ultimo would be made. —

That my continuing to act as Commissary of Supply to the Army, / originally a matter of necessity / was contrary to my wish, I have already shewn, by my Application to Major General Medows of the 7.th November 90. to be relieved from that Office, a Copy of

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of which accompanied the Explanations alluded to above.

In order to facilitate any further Explanation that may be requisite of me respecting this business, I have earnestly requested permission to proceed to Madras. —

I am, Sir, &c.a &c.a

Tricheno poly
6.th February 1792.

(Signed) Rob.t Bell
Cl.k of Stores

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting President

From the acting Agent for Spiritous Liquors - states the circumstances which prevented his receiving from the Commander of the Sage all the Difficiency of Liquors sent from Bengal in that Ship and assigns reasons why it is impossible to bring up his accounts for want of Invoices of the Spirits received from Bengal. —

Honble Sir,

In reply to M.r Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 29.th Ultimo, I beg leave to State that the Commander of the Sage allows the Deficiency of Liquors sent from Bengal in that Ship, that it was impossible for me to ascertain the Value of the deficiency so as to enable you, Honorable Sir, to take measures for the Recovery of the same, because no Invoice was transmitted with the

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11th the Cargo, and that the only Step which could be taken was, the making a Protest, which I forwarded to your Honorable Board suppposing that the Ships would have proceeded to Bengal, when the Right Honble the Governor General and Council would have recovered the amount deficiency exceeding five per cent from the Owners of the Ships upon enquiry I am now given to understand that the Vessel is the property of Chellaby, a Native Merchant of Surat, and that she is going to that Port. I have the honor of enclosing herewith a Return of Arrack and Rum received from Bengal in January, February March, April and August 1791 for which I want the particular Invoices in order to close the accounts of that year I have used every endeavour on my part, and also troubled your Honble Board on the Subject, but have not yet received the accounts wanted — I must also request you will be pleased to apply to the Honorable Governor General in Council

for

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10.th for Invoices of the Liquors landed here in October and November last from the Hercules, new Triumph, and Hazellum - none of which have come to hand - and without these documents I cannot bring up the Accounts. —

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

Fort S.t George
10.th March 1792.

/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Acting for the Honble Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

Return of Rum and Arrack Received from Bengal in January, February, March April and August 1791.

Per Bill of Lading Casks	Per Bill of Lading Gallons	Received in Madras Casks	Received in Madras Gallons	Bad Casks Received in Madras	Empty Casks	Name of the Vessels and Commanders
109	15,018.	103.	14052.	"	"	5 By the Ship Henry Captain William Henry Wheatly Invoice Received but freight not ascertained
62	7504.	181	5801 10	1188.	12	By the Ship Lovely Hannah Capt.n Francis Orme Invoice Received, but freight not ascertained
63 / 9 / 82	16423.		14480. 4.	670.		By the Ship Lovely Hannah
23 Punch / 23 H.H.S.	4191.	46.	4079.	"	"	" By the Snow Rose Capt.n G. Jackson — no Invoices are received
60.	8585.	56	8180.	"	"	4. By the Ship Resolution Capt.n W. Dunlop
105.	13762.	64.	7678.	35.	5302.	6 By the Ship Sydney Medows Captain H. Coxe. — D.o
156.	16696.	151.	15834	"	"	5. By Hoop Luaumurseveloo
64.	9444	58	8526.	"	"	5. By Snow Shree Wardarao Swamy
98.	11661	94	10923	"	"	6 By Snow Camapoama
78.	9294.	73.	8540.	1.	60.	3 By Snow Wardarao Swamy
137.	15547.	131.	14660	"	"	5 By Snow Shambeseveloo
17	2447.	15.	2129.	"	"	2. By Snow Anapuma
63.	7389.	54.	6193.	1.	117.	7 By Snow Radakistnah Swamy
55.	7336.	52.	6477.	"	"	3. By the Ship Lucknow Capt.n James Stewart Received only Bill of Lading but no Invoice
44.	5052.	41.	4747.	"	"	3 By the Ship Julia Capt.n James Tod. Ditto

Received from the Honble Sales Casks for which no Invoices are Received

/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Acting for the Agent

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12.th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis.s N.os 67. 68. 69. 70. 71.

To the Secretary at Bombay. To the Secretary at Bombay - enclosing a Letter to be forwarded to the Hon.ble Commodore Cornwallis.

To the Secretary at Bengal. To the Secretary at Bengal - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Acting Agent for Spirituous Liquors, respecting the Deficiency of Liquor shipped on the Faze = alleun - and requesting that the Invoices of Rum and Arrack which M.r Roebuck has applied for, may be furnished as soon as convenient. —

To the Commandant at Poonamallee = Poonamallee - desiring him to send to the Presidency without delay Six Kings Inva = lids to be embarked on board the Northum = berland. —

To the Accountant General. To the Accountant General - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Travancore, together with Copy of a Statement of his Receipts and Remittances for the years 1790. and 1791.

To the Board of Accounts & Revenue. To the Board of Accounts & Revenue - expressive of the satisfaction of Government

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Government at the Information laid before them by the President of their Board, of Mr.r Haldebertons great Assiduity in the Preparation of the Persian Accounts of the Carnatic Revenues, and desiring to them to Joint the Zemindars in the Centre Division of the Arcot Province on a similar footing with those already provided for in the Carnatic.—

Received the following Letters.

The Honble Major General William Meadows
President in Council
Fort S.t George.

From the Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Swan - advising of his having received orders from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to return to England with any Dispatches or Letters this Government may wish to forward.

Hon.ble Sir,

The Right Hon.ble the Lords &.a Commissioners of the Admiralty having directed me to return to England with His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, with whatever despatches you may have to charge me.— I have the Honor to signify the same to you.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir &.a &.a
(Signed) I. Elphinstone
&.a

His Majesty's Sloop Swan
Madras Roads
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W.m C. Jackson Esq.r

Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Vamboor- advice of orders received from Lord Cornwallis respecting the last treasure & arrives from Vellore- Claims reimbursement of Money expended by himself and Cornet Oversand in procuring Intelligence.

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate to you, that eight Tumbrills of Treasure has been delivered into my charge to day from Vellore. Lord Cornwallis has directed me not to send forward any Treasure, untill further orders from him.

I beg you will inform the Honble Board, that Cornet Oversand, Commanding a Detachment at Vanam-bady, has sent me in a charge for Hircarras employed for Intelligence, in the Months of January and February - 23 Pagodas.

It being necessary to be informed of any Body of the Enemy in the Barramaul, I had directed him to employ people.

I have been at the expence of from nine, to twelve Pagodas every Month, since I had the honor of having

charge

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12.th Charge of this Garrison - I hope the
Honble Board will please to order these
Charges to be paid.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. Your
(signed) J. Cuppage
Lt Comd.t
Ambore.

Ambore
8.th March 1792.

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

From Captain Lieutenant Macalister - requesting that Government will use their Authority in procuring Payment, from the Prize agents, of the amount due to the Captains of Garrison Gooly.

Sir.

It is with reluctance that I come forward, at this important Juncture, when your attention must be engaged on Objects, of importance to the General Interest, but impressed as I am with a Confidence in your Justice, and relying on your promptitude to redress every well founded Complaint of injury sustained, I hope I may be indulged on laying before you the particulars of my case, at this Period, being on the Eve of my departure from the Coast for the benefit of health. —

I therefore beg leave to represent that during the last War I had the Honor to

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Serve in the Grand Army under the
Command of General Sir Eyre Coote, and
that a proportion of Prize Money on Account
of Various Captures made in the Course
of Last War is due to me, in Common
with the rest of the Army; and, although
Prize Agents were appointed to take
Charge of, and give an Account of, Captured
Property, and although a distribution
of the Prize Money arising from the
Capture of the Dutch Settlements has
been finally made to the Captors, yet
many Years have elapsed without any
part of the Property taken by the Grand
Army, as far as I can learn, having been,
accounted for, to any individual of that
Army; but as I am more particularly
interested in the Capture of Carangooly,
which principally has occasioned this
address, I beg leave to lay before your
Honor in Council the accompanying
extract of a General Order published by
General Sir Eyre Coote on that Event, from
which it appears, that the Valuable

acquisition

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Acquisition of that place at the critical juncture of its Capture, and the impression on the Commander in Chief had received of the Service performed by the Captors induced him to notify in publick Orders his desire that the Booty found in the place, should, as a reward to the Officers and Men, be exclusively shared by the Detachment that had assaulted and taken the place; the articles found in Carangooly consisted of a very considerable Magazine of Grain, purposely laid up there by Hyder Ali for the use of the French Troops, then expected to land on the Coast and join his Army, likewise Stores, Bullocks, and also several Horses, which were disposed of to the Honble Company for the Cavalry, then serving with the Army. —o

I had the honor to be one of the Officers employed on that Occasion, and the only advantage that I have received from it, was the Sum of about twenty two Pagodas which was my share of

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a small Sum arising from the Sale of a few trifling Articles, and a little Cash found in the Palace; This distribution was made to those Concerned, by Captain Arthur Stuart previous to the Battle of Portonovo, to relieve himself from responsibility, and the Risk of Carrying that property at so Critical a Period.

Notwithstanding the orders of the Commander in Chief relative to the Capture of Carangooly, and the Coinciding Sentiments expressed by the Government on the Occasion, respecting the Appropriation of the Capture, yet, hitherto, no measures whatever have been adopted to benefit the Captors by a distribution of the amount arising from the Sale of the Captured property.

There was I believe Issued from the Granary of Carangooly, & whilst the Army lay there and after its Return from the relief of Wandewash, thirteen days' Rice for the fighting Men and followers of the Army, besides a

quantity

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12.th quantity to the Commanding Officers of the four Regiments of Cavalry and the Commanding Officer of the General Body Guard, for their Horses, en lieu of Gram, exclusive of what was ordered to be kept in Garrison for the Troops who composed it. —

The Command of the Fort was given to Lieutenant William Augustus Le Grand, who did not long Survive his Appointment; at his Decease the Command of Carangoly devolved on Lieutenant Walter Anderson, who remained in Command 'till Captain Arthur Crawford was appointed to succeed.

At the close of the Year 1781 the Commander in Chief was pleased to appoint Messrs. Thomas Graham and George Taylor Prize Agents for the Army; these Gentlemen have regular Accounts of all the property Captured either by the Army or Detachments from it, in the Course

of

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of the War; and yet it does not appear that those Gentlemen have ever Accounted for the Sums received on that Account to the Captors, either Collectively or individually. —

At the Conclusion of the last War Government was pleased to direct that all Commanding Officers of Corps and out Garrisons, those at the heads of Departments, and every Officer of the Army, should render an Account of the Grain that had been issued to & them at different Periods to Messrs. & Jackson and Cockburn Agent and Commissary to the Army, with a View, as it was generally supposed, to ascertain the Extent of the Various Captures made by the Grand Army during the War, that the Amount might be distributed: I therefore, until the present & Period, did not think it proper to & solicit the attention of Government to my Claim, although I had the honor of serving in the Grand Army from the

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12th the Period of its first movement from the Mount in 1781 till its return from Cuddalore to the same place in 1783, from a belief that such Sums as were Collected and found to be the property of the Captors would be notified for distribution to the different Claimants, upon a final adjustment of those Accounts; such an adjustment has taken place some Years ago, which I conceive entitles the Captors to call upon the Agents to account to them for their share of Prize Money due for the Captured property, made during the whole of the late War, but as those Gentlemen do not reside on the Coast, I, as an Individual who have not received any share of the long expected distribution of Prize Money, am induced to lay my Claim before the Governor in Council in hopes that the Justice of it will be sufficiently evident to induce him to take the premises into Consideration, and that proper

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12th Proper Measures may be adopted to &c
Compel the Agents to account to those
Concerned for the Shares of Prize Money
that has been so long and so unjustly &c
withheld from them. —

I have the honor to be
Sr. Sr.
[signed] Keith, Macalister
Capt. Lt. Cavalry

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12th March 1792.

P. C. camp near Carangooly 21st January 1781
Parole Davies Sign Carrangooly.

"The Commander in Chief's
"thanks are in the strongest manner returned
"to Captain Davies and the rest of the &c
"gallant Officers who this morning so &c
"eminently distinguished themselves in
"the very spirited attack and capture
"of Carrangooly; the cool determined
"executive part the Assailants acted, has
"given the Army an ample and critical
"supply of Provisions, a Part of the first
"consequence, and will prove of essential
"advantage to our future Operations, &c
"— The Commander in Chief cannot help
"repeating that his particular thanks

"are

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12th "are the due of Captain Davis, also
"of Captain Tanner, and the voluntary
"services of Captains Moorhouse and
"Pringle merit every commendation, the
"Commanding Officers of the Sepoy
"Battalions, and, in short, the whole Corps
"have had such a share in the success
"of this day, that they are one and all
"marked as parties to whom the Public
"are much indebted - the European
"Artillery prove themselves, what their
"Enemies have so long known them to
"be, the first of Troops; and the favorable
"report of the Surgeon relative to the
"wounds of Captain Moorhouse, Lieu-
"tenant Anderson, Ensign Macalister
"and Lieutenant Fireworker O'Brian,
"that they are not dangerous, adds
"greatly to the pleasure attendant
"on our success."

"Captain Davis will nomi-
"nate a proper Person on the part of
"himself and the other Persons who
"took the Fort, to take an account of
every

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"every thing captured, it is to be understood
"that the amount will be divided among
"the brave Troops that took it, and that
"the Provisions &c.a are to be sold for the
"use of the Army, and the Money accounted
"for as received." —

Fort S.t George 24.th January 1781

"By Government,

"The gallant and spirited &c.a
"behaviour of Captain John Davis, and
"the Detachment under his command on
"the morning of the 21.st Instant in the &c.a
"assault and taking the Fort of Carangoly,
"having been communicated to the President
"and Select Committee by Lieutenant &c.a
"General Sir Eyre Coote K.B. Commander
"in Chief of the Forces in India, and
"the President and Select Committee being
"highly sensible of the bravery and good
"conduct of Captain Davis and his Party,
"and being desirous of manifesting the
"same to the Establishment in general,

&c.a

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"do take this earliest opportunity of
"testifying their thanks in the warmest
"manner to Captains Davies, Tanner &
"Moorhouse, and Pringle, the Officers &
"Commanding the Sepoy Battalions, and
"all other Officers, Non-Commissioned
"Officers and Private, and, at the same
"time, do conceive it a mark of attention
"in a peculiar manner due to the merits
"of that Detachment, which so eminently
"hath distinguished itself, that the
"sentiments of their Commander in Chief
"to Government should be made known
"to them in the most honourable and
"Public manner."

"Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant
"General Sir Eyre Coote K.B. to the
"President and Select Committee - dated
"Camp near Carrangoolay 21.st January 1781.

"I ordered a Detachment under
"Captain Davis to march at 12 o'Clock last
"night; it consisted of about 1000 Sepoys
"and four Guns and a Howitzer com-
"manded by Captain Tanner - to the utter
"honor of the Officers and Men composing

"the

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12.th "This Detachment the Fort of Cavrangooly
"has been taken, and in a manner which
"redounds greatly to the credit of their bravery".

"After congratulating you on this &.
"fortunate Event I must indulge myself with
"reciting to you the particulars, as well &.
because I know it will prove acceptable to
"you to read, as that it is a justice I owe
"on every account to the Officers and Men
"of the Detachment whose gallant conduct is
"highly deserving of a place upon record.

True Extracts
(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
act.g Dep.y Adj.t Gen.l

13.th Received the undermentioned
Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 72.73.74.75.

From Lieutenant Den Taaff &
- requesting to be furnished with an order
for himself, the Serjeant Major, Drill Serjeant
and his Wife, to be received on board the
Northumberland as Passengers for S.t Helena.

From Lieutenant Den Taaff of the Bengal Establishment.

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From the Collector in the
Northern Division of the Arcot Province
- requesting to know at what Price he is to
issue the Rice, which he is bearing out to the
Bengarries. &

From the Col: lector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province.

From

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From Major Pater of the 1st Cavalry.

From Major Pater - Lieutenant Wilson joins his Detachment, with all the Horses placed under his charge. —

From Mrs. Sarah Murray

From Mrs. Sarah Murray - requesting that a few days may be allowed her to consider of the Arrangement suggested by Mr. Hindersley legeundating her claims on Sibberoos Bramany.

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie and John Huddleston Esqrs.

Tuesday 13th March 1792.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows. —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

From Major Genl Medows returning Congratulations on the arrangement of the Preliminary articles of Peace.

Senior Member at the Presidency, and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort S.t George.—

Madras Fo.a Go.a

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I had the honor of yours of the first this day congratulating me upon the Preliminary Articles of Peace being settled between the Confederate Powers and Tippoo Sultaun. Having no doubt that the Peace will be able and permanent, as the War has been brilliant and successful; and returning your congratulations with interest,

I have the honor to be,
Fo.a Go.a

Camp near Serringapatam the 7.th of March 1792.

(Signed) Wm. Medows Genl
Fo.a Go.a

Read the following Letter from Mr. William Duffin.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

From Mr. William Duffin requesting Permission to return to Europe—and that his Services may be mentioned in favorable Terms to the Honble Court of Directors.—

President and Governor Fo.a Council

Honble Sir,

After a Period of Twenty five Years Servitude, I now solicit your leave to return to my native Climate,

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my Health having suffered very seriously by frequent severe attacks of a Liver obstruction, which alone induces me to quit a Service where I have spent the best part of my Life — Before I deliver over my Trust, I think it encumbent on me to point out the duty of a Head Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital at the Presidency, and the necessity there is of having a Vigilant, active, and experienced man to fill the Station; indeed it is become the most important one in the whole Medical Department — The Hospital, since I have had the charge of it, has had seldom at any time less than three Hundred Patients; and, when the Indiamen arrive with Recruits from Europe, frequently upwards of five Hundred; besides those, all deemed Incurables, and Patients labouring under obstinate Disorders from the out Garrisons and Cantonments are sent to the Madras Hospital, by which means, it becomes the

Receptacle

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Receptacle of almost every complaint
incident to the Human Habit, and affor
a Field of Instruction to an enquisitive
mind, that few other Hospitals in any
part of the World admit of — The attenta
to and Superintendance of such an H
Hospital require the utmost unremitting
exertions, in regulating the Duties of
the Assistant Surgeons, affording them
advice in difficult cases, pointing out a
regular mode of Practice to the young
Practioner to enable him to be detached
to Subordinate Stations, in fact it is
the School, where young men, on their arri
in the Country, acquire a knowledge
the diseases incident to the Climate, an
the method of Cure; with all this th
Head Surgeon has his duty to attend
as a Member of the Hospital Board,
if his Professional abilities are in
estimation, numerous calls from ex
extensive Settlement — In this positio
and the duty of a Head Surgeon at th
Presidency and the very important Tru
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reposed in him, it becomes a matter of Serious consideration to the Service at large, the Character and the abilities of the man that is to fill that Station.

When I was called to a Seat at the Hospital Board on the Death of Mr Davis, I found the direction of the Hospital under the Senior Mate, who had, for many months during Mr Davis's illness, the entire charge of it, without any Guide to direct, but such as his own Judgement prompted out; numerous irregularities had crept in; in the Purveyors Department particularly, little attention was paid to the orders of one who was acting in a Subordinate or Station, even by the inferior Officers of the Medical Department, and of course the duty could not be otherwise than — imperfectly executed, by which the Sick, in the first instance, suffered; and Government became liable to a very considerable extra expence; I saw the necessity of a reform, and, with as little Pains, Effected it, — with

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with the hope, in future, the Person who may fill the Station after me, will see the propriety of adhering to the System now established; and tho' my attentions to the regulation of the Hospital were unremitting, I trust it will be found my Employers have benefitted by my Exertions at the Hospital Board, where the Records of 1788 will shew the pains I took to arrange the Apothecary's and Purveyor's Departments, which, before that Period, were without any check or Rule, and by which arrangement a Saving of not less than Ten Thousand Pagodas annually has accrued to Government.

If these Services are faithfully detailed, and thought worthy the attention of the Honble Board, I entreat they may be mentioned to the Honorable Court of Directors in your General Letter, in such a manner as will entitle me to their favor; for tho' I have served Twenty five years in Field and Garrison

wherever

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wherever my duty led me, yet Flattered
to add that at no time have I had it
in my power to acquire that Competency
my length of Service and I trust cons=
=tant attention entitles me to; not=
withstanding, I have no Scruple or
Injustice to Complain of having had
the regular Routine of the Service; but in
a Line where little was to be acquired,
where a man confined himself Strictly
to his profession - I therefore throw myself
on the Bounty of my Honble Employers,
and rely on that Liberality with which
they are pleased to regard the Situation
of a faithfull Servant in confined cir=
=cumstances, for a participation of those
comforts which the decline of Life and
a Constitution worn out in their Service
must naturally require, but which,
independant of such Bounty, I cannot
hope to enjoy - With the hope that this letter
may be made a member of the Packet now
under dispatch - I remain, &c.a &c.a

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March 12.th 1792.

(Signed) William Duffin
Head Surgion to the General Hospital
at the Presidency.

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Duffin be permitted to return to Europe; and that he be recommended in strong Terms to the favor of the Honorable Court.

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Colombo.

From the Governor of Colombo expressive of his sincere Desire that the Dispute between the Dutch Government and the Rajah of Cochin should be adjusted in an amicable manner.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor and Council &c. at

Madras

Honble Sir and Sirs

A few days ago I had the honor to receive from Cochin enclosed in a Letter of Mr Powney, your very kind favor of the 17th January last.

As the measures which the Rajah of Cochin has dared to as adopt against our Company go beyond all bounds, and are therefore so much the more extraordinary, not only because there has subsisted for these many years past an uninterrupted friendship between our Company and the house of Cochin, but also because our Company has rendered

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rendered that house, at different opportuni-
ties, Services of great importance. Notwith-
standing all that, I am quite apprised
that M.r Van angelbeek, whom I have to
entertained thereabout, is inclined to to
settle the aforesaid disputes in an amica-
ble manner, as soon as that can be done
in a suitable way.

And as I, for my part, also
eagerly long that these disputes may
the sooner the better be terminated, I to
cannot sufficiently express how sensible
I am of the good estimation you have
shewn me in promoting it, agreable to the
friendly desire of the Right Honorable
Governor General the Earl Cornwallis.

I beg you will be pleased to
give my best thanks to his Lordship, as
I am much obliged to him therefore, be
pleased, at the same time, to express to
his Lordship how sensible I am of the
distinguished opinion of friendship with
which his Lordship has been pleased
to honor Governor Van angelbeek and me. —

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I'll embrace with pleasure every opportunity that may tend to express my acknowledgements to his Lordship, and at the same time to shew you my sincere inclination to maintain and cultivate the good Harmony between our Respective nations in India; especially between both our Governments.

I have the honor to be with great Esteem and Regard,

Sir &c &c

(Signed) W. J. Van de Graaff

Columbo
19th February
1792.

Minute thereon.

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

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C

No. 33.

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

Dated 10 March 1792

Received 11th Do.

From the Nabob expressing his satisfaction at the settlement of the Preliminary Articles of Peace and enclosing Copy of his Letter to Lord Cornwallis on the subject.

You have obliged me by the communication contained in your Letter of the 1st instant, in which you congratulate me, as one entirely interested in the Company's

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Compliments are the same, on the joyfull occasion of the enemys submission and his solicitation for peace - with other particulars which I understand - I have addressed a letter to Lord Cornwallis, copy of which I now enclose for your information, describing the sincere joy which I feel at the success obtained entirely by his merits - I have also a just sense of your exertions and of those of the military and other acting under his Lordships authority; and if I could express the joy of my heart, it would be communicated to the hearers as I feel it -

His Lordships first letter, notwithstanding the distance, came to me through your means, and it is only now that I have received your letter, tho we are so near to each other - I have two reasons for the great joy this occasion affords me: one, the restoration of peace, and the other that my boundry will be again put on my profession, agreably to the treaty and the friendly assurances of Lord Cornwallis to myself and my eldest Son Omdat ul Omra Bauhauder - May your and all my

friends

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friends participate in the joy these two
events cause to me!

What shall I say more?

Copy of a Letter from the Nabob Wallajah to Lord
Cornwallis Governor General &c.a &c.a Dated
10.th March 1792.

I had the infinite satisfaction,
at a time I was most impatiently waiting
for it, to receive the agreable tydings conveyed
in your friendly letter – the joy imparted to
your most sincere friend on this occasion, was
such as he does not remember to have felt
before during the whole course of his life
– upon hearing the particulars of the peace,
which you gave me an account of, I conceived
the highest ideas of your great wisdom, un-
prudence, and the strict friendship subsisting
between you, the Nawab Nizam ul Doula &
and the Pundit Perdhaun, with which I was
strongly impressed before – The great conduct
displayed by your Lordship, has been such
as has never been manifested, since this
Country became first peopled – a thousand
and thousand thanks, be given to your
Lordship

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Lordship for taking me into your consider-
-ation; and I pray God, the giver of victories,
that you will speedily return here; and
my Son Omdat ul Omra also most anxi-
-ously wishes for this event - a Poet in
ancient times, in offering praises to the
almighty, made the following lines, which
I now apply to your Lordship respecting
my own case.

(Verse) O thou who shewest favor even to
thine enemies, wilt thou not graciously re-
look on thy friends!

May the almighty grant this peace
be propitious to your Lordship, to every
one under your authority, and the whole
body of the English nation.

A true Translation

(Signed) David Haliburton
Persian Transr.

Minute thereon

No time was lost, after the
Board's receipt of Lord Cornwallis's
Letter advising of the Peace, in writing
to his Highness on the subject - If there
were any delay, it must have rested
with

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with the Persian Translator, who had not leisure perhaps to translate the letter immediately, being, at the time, much occupied in drawing out the Accounts of the Carnatic Revenue, for the receipt of which his Highness had expressed so much anxiety. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President. —

From the Military Paymaster General — Report respecting the Amount brought to the Company's Credit on the Books of his Employ in consequence of Mr. John Balfour's Audit — and the Emoluments arising from the Employ of Chief and Military Paymaster General. —

Hon.ble Sir,

I have been honored with your Orders, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Jackson, directing me to Report whether any Sums have been brought to the Company's Credit in the Books of my Employ, in consequence of the Report of Mr. Commissioner John Balfour. —

I have carefully examined the Books for the Period of which that Gentleman had the auditing of the Accounts, as well as subsequent thereto, and do not find that one Single Pagoda was refunded by any Predecessor in Office in consequence of such

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such audit, on the Contrary, it appears, from the reply to the Commissioner's audit, particularly alluded to in the Letter from the President of the Board of Accounts 27th January 1789, that the only Sum that could be objected to was 226 Pagodas 31 Fanams 50 Cash; of the actual disbursements of which he was so well convinced as to recommend it to be allowed, and the Audit closed, — which the Government at that time approved.

It appears that the Sum which the Commissioner has stated as being — brought into Cash by him, was in the course of business in the Office regularly brought to Account. — The Disbursements were made from the Despoys, and the Amount credited — previous to his examination of the Accounts. —

In the course of my reference to the Books I have discovered that the Sum of 10,000 Pagodas was, by Mr Swaine, brought to the credit of the Company — and actually expended by the Tanjore Pay Master for an Error in his Accounts — which had passed the Audit of the Southern Commissioner — a certain proof

of

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of the regularity and accuracy of the mode in which the Business of the Office is now held and conducted. —

In consequence of your orders directing me to State the Emoluments arising from the Employs of the Civil & Military Pay Master General from the Provision of the various Articles supplied by the Civil Paymaster on account of the difference of Exchange or otherwise. —

I beg leave to State that the Emolument of Exchange of both Offices at this Period amounts to about 95 Pagodas per Month, and that this Emolument is now larger than it used to be, from the Number of Families who are paid in all Sums at the Military Pay Master General's Office — The Profit arising from the various Articles furnished by the Civil and Military Pay Master General amounts at present to about Pagodas 240 a Month.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c.

Fort St. George
9th March 1792

(Signed) Benj. Roebuck
M.P.G.

Ordered

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Minute thereon. Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to England a-mumber on the Northumberland's Packet.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting President

From the Military Paymaster General- States that the accounts of the Kings Troops, to the latest Period they can be brought up, have been regularly transmitted to Government. &c

Honble Sir,

In reply to Mr. Jackson's letter of the 15.th ultimo, enclosing Copy of one from the Right Honble the Governor general Council, and desiring to know why the Accounts of his Majesty's Troops were not regularly transmitted to Bengal, I beg leave to state that these Accounts have always been transmitted by Government. &c

The accounts which had been examined in the Investigating Office, according to the form prescribed, between the 1.st May and 31.st December 1786 were forwarded to Government on the 8.th October 1790; between the 1.st of January and 24.th December 1787 were transmitted to Government on the 25.th April 1791; and between the 25.th December 1787 and 24.th June 1789

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The latest Period to which they have been made out, were forwarded on the 11th January 1792. I also beg leave to add that on the 31st March 1791 I forwarded an Account of Stores to his Majesty's Troops from the 25th June 1789 to 24th August 1790; and on the 13th January I forwarded the Stores to his Majesty's Troops from the 25th August 1790. to the 23d February 1791. I have not yet received the necessary Documents to enable me to draw this Account out to a later Period. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benj.n Roebuck
M.P.G.

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Ordered that a Copy of the fore-going Letter be sent to Mr. Secretary Hay.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Major Kirkpatrick. —

From Major Kirkpatrick — requesting order from Lord Cornwallis to amend the Schools by the Guzzlehatty Pass.

W. C. Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 18th Ultimo, and

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and request you will be pleased to inform the Honorable the Governor in Council that I yesterday received Orders from Lord Cornwallis to ascend the Ghauts by the Goyngle-hatty pass, leaving a sufficient Detachment in this District to keep in check any parties the Enemy have in the Countries below the Ghauts, and to take post at the head of the pass, or at Ardenelli, as circumstances will admit, in order to form a Depôt at one of these places.

I purpose Marching tomorrow with the Europeans, 5th and 16th Battalions N.I., and two Brigades of six pounders, leaving the Detachments from the 19th. 20th and 25th Battalions and a Brigade of 6 pounders at this place, (being the most centrical for the protection of the Convoys from Canore, Dindegall and Coimbetore,) under the command of Lieutenant Moore.

From the Orders I have received from Lord Cornwallis, it is out totally out of my power to give M. Corbett any assistance in Troops for the collections, as it is absolutely necessary to keep

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keep the Detachment I leave on this District as complete as possible; and I hope the Honorable Board has given directions to Colonel Bridges to send Troops into Erode, as it would be the means of keeping the Enemy in check that, on the North side of the Cavery. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir &c.

(Signed) J. Cuppage

Major Comm.g

Camp at Shaore 2.d March 1792.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Major Cuppage that as Preliminaries of Peace were settled on the 23.d Ultimo, the Board suppose, that, long ere this, he will have been furnished with Instructions from Lord Cornwallis for his future conduct.

The acting President recommends that the following Letter be written to Major General Abercr, the Governor of Tranquebar. —

To the Honorable Major General Abercr

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

Tranquebar.

Draft a letter proposed to be written to the Governor of Tranquebar - requesting his opinion regarding the mode of commencing a Prosecution against Kistna Row in the Court of Justice at Tranquebar for the Recovery of the Money due by him to the Company. —

Hon.ble Sir,

I have been honored by the receipt of your Letter dated the 14.th January and beg leave to make my acknowledgements for your ready & polite attention to the requisition

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requisition of this Government regardeing the recovery of the Money due by Hastina Row to the Honorable Company. —

I have already had the Honor to explain to your Excellency the nature of this debt, and of the voluntary obligation given by Hastina Row; a Copy of that obligation I now enclose, by which you will observe, that he binds himself to the answerable for his master in the Sum of 20,000 Pagodas — and as Mr. Johnston, upon the final audit of his accounts stood indebted to the Company in the Sum of Pagodas 19,316 .. 11 .. 4, and has since quitted India without paying the same, it appears to me that a Process at Law against the obligee is the only step now to be taken, upon which, however, I shall esteem myself obliged by your opinion, as well as on the mode of commencing a Prosecution in the Court of Justice at Tranquebar. I have the honor to be with distinguished Consideration Yr. Yr.

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(Signed) C. Oakeley Yr. Counsil

The foregoing Draft approved. —

The Board approve the draft to General Baker — Ordered that it be copied fair.

The acting President delivers in the following Minute. —

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Sir Charles Oakeley's Minute - submitting a Statement of the Expenditure in the Military Storekeepers Department for one year under the former Storekeeper, and for the same Period, under the Agency System - and recommending that the Difference in the Disbursement be brought before the Notice of the Honble Court of Directors.

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I beg leave to lay before the Board an authentic Statement which I have procured from the Military Storekeeper of the Expences in that Department from the 1.st March 1790 to the 28.th February 1791, with an Account of the same Period, under the new system of providing Stores from 1.st March 1791 to 29.th February 1792 by which it appears that the aggregate stands as follows.

1790-91 - Pagodas 3,25,377 " 26 " 18.

1791-92. 152,351 " 9 " 39.

Difference 1,73,027 " 16 " 59.

as our Armies were in the field both years, and the calls of the last, from the circumstances of the War, more numerous and heavy than the former, I trust the difference of expence will afford to the Honble Court of Directors a very satisfactory Proof of the reform which has taken place in that department.

(Signed) Chas.t Oakeley

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Actual Disbursements made by the former Military Storekeeper from 1.st March 1790 to 28 Febry 179

				Pagodas	f.	c
1790						
March	31.st	Military Stores, Gunpowder &c.a		20148.	6.	
April	30	D.o	D.o	25029.	5.	2
May	31	D.o	D.o	27707	13.	6
June	30	D.o	D.o	22225.	3.	7
July	31	D.o	D.o	21409.	12.	6
August	31	D.o	D.o	28851.	26.	3
September	30	D.o	D.o	23060.	4.	
October	31	D.o	D.o	27232.	32.	7
November	30.	D.o	D.o	23985.	2.	2
December	31.st	D.o	D.o	30386.	30.	7
1791						
January	31.st	D.o	D.o	21495.	12.	
February	28.	D.o	D.o	52346	19.	6
				323877.	26.	1
		Salary per Annum		1500.	"	
			Pagodas.	325377.	26.	1

(Signed) Jos: du Pré Porcher
M.y Storek.r

Actual

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Actual Disbursements made by the present Military Storekeeper from 1st March 1791 to 29th February 1792.

				Pagodas	f.	d.
1791						
March	31st	Military Stores and Gunpowder		14896.	27.	39.
April	30	Do.	Do.	18254.	22.	60.
May	31	Do.	Do.	3201.	28.	65.
June	30	Do.	Do.	12246.	12.	20.
July	31	Do.	Do.	14175.	5.	"
August	31	Do.	Do.	12906.	5.	75.
September	30	Do.	Do.	8550.	"	51.
October	31	Do.	Do.	13617.	6.	55.
November	30	Do.	Do.	10233.	2.	15.
December	31	Do.	Do.	12438.	22.	"
1792						
January	31	Do.	Do.	16232.	31.	"
February	29	Do.	Do.	7096.	18.	70.
				143849.	3.	50.
		Commission for March and April 2902. 3. 6q.				
		Salary Do.	Do. 600. " "			
		Do. from May 1791 to February 1792.	5000. " "	8502	3.	6q.
				152,351.	q.	3q.
		Difference in Provision of Military Stores in this year		173026.	16.	5q.
			Pagodas	325,377.	26.	18.

/Signed/ Jos. du Pré Porcher
M.y Storek.r

Mr. Petrie delivers in the following Minute.

Mr Petrie's Minute proposing that an account be procured of the quantity Military Stores &c. made up during the years 1790. 91. and 1791-92 by the former & Storekeeper, and the present agent.

I apprehend that an accurate Estimate cannot be formed of the comparative Expenditure under the present mode of making up Military Stores, without an account being laid before us

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of the different articles, with their respective prices, made up under the two Periods, referred to by the acting President — I therefore move, that the Military Board be directed to prepare, and lay before Government, an Account of all Military Stores, Gun Powder, and Gun Carriages made up during the years 1790/91 and 1791/92 by the former Militar[illegible] Storekeeper and by the present agent, with the prices upon each; for altho' I know that the saving must be considerable, yet I am apt to think that a part of the amount stated by the Presidency, arises from a difference of quantity in the Stores made up during the aforementioned Periods.

(Signed) W. Petrie

Resolutions of the Board upon the foregoing Minutes.

Agreed that the Subject be mentioned in the present Dispatch to the Court of Directors. —

Agreed

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Agreed that the Military Board be directed to prepare the Statement moved for by Mr. Petrie.

Death of Ensign Joseph Batch of the Infantry

The Acting President reports to the Board the Death of Ensign Joseph Batch of the 2d. Battalion Native Infantry at Pondicherry on the 6th instant.

The General Letters in the Military and Political Departments to go by the North-umberland having been read

(and

The General Letters to go by the Northumberland read and approved.

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and approved— Ordered that they
be copied fair.

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Received the following Letter from
the Secretary to the State Asylum —

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

From the Secretary to the State Asylum reporting the state of the Institution, and enclosing an Account of the Funds made up to the 31st December 1791

Sir.

By desire of the Directors of the State Asylum, I have the honor to enclose you a state of the funds of that Charitable Institution as made up to the 31st of December 1791 —

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(signed) J Hamilton
Secy State Asylum

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

The Managers of the State Asylum have the honor to report to Government the annual state of the Institution, and the funds for its support

The number of Boys admitted upon the foundation of this Charity, have long ago reached the limited complement of one hundred. The expence attending

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attending the support of each Boy amounts to two Rupees pr Month: of this sum, one half is defrayed by the bounty of the Honble Company and the other half by the liberality of the Public to whom the Managers have hitherto been obliged to resort on account of the increasing demands on their slender resources—

It is with great satisfaction this Society reports that much has been the care and attention paid to the Boys that no death has happened amongst them since the effects of the Measles above two years ago and during that period there have been thirteen Boys bound out Apprentices to various useful Occupations by which they will hereafter be able to earn an honest and a creditable livelihood.

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Statement of the Funds of the Male Asylum

made up to the 31st of December 1791—

Amount of three Company's Bonds with Interest thereon at 12 pr Cent pr Annum Pay	7220——
Due from the Native Poor fund on the 1st Instant one years interest on Pay 3000 at 18 pr Cent pr annum being an Annual allowance made by the Committee for managing that fund, but revocable at their pleasure	640——
Carried Over	7860——

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Brought Over ... 7860.-.-

Cash in hand ... 2950. 23.10

Total Amount of Fund A Pags 10,810-23.10

Amount of Contingent Charges from the 1st of January to the 31st of December 1791 Pags 2634-43.5

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13 February 1792 — (Signed) J. Hamilton
Secretary

Existence of a Petition from Cundapah — acquainted to the Village people in the Black Country —

Read a Petition from Cundapah Relation and Agent to the Village People of the Trichinopoly Country — in Substance exactly similar to that entered in the Diary to Consultation 2nd February 1791 — which was decided upon in Council 18th February in consequence of the Report of the Military Board dated 15th of that Month —

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Bs Nos 76-77-78 79-80-81 -82-83 —

To the Contractor for Clothing the Army

To the Contractor for Clothing the Army — informing him that the Board have resolved that the Contract which has been entered into with him for Clothing the Army shall be continued for another year provided the same be agreeable to him —

To the Adjutant General

To the Adjutant General — enclosing Copy of a Letter from Major Brodie respecting the

Premises

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Prisoners of war belonging to His Majesty's Regiments now at Vellore and desiring him, at a proper opportunity, to obtain the sentiments of Lord Cornwallis on the subject and report the same for the information of the Board.

To the Military Board—

To the Military Board—desiring them to prepare and lay before Government an account of Military Stores, Gunpowder, and Gun Carriages made up from the 1st March 1790 to the 28th February 1791—by the former Military Storekeeper and from the 1st March 1791 to the 29th February 1792 by the present Agent with the Prices and Amount of each Article—

To Major Cuppage

To Major Cuppage referring him to the Instructions which the Board conceive he would have been furnished by Lord Cornwallis for his future conduct in consequence of the Arrangement of the Preliminary Articles of Peace

To the Commander of the Northumberland

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Northumberland—desiring him to receive on board his Ship as Passengers for St Helena Lieutenant Dunlop together with the Sergeant Major, Drill Sergeant and his wife belonging to that Establishment

To the Commandant at Amboor

To the Commandant at Amboor enclosing a Form in which all Claims on account of—

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of Intelligence must be laid before Government.

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing

to the Secretary at Bengal

Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General, and informing him that all the Papers relating to the Accounts of the Kings Troops which have been laid before the Board, have been regularly transmitted by Tappal to Bengal.

To the Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Swan requesting he will remain at Madras 'till the Board can learn from Lord Cornwallis whether he wishes to send any Dispatches to England by the Ship under his command.

to the Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Swan

14th Sent the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Lord Cornwallis requesting to know whether he wishes to send any Dispatches to England on His Majesty's Sloop Swan.

My Lord,

Captain Elphinstone commanding his Majesty's Sloop Swan, having acquainted us that he had been directed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to return immediately to England with such dispatches as we might have to send, we have requested of him to remain here until we could hear from your Lordship whether you were desirous of sending any dispatches by him

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We have the Honor to be
My Lord &c &c
(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

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

To Lord Cornwallis
inclosing copy of a
Letter from the Governor
of Columbo.

My Lord.

We have the honor to inclose, for your Lordship's information, Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Columbo, in answer to the letter which we wrote to him, by your Lordships desire, on the 17th of January last.

We have the honor to be
with great Respect and Esteem
My Lord &c &c &c
(signed) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

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To John Crisp Esqre
Deputy Govirnor &c Council
at Fort Marlbro

To the Deputy Governor
&c Council at Fort
Marlbro' recommending
Colonel De Wargenheim
and his suite to their
Civility - Accommoda-
tion to be provided on
Shore for the Hanoverian
Soldiers if the Colonel
should think it necessary.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed we have the Honor to transmit
to you a Return of a Detachment of His Majesty's
14th Hanoverian Regiment imbarked for Europe
on the Asia.

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We beg leave to recommend Colonel De Wangenheim and the officers composing his Suite to every Attention which it may be in your Power to shew them, and we request that you will provide proper Accommodation on Shore, if the Colonel should think it necessary, for the Men, while the Asia is taking in her Cargo, advising the Hon'ble Court of any expence that may be incurred on this Account.

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We have the Honor to be
Gentlemen, &c &c &c
(signed) Charles Oakeley
& Council.

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Received the undermentioned letters as entered in Mil. Bs Nos 84-85-86-87-88-

From the Officer commanding the Artillery at the Mount

From the Officer commanding the Artillery at the Mount- recommending that Lieutenant Fireworker Sinclear, at present doing Duty at Arnee, be ordered to join his Corps at the Mount.

From the Commandant at Poonamalee

From the Commandant at Poonamalee.. sends six discharged Men of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons to the Presidency to embark for Europe on the Northumberland

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From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - enclosing an Indent for five Garce of Rice to be sent to Pommalee for the supply of the Bullocks -

From the Commandant at Amboor

From the Commandant at Amboor enclosing a Letter from Mr Samuel Watson Conductor of Stores -

From Mr Samuel Watson Conductor of Stores -

From Mr Samuel Watson - requesting that he may be allowed to draw full Batta for the Months of January and February, in consequence of his having been ordered to Amboor to take charge of the Stores at that Place, and afterwards forwarding them to the Grand Army -

Read the following Letters -

To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George.

From the Board of Revenue Mr Atkinson, an Assistant to the Collector at Trichinopoly applies for leave to visit the Presidency

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor of informing you that Mr Andrews has applied for our permission for his Assistant to visit the Presidency for a Month on his private Affairs. and if the Honble Board have no objection, we beg leave to recommend

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recommend the application to your indulgence

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen &c &c &c

(Signed) Wm Petrie

David Halliburton

W. Balfour

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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor &c in Council

Fort St George.

From the Acting Resident at Cuddalore inclosing Copy of a very insulting Letter which he has received from Captain Lieut Brudenell in consequence of his having refused to discharge his Bill for Captain's Pay and allowances —

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to transmit you a Letter I have recived from Captain Lieutenant George Brudenell, invalids of Cavalry —

Captain Brudenell having these several Months past charged Captain's Gratuity instead of Lieutenants, which being objected to by the Comptroller General of Army Accounts I informed him of the error, requesting his Pay Chit for the present Month might be made out agreable to the Regulations — Enclosed is the answer I received; on which I have only to observe that whilst Captain Brudenell remains at Cuddalore at full liberty, being frequently raised to a pitch of madness by intoxication, I am liable to be interrupted and insulted in the necessary

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necessary discharge of my public duty I beg therefore that your Honor be will be pleased to pursue such measures as may effectually relieve me from the insanity and frantic outrage which have for a long time prevailed over, and still continue to actuate, the conduct of Captain Budnell — And I am bound to you, Honble Sir, whether notice should not be taken of his behaviour for which he was tried by a General court Martial as a warning to others —

I have the Honor to remain,
with the greatest respect,
Honble Sir &c &c
(Signed) R.t Dashwood

Cuddalore
16th March 1792

To Robert Dashwood Esqr
acting President.

Sir,

Having been informed by a Returning Chitt relative to the Pay, that either you, or perhaps some of your people, may have been Injurious. I believe if you will refer to the orders you will find yourself Mistaken: as a Captain Lieutenant, altho' I am not intitled to the real Pay of a Captain, I have a right to all the Emoluments that a full Captain has, by Orders of Government

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if any Power be Invested with you to Contradict the orders of Government, it has not yet been Established in Public Orders: it gives me infinite concern to be under the Necessity of Aquainting to you that such Irregularities have happened in this Garrison that I am ashamed to speak of: all I can Alledge further is, that it's own to your own Irregularity and your own Conduct Now Sir, should you object to any thing that I said agreeable to the orders of the Honble Company, stand to the Consequence for by God that make me I'll prosecute you for Perjury; and get off the best way you can: I'll leave the rest to the Decision of the Law: my Honor is responsible for what remains—

Cuddalore
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I [signed] G Brudenell

Should you have any Objection, I request that this Letter may be forwarded to the Honble Board for their Inspection. Sir, I beg leave to observe to you that there has not been any Paymaster refused me yet: by what means you can Counteract the orders of the Honble Company is more than I am acquainted with—

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To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary - Military Department

Fort St George

From the Commandant at Chandernaghery Steps taken regarding Ram Persaud's Complaint against Tummanair the Calastry Rajah expressing a desire to take away the Daughter he has granted to his Son Tumma Nair collects a large Body of Rons

Sir.

I had hopes of more fully effecting before this a compliance with the wish of Government signified to me some time ago regarding the complaint of the Cranier Ram Persaut against Tumma Nair, yet have hitherto only been able to procure from the Calastry Rajah a promise of restoring to the Poorman a small part of his property, about 40 Pags value, which, during his unhappy absence to Tumma Nair, was seized in one of the Rajahs Villages - But from Time Nairs replies to his Father, and to me, on the subject I cannot hope for any success to my endeavours by very fair means (were with the pleasure of Government signified) to procure the rents that seems justly due from him - instead of which he has the temerity, to bring forward his former misconduct, and, in his Letter, remark as an extraordinary circumstance, that I who on that occasion awarded and threatened Punishment in place of Pay to upwards of 3000 Troops he had collected against his Father, should now, by authority of

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of Government, yield protection to a Man of these whom, at the same time, he denies to have been in his employ: tho', under various trifling pretences, he declines producing proof against it, as he likewise does against any other part of the Complaint — while the Petitioner brings many witnesses in favor of it. —

The Rajah has of late repeatedly written me of the unmerited Misbehaviour of his Son, since the possession of his Jaghire, which, in the strongest manner, he represents him totally unworthy of retaining. But it being a Provision made him in some measure at my desire, with a view to his happiness, and particularly from the greatness of it that no possible cause or reason might be left him for discontent or excuse for becoming again — troublesome, either to Government or his Family — without any good effect whatever; He therefore — requests of me to represent his wish to the Honble Government to recall so misapplied an act of — indulgence, which, instead of happiness to himself and his family as he had hoped, is only productive to him of infinite concern, in daily instances of the Actual unworthiness, and bad disposition of his Son, too many to recapitulate. — I have hitherto, judging it

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Almost proper, advised the Rajah to make his
representations on this occasion, as on all others, —
immediately to Government. Having in the mean
time tried all in my power by Letter with Sim=
Nair particularly reminding him, untill he
expressed offence at it of the times on which he
held his Jaghire. But a Letter from the Rajah —
yesterday tells me that his Son having lately —
employed Cunchil Soobarow and another of his Ad
herents as Vakeels to His Excellency Lord —
Cornwallis, and to his Highness the Nizam's Son,
in Camp, they were both returned to him, and
under pretence of their having procured him —
Surrum Conda, as a Jaghire, he is raising a body
of Peons, and has now actually collected about 400
This having thought necessary to report I beg
leave to submit to the Honble Board, — But,
to be better satisfied as to the certainty of
it, and if Sim Nair is again going to be
troublesome, as the Rajah seem much to
fear, I have sent an intelligent man to him,
who is to stay a few days under cover of the
Petitioner's affair, and indeed to try if yet
it is possible to bring him by fair means

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to a sense of the impropriety of his conduct—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir &c &c

(signed) C. Macsey Capt.

Chundragerry
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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Fort St George

From the Resident at Travancore inclosing his accounts Current for the months of January and February—

Hon'ble Sir

I do myself the Honor to transmit you herewith my Account Current for the — Months of December 1791 and January and February last—

I have the Honor to be — most respectfully — Hon'ble Sir &c &c

(signed) George Powney
Trav.e Resident

Cochin
7th March 1792—

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Resident at Travancore's Accounts Current be sent to the Accountant General

From the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Asia—

Received a Letter from the — Commander of the Asia / as entered in MB No 891 — requesting to be furnished with an order for the — Payment of the Passage Money of the Hanoverian — Officers embarked on his Ship for Europe—

Dispatched

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mem Bs Nos 90-91-92-93—

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Asia—

To the Commander of the Asia — informing him that the Accommodation and Passage of Mr Officers and Men will be defrayed by the Company in England according to Agreement —

To Mr Williams Duffus—

To Mr Williams Duffus — informing him that he has the Boards Permission to proceed to Europe, and that his long and faithful Services will be particularly mentioned to the Honble Court of Directors—

To the Military Board—

To the Military Board — informing them that Government have resolved to continue for another year the Contract entered into with Mr James Brodie for Cloathing the Army—

To Captain Lieutenant Macalister of the Cavalry—

To Captain Lieutenant Macalister — informing him that as the Agents for the Carangooly Tyre Money were nominated by Sir Eyre Coote without objection on the part of the Captors, and as those Agents are not at present within the Limits of the Authority of this Government, the Board cannot with Propriety take any Steps in consequence of his late Application—

H.

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Acting President

William Petrie Esqre
The Honble Major General Medows } absent upon Service
John Huddleston Esqre absent indisposed

Friday 16th March 1792

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved—

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis—

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

&c &c &c

From Lord Cornwallis representing the chicanery and Procrastination resorted to by Tippoo General Medows postponed his Departure for the Presidency for four Days—

Sir,

I always expected that we should have a good deal of trouble in making Tippoo swallow so bitter a pill as the present treaty; and, in that respect, I have not been disappointed, for he has practised every species of chicane, and every pretext for delay—

It is however necessary for us, on all accounts, that the business should be brought to

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to a speedy issue, and if he should not in two or three days, comply with our positive requisitions, I shall think it necessary to have recourse to coercive measures.

After giving up his two sons as Hostages, and paying, even by our account, above three hundred thousand pounds, it is not easy to suppose that he can have an idea of renewing hostilities, yet he is a man that must not be trusted too far; especially as, besides all the difficulties he has started about the country, and the Money, he has notwithstanding my daily remonstrances, and his repeated promises to desist, constantly employed great numbers of men in strengthening the works opposite to our approaches—

General Abercrombie, who was at my tent this Morning, intended setting out tomorrow for Madras, but he has postponed his journey for a few days on account of the rubs in the negotiation—

Camp near
Seringapatam
16th March 1792—

I am,
with much esteem,
Sir, &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis

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Ordered that a separate Letter be written to the Honble Court detailing the circumstances mentioned

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mentioned by Lord Cornwallis, and that a Copy of his Lordship's Letter be sent a number in the Packet.

Ordered, that a Copy be immediately

Do sent to Bengal—

Read the following Letter from

Major George Hart:—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting Governor in and the Members of Council —

at Fort St. George — Madras &c &c &c

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Major George Hart requesting to be informed of the Intentions of Government regarding his appointment of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops serving under this Presidency—

The war being now —

terminated, I take the liberty of requesting to know the intentions of your Honble Board as to my appointment of Deputy Paymaster General to the King's forces — serving for your Presidency — whether — or when — according to the intimation contained in your letter to me of the 27th of last August — your Honble Board will be pleased to permit the legal authority of His Majesty, through that great office of the State by which I am, with this particular appropriation, deputed and employed for the Publick, to operate, only in the interior management of subsisting His Troops; — and of keeping the publick accounts entrusted to me according to His Royal —

instructions

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instructions and to the ancient and established usage of the state and service - framed upon the laws of Parliament - or whether, by still exerting the power you certainly possess - to which I am - and must be - all obedience - in opposing such authority to the apparent infringement of the terms of the subsidy - as stipulated by Parliament to be paid the King I am to be deprived any longer of my office, by a continuance of the means you have been pleased to adopt of withholding my lawful — situation from me —

Camp at Serringapatam the 6th March 1792 —

With the utmost respect, I have the Honor to be &c &c &c

(signed) George Hart

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the Correspondence with Major George Hart be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis and that his Lordship be requested to inform the Board of the answer which he would propose should be sent in — consequence of the above Letter —

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Oldham —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council & the Council

at

Fort St George

From Lieutenant Colonel Read having requesting to be appointed to the Command of Palamcottah and setting forth the circumstances on which he founds his claim thereto in preference to the officer who now holds it—

Honble Sir and Sirs,

When the grievances of an individual extend beyond a certain boundary, a Representation of his sufferings, if couched in respectful terms can never be deemed improper— The services I have rendered the Honble Company / for which I have not only the thanks of every Commander in Chief but the united suffrage of the Army / will, at least entitle me to this indulgence; and, as equity is my only object, I have some claim to attention—

After a long series of service, at the expence of a good constitution and the neglect of all pecuniary Views, I may be permitted, without offending, to express how much my feelings are wounded at observing Commands & held by Officers Junior to me, and whose services cannot entitle them to such distinction in preference— Government, as a reward for my services, flattered me with a promise of the Command of Palamcottah, the moment it should be Vacanted by Colonel Bridges's

removal

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Removal - In place of finding my imputations realized another officer, much my Junior in rank, was — dispatched to assume a situation positively engaged to me - this is not the only instance of disappointment of my reasonable expectations, in my power to detail - it has many companions, but I will only take the liberty of pointing out two others, and in as few words as possible.

In the Month of February 1787 a Detachment was ordered to assemble, and — instructions transmitted me from General Horne to take the Command of it - but great was my astonishment upon receiving the moment I was prepared to depart for Coilpettah, the place of rendezvous, a repeat of the orders, and to find Major M'Leod, much my Junior, was to supply my place. —

When an Expedition against the Maraua Country was in agitation, I applied to be employed, as it was my tour of Duty — request so reasonable was surely intitled to compliance but, in place of my requisition meeting with the encouragement it deserved, another Officer was — fixed upon; and, to add to the mortification, he

was

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was also my Junior. It is natural to suppose I could not submit to a second grievance of the same complexion without some emotions, or meet a Deprivation of right with total apathy; what was the result — to go was a duty due to my own feelings, and Colonel Stuart, to whom the supreme command was given, has the candour to acknowledge the object of the Enterprise would never have been attained, but for my exertions: a perusal of the accompanying letters will further explain this affair —

As I am desirous of depicting my complaints in colours that I trust will justify the necessity of giving vent to them, I will take the liberty of relating the part I acted on the 14th of September 1790. Had not the account appeared in the Public Prints marked with some misrepresentations, I should consider what I am about to offer as perfectly superfluous. The writer of it informs you that the reason of the Troops proceeding, when at Oucara, was the confined State of the Country. The fact is this — I had received Colonel Floyd's orders to halt at Oucara, under pretence of affording some refreshment to the Bullocks &c. Foreseeing the fatal consequences that would inevitably attend

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attend the smallest delay. I immediately communicated my apprehensions to Colonel Floyd, who instantly became as forcible to my opinion: it was about 10 Oclock on the morning of the 14th of September that Colonel Floyd committed to my charge the conduct of the Infantry, and advanced with his cavalry some miles in my front. I believe as from that period until the 15th at Night I never saw Colonel Floyd. Had not my advice at Ducara been adopted at the Councel of crisis it was, the measure of our Detachment was unavoidable, and I this moment shudder at the idea of the fate that would in all probability have attended the Army under General Moore. Notwithstanding the expedition with which I moved from Ducara, the troops under my command were exposed to a severe cannonade during the March, about half past 4 Oclock in the Evening I arrived on ground in the vicinity of Shawore, intersected by hedges and finding myself completely surrounded by the Enemy on the Plain of this having occupied the hedges as the account sets forth, I immediately formed. — As the sequel of the day not only bespeaks

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respects the great intrepidity and firmness of the troops I had the honor to command, but consequently entitles me to a participation of the glory, I could not avoid paying this small tribute to my feelings, and hope it will not appear to you in the unfavorable light of egotism —

I find my constitution very much impaired, and have been at this place about a Month for the benefit of my health, but hope in eight or ten days it will be in my power to return to my station at Trichinopoly;

Confident that I shall meet with every requital for the services I have performed during a period of 25 Years, and every hour of it devoted to the punctual discharge of my duty, as an officer, I cannot doubt but Government will do me the favor to consider my claim to the — station which was promised to me near three Years ago — — with the greatest respect

I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir and Sirs &c &c

(Signed) John Oldham

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To Brigadier General Horne

Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am informed a considerable Detachment with

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will soon be ordered against the Little Marrawar Country
and the Grenadiers of the 72d Regiment and the 1st Battalion European Infantry will be ordered on that service
I was employed on the reduction of that
Country, and am well acquainted with it. no doubt
the Detachment will be a Colonels Command, and
if neither Colonel Stuart or Lieutenant Colonel Bruce
are ordered. I shall expect it of course. But should
private interest operate again, and deprive me,
a second time, of my rights as an officer. I feel
that I cannot serve with honor to myself and
humbly request you Sir, as Commander in Chief
to acquaint the Honble the President in Council —
that is my proper tour of duty —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(signed) John Oldham

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Trichinopoly
22d February 1789

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(a true Copy)

To Lieut Colonel Oldham

Sir,

General Horne having laid before the Board your letter to him of the 22d February last. I am directed by them to desire you will explain that part of it in which you have thought it necessary to mention the operations of private interest against you

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you, and your apprehensions of its depriving you, a second time, of your rights.

I am,
Sir, &c &c
(signed) John Chamier.
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21st March 1739.

(A true Copy)

To the Honble John Holland Esqre
Governor in Council &c &c and Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Untill my arrival at Trichinopoly I had not the honor to receive Mr Chamier's letter of the 21st Ultimo, acquainting me that my letter of the 22d February to General Horne had been laid before your Honble Board, and desiring me to explain by what means private interest had operated to my prejudice in the Service.

In obedience to your commands permit me to inform your Honor &c that in the Month of February 1787 I had received General Horne's instructions to proceed to Coilpettah, and assume the command of a Detachment ordered to assemble there, consisting of two Battalions of Sepoys - I was prepared to depart the next Morning

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As soon as the Money is paid I shall acquaint the Honble Board with it

I have the Honor to be,
Respectfully &c &c
(signed) C Swartz

Tanjore
10 March 1792.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore

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

From the Resident at Travancore — inclosing an Account of his disbursements for the last year — applies for an increase in his Establishment of Servants —

Hon^ble Sir,

I do myself the Honor to transmit you herewith, an Account of the Disbursements of the Travancore Residency for last Year — likewise my Bill for the Purchase of (inding &c) forty Horses — brought by me by order of General Medows

In the Establishment of Servants allowed me as Resident when I was Paymaster, no Cash Keeper, or Shroff was inserted as those attached to the Paymasters Department officiated in the Residents: but when the former office ceased, and having absolute occasion for these Servants, on account of the large sums of — money

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Money that were received by me, I retained them, and have taken the liberty to include them in my Establishment, which I trust will be approved of by you —

I have likewise been under the necessity of purchasing Stationary for the use of my office as I have received none since February 1789 — As my situation renders an Interpreter necessary, and as I understand Collectors are allowed one, I hope likewise that I may be permitted to charge for one, from the Period my allowances as Resident commenced —

I have the Honor to be with respect,
Honble Sir, &c &c,
signed George Powney
Trav.re Resident.

Cochin
4th March 1792 —

The Board approve the Accounts transmitted by Mr Powney of the Disbursements of the Travancore Residency for the last Year — Ordered that the Bills be sent to the Accountant General —

Establishment of Servants fixed for the Resident at Travancore

Agreed that the following Establishment of Servants be fixed for the Resident at Travancore —

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1 Monckton 7th Regiment		10 Pagodas
1 Writer	do	10 do
2 Cadets 2 Pagodas each		4 do
4 Serjeants	do	8 do
1 Gunner		5 do
1 Sheriff		4 do
1 Quartermaster Her Allowances to commence from the 1st Instant		15 do
	Pagodas	36 do

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

For

From the Military Board. Observations and Remarks on the Extract of the Letter from the Hon.ble Court of Directors regarding the Military Establishment among the rest - and on Mr Jackson's proposed System of Regulations concerning Staff Allowances England &c &c for the ensuing year -

We have the honor to lay before you in obedience to your Commands of the 9th January last our observations upon the Directions of the Hon.ble the Court of Directors under date the 4th August 1791 on the Subject of the Military Expenditure during the War and the proposed System of Regulations by Mr William Jackson transmitted therewith -

We are sorry we have not been able to have submitted to you these remarks earlier and in a more

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their Detention, we beg leave to explain to you, that the Observations on the Store Department, having claimed much of Major Hall's attention amidst the several indispensable Duties of his Office, occasioned their being with him for some time for that purpose —

We likewise take leave to transmit to you herewith a Duplicate Indent on the Honble the Court of Directors for ordnance and Military Stores for the Public Service — under this Presidency for the present Year — which we request may be forwarded to England as a Number in the Packet by the Ship now under Dispatch —

We have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c &c
Signed C. Collins
" Geo: Maude
" R. Fuller
" George Hall

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1 Monckton 7th Regt		10 Pagodas
1 Waiter	do	10 do
2 Chubdars	2 Pagodas each	4 do
4 Harcarrahs	do	8 do
1 Cook Keeper		5 do
1 Sheriff		4 do
1 Lieutenant	Her Allowances to commence from the 1st Instant	15 do
	Pagodas	56 do

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Sir

From the Military Board Copies of which are herewith the Extract of the Letter from the Worlle Court of Directors respecting the Military Establishment during the war and the Instructions issued thereon

We have the Honor to lay before you our Observations upon the Directions of the Court of Directors under date the 11th August 1791 on the Subject of the Military Expenditure during the War and the proposed Systems of Regulations by Mr William Jackson transmitted therewith

We are anxious to have submitted to you these remarks earlier and in case for the

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their Detention, we beg leave to explain to you, that the Observations on the Store Department, having claimed much of Major Hall's attention amidst the several indispensable Duties of his Office, occasioned their being with him for some time for that purpose —

We likewise take leave to transmit to you herewith a Duplicate Indent on the Honble the Court of Directors for ordnance and Military Stores for the Public Service — under this Presidency for the present Year — which we request may be forwarded to England as a Number in the Packet by the Ship now under Dispatch —

We have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c &c
Signed C. Collins
" Geo: Maule
" R. Tudor
" George Hall

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1 Moonshie - P Annum ... 10 Pagodas
1 Writer do ... 10 do
2 Chubdars 2 Pag each ... 4 do
4 Hircarrahs do ... 8 do
1 Cash Keeper ... 5 do
1 Sheroff ... 4 do
1 Interpreter - His Allowances to commence from the 1st Instant ... 15. do

Pagodas 56 do

Read the following Letter from the Military Board

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board. Opinion and Remarks on the Extract of the late letter from the Honble Court of Directors regarding the Military Expenditure during the war - and on Mr Jackson's proposed - System of Regulations governing Detachments to England of Stores &c &c for the - ensuing year. -

We have the honor to lay before you, in obedience to your Commands of the 9th January last, our observations upon the Directions of the Honble the Court of Directors under date the 4th August 1791. on the Subject of the Military Expenditure - during the War and the proposed System of - Regulations by Mr William Jackson transmitted therewith.

It was our wish to have submitted to you these remarks earlier; and, in excuse for their

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this Detention, we beg leave to explain to you, that the Observations on the Store Department, having claimed much of Major Hall's Attention amidst the several indispensable Duties of his Office, occasioned this being with him for some time for that purpose —

We likewise take leave to transmit to you herewith a Duplicate Induction the Honble the Court of Directors for ordnance and Military Stores for the Public Service — under this Presidency for the present Year — which we request may be forwarded to England as a Number in the Packet by the Ship now under Dispatch —

We have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c
Signed C. Collins
" Geo: Maule
" R. Tudd
" George Hall

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Observations of the Military Board upon the Commands of the Honble the Court of Directors in its General Letter of the 4th August 1790 respecting the Military Expenditure during the War and upon a proposed Set of Regulations by Mr William Jackson.

General Letter — Observations of the Military Board

Paragraph 9 & 19

Upon the Subject of the Bullock Contract the Board remark that it was not in its Origin, nor during the Course of its Existence, in any wise brought before them nor any Reference had either to the Parties contracting, or to the Terms of that Contract. Thus circumstanced, and under the Existence Abolition thereof some time since by Lord Cornwallis, the Board find themselves not only precluded but actually incapacitated from offering any Opinion upon it

Parties

Para 13 & 16

It is not within the Knowledge of the Board that any Person under its Controul stands

in

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in the predicament described by
the Honble Court, and the late
Arrangements by Government for
the Exercise of the Office of the
Military Storekeeper in Partticular,
have superseded all Possibility of
the Evil pointed out being fallen
into by that Officer. on the Subject
of this Department the Board beg
leave to call the Partticular Attention
of Government to the Minute of
the Commissary General of Stores
as comprizing all the observations
they could offer relative to the
Department of Stores, in the Justice
and Propriety of which they concur.

Para 17 & 23

The Board, from the
Information they have derived in
the course of their Official Duties,
think they are thoroughly founded
in saying that the Arrangements
and Systems of Check and Controul
which have obtained in the Field
during the course of the late War,

were

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were, in the first Instance, adopted with
a View and precaution that will appear
to have been peculiarly well suited to
forward the Existence of any overcharge
or Balances of an enormous nature
they have the most perfect confidence
that on the eventual Adjustments
of the Fixed Expenditure, the
Company will not find themselves
loaded with inconveniences similar
to such as occurred on the Examina-
tion of Accounts at the close of the
last War.

Para 24 — The Board in this Occasion
must beg leave to attract the notice
of Government to the minute of Colonel
Kyd, late Commissary General of
Army Accounts, which more especially
points out the System proposed by Mr
Jackson. They concur in opinion with
the Colonel upon the several Matters in
him asserted to, with Exceptions to that
part of the Minute wherein he says
he will undertake to demonstrate that
"the Draft and Carriage Cattle have
never

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"never been furnished so cheap" a
Decision upon this Subject the
Board are unequal to, from the
Cause set forth in the first Paragraph
of these Remarks—but they particularly
agree with what he has urged on the
Inexpediency of subjecting the —
Commander in Chief of any Army
in the field to the Shackles which
must be imposed upon him by
rendering the Subordinate Officers
of his own Army the Judges of his
Necessities for the Service: they
conceive that the present Book of
Regulations, tho' still incomplete in
many respects, and incorrect in
others is altogether a more eligible
Basis than Mr Jackson's for the
forming a complete Code of Regula-
tions for the Service in all its
Branches and Departments; as it has
been the joint labour of the Military
Board, for a great length of time,
and the result of Practical Knowledge
acquired by the Head of each —
Department

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Para 25 to 31

Department in the Course of many
years Service the Board however, when
speaking of these Regulations, cannot
but deem it proper to express their
great Concern that a System, having
its Origin from the Military Board
and of so much importance to the
Company, should only have reached
them by means of a Private Channel

The Board are of Opinion
that it will certainly hereafter be
necessary to new Model the present
Book of Regulations, and if may, on
that occasion, become advisable to
incorporate such parts of Mr Jackson's
Plan as shall appear to claim a
preference to those already in force
or to adopt such of his Ideas as shall
best coincide with the circumstances
of the time and the then nature of
the Service

Para 32 to 38

The Board do not take upon
them to remark upon the 32d and
following Paragraphs, as the Regulations
they contain are founded upon the

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Be Supposition that the other parts
of the proposed System respecting the
Commander in Chief, We were to be
equally carried into Effect as Lord
Cornwallis and Government would
doubtless, in concurrence, adopt
such measures as to their superior
Judgment shall appear expedient.
more particularly on the Regulations
which the Honble Court has been
pleased to prescribe for the Guidance
of the Commander in Chief, and as
all the Matters contained in the
subsequent Paragraphs of the Honble
Courts Letter are, severally, but as
Links of the same Chain, and are
thus submitted to the future consider-
ation of His Lordship and this
Government, the Board conceive it
will be unnecessary for
them to advert thereto, otherwise
than, in generally remarking upon
the 45th Paragraph, that no such
Office as that of Military Storekeeper
in the Field does now, or did on any
former

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former occasion, viz^t, and that in December
1790 Orders were issued by Government
for the Paymaster in the Field being
considered as the Agent for Supply,
directing all Indents to be made upon
him as such, and all Purchases that
became necessary for the Compleying
with such Indents, in Consequence,
to be made by him, and him only.

The Board beg leave
to conclude these Remarks by submitting
the attention of Government to the
Minutes delivered in by Colonel
Kyd, and the Commissary
General of Stores, whose re-
spective opinions on the Subjects they
have touched, must therefore
Concurrence of the Board at large.

I have the &c.
P. Collins
Geo Staunton
R Fitzt
George Hall

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Minute of the Commissary General

Whilst at this time very much indisposed and likewise hurried with winding up the business of my different Departments as also with adjusting my own private concerns – It is not to be disputed that I shall be able to enter into any intricate business that requires Mature deliberation, but Government having desired the Sentiments of the Board on the Proposed set of Orders for regulating the Company's — Disbursements in the Field and in Garrisons — drawn out by Mr William Jackson late one of the Commissioners for auditing the Public — Accounts, and this reference being made before my departure, I think it incumbent on me, that I may not seem to avoid the discussion, to submit a few general Strictures on this Paper to your Consideration –

As to its being considered in the light of a proposed set of Orders for regulating the Company's Disbursements in the Field and in Garrison on this Coast, were they in every respect less exceptionable than they are, the adoption of them at this juncture would be entirely out

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out of the question, for the Honble the Governor in Council, the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, and even the Honble the Court of Directors themselves, have been pleased to direct that the Bengal System shall be implicitly adopted at this Presidency, and to commence on the 1st of May, the beginning of the ensuing Revenue year, and Mr Jackson's Regulations are equally unlike to those of Bengal as they are to those now in force on this Establishment.

After pursuing his work with as much Attention as my Health and various — occasions will permit, and owing to which many of its Advantages may have escaped my Notice, I must beg leave to observe that, by this plan, the Attention of the Commander in Chief seems to me too much taken up with trifling details, and that he is made unnecessarily accountable to the Commissary and Paymaster: many cases may occur on Service when the Paymaster — must disburse money without hesitation by his order, tho apparently incompatible with the established orders of Government, and indeed I humbly apprehend that no Commander in Chief

who

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who is fit to be placed at the head of an Army and eventually trusted with the safety of an Empire, would submit to be controlled in his operations by the subordinate Civil and Military Officers of his own Army, nor is it at all necessary that he should be, either for the sake of check or oeconomy; for the Regulations now in existence —, provide for every probable exigency of the service; and should any thing extraordinary occur, which no human penetration can possibly foresee, or especially during an Offensive War, where the Scene of Action is likely to be remotes the — Paymaster is now directed to obey all Orders issued from the Commander in Chief, but, at the same time, he is likewise enjoined to report all Extraordinary advances to Government, who, of course, will expect that the Commander in Chief shall account for them, at least after the War is over, without either offending his delicacy by ill grounded suspicion, or retarding his Operations by unnecessary deliberations in the Field, or what would be equally dangerous with either, without submitting his demand to the Governor in Council and Waiting for their orders from the Presidency: this is the fundamental principle of our existing Regulations

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Regulations, which pervades the whole System, in which a necessary confidence is checked by certain responsibility; and, whilst it promotes both Secrecy and Dispatch in the Military Operations, prevents, at the same time, any abuse or Malversation in the Expenditure of the Public Money—

But, as I have before observed, it being previously determined to adopt the Bengal System, I conceive it is not necessary to examine every Paragraph of Mr Jackson's Plan. It will be sufficient to remark that those proposed Regulations appear to me to be only a few irregular loose hints respecting Military Disbursements, but neither arranged or applied to Corps or Departments. Out of this you will be better able to judge when the war is over, and every Member of the Board is returned to the Presidency. Then the fullest exertion of your Knowledge and Experience will be required for the New arrangement, and I am persuaded Mr Jackson will have due credit given him for every advantage the Honble Company may derive from his Suggestions now before us—

But I cannot conclude this Minute without observing, that had Mr Jackson

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Jackson over the Regulations which were drawn out by this Board long before the commencement of the present War, he would have found that the Establishment of Draft and Carriage Cattle, the Quantity of Provisions and Stores, and the Number of Followers of every denomination were ascertained and fixed for every Corps and Department with infinitely more Method and Precision than is laid down in his own Plan: nor are very sufficient and effectual Checks wanting over every branch of Military expenditure both in Garrison and in the Field. Every necessary precaution has been taken respecting the Disbursement of Secret Service Money; and, during this important War, so extensive in its Operations, and carried on with a Vigor and Success hitherto unparalleled the Expence of Secret Service Money has scarcely exceeded what is usually charged under this Head even in time of Peace; and although Grain has been transported with incredible difficulty for a Numerous Army and its Followers into the Enemy's Country, accompanied both by a large Field and Battering Train, judging from the Accounts which I have already examined I will undertake to demonstrate, that Provisions and

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and Draft and Carriage Cattle have never been
furnished so cheap to the Company in proportion to
the Number of Troops employed, as they have been
during the late Campaigns. In asserting this, I do
not mean to cast any reflection on former —
Administrations or Officers Commanding Troops
at this Presidency, and still less to depreciate the
Merit of Mr Jackson's Plan, which appears to
have met with the approbation of the Court of
Directors, but merely to shew, that every possible
attention has been paid, before the Army took
the Field, to provide every thing that was requisite
for its operations, guarding, at the same time,
equally against every Species of Extravagance
or Fraud, nor must I omit, I am sure the Honble Court
of Directors will be offended at my thus avowedly
giving the preference to the Regulations drawn
out by this Board, immediately under the sanction
and Approbation of Government; being impossible
for Persons at the distance of 6000 Leagues to
obtain the temporary and local information
necessary for that purpose.

This being the last time
that I shall have the honor of writing you — I
permit me, Gentlemen, to conclude a Period of

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thirty years Service, and near Six at this Board, with offering to you this humble testimony of my unalterable esteem and respect, and with this declaration I shall finish my public Career.

(signed) I. Cosper

A true Copy

(signed) Dan. Ince
Secy. Mily. Board.

Minute of the Commissary General of Stores

Government having referred to the Military Board, the General Letter of the Honble Court of Directors and also Mr. William Jackson's proposed Set of orders for regulating the Company's Disbursements in India, requiring their opinion thereon, I shall beg leave to remark upon such parts of them, as relate to the Article of Military Stores; any Situation in that Department appearing to me to require that my Sentiments on this Subject should be imparted to the Board—

The object principally in view, in the Honble Court's General Letter, is to Establish an efficient check and Controul over every Department throughout the Service; and, by those means, to introduce the most rigid Economy into

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into its Disbursements and Expenditure, to attain this End, an outline, in a Number of Articles, has been detailed in the Letter, intended to form the basis of a Set of Regulations, to produce that Effect; but as the Instructions contained in the General Letter, in some Points to that relate to Military Stores, do not accord either with the Printed Regulations now in force, or with the Established Rules observed on the Coast; it may not be improper to take a view of such parts of the Letters as treat upon the Subject, and contrast them with the present usage, and practice in the Service, from which it will appear how they agree, or wherein they differ.

General Letter Para 13

"We direct it to be observed as a General Rule that no Person whose Office attaches him to the Purchase, Issue, Payment, Charge or Contract, of any part of the Military Expenditure, Ordinary or Extraordinary, shall be interested or concerned in any Contract or Engagement for Cattle, Stores &c."

This Prohibition of the Honble Court does

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does not Office the Store Department at Fort St. George,
as the Military Storekeeper, who is the Agent of Supply,
is not either interested or Employed in the Issue, or
Expenditure of any part of the Military Stores, that
being the Province of the Commissary General of Stores
under the Sanction and Authority of the Military
Board: and, by a late Regulation, the Paymaster
of the Army, as Agent of Supply, Purchases upon
Indent in the Field, such Articles are required for
Public Service, which heretofore were Provided by
the Commissary of Stores.

Para. 33 "That no Expence shall
"be incurred without proper
"Authority, nor until the —
"Necessity of such Expence
"has been duly ascertained"

At the Presidency, whenever a
Supply of Military Stores or Ordnance Carriages
are required to Complete the Statement for the
Public Service, the Commissary General of Stores
prepares Lists of such Articles, which he lays
before the Military Board: these, having been
Examined and Confirmed, are Signed by the President
previous to their being delivered to the Military
Storekeeper and Gun Carriage Contractors, to
be complied with. —

Same

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Same Para

"That no Payment shall be
made until the Proper Officers have
"certified that the Purchase was
"regular, and Economical, the
"Articles actually Received into Store,
"and that the Quantity and
"Quality were good, sufficient
"and Conformable to Contract"

At the Presidency the Articles of Stores
previous to their reception into the Storehouse, undergo
Several Examinations, first by the Conductor, then
by the Commissary General of Stores, and finally by
the Military Board, where if the Articles be approved,
they are directed to be received into the Public Stores,
and Entered on the Company's Books, a List of the
Articles approved is given to the Storekeeper, and a
Report thereof is made to Government

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"That no Officer shall
"receive Credit for Condemned
"Stores &c. without a regular,
"and Strict Survey properly
"Certified"

This is never Practised at the Presidency
nor in the out Garrisons, where there are a sufficient
Number of Officers to Form a Committee of Stores

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if it should appear from the Returns, that Stores have been Struck off the Remains, by any other Authority than a Survey of such as were unserviceable, the Military Board would hold the person who made the return accountable for such an irregularity; and if, when an Explanation was required, the reasons given for deviating from the Regulations on that Subject were deemed insufficient, the Returns, with the Board's Remarks upon it, would be reported to Government.

Para 37.

"The Commander in
"Chief must not authorize any
"purchases in the Field before
"the Commissary of the Army in the Field
"the Commissary of Grain and
"Provisions / or the Storekeeper /
"together with two Field officers,
"appointed for the purpose,
"shall have certified to him
"that such purchases are
"necessary"—

In my opinion, when Military Stores are to be purchased in the Field, the necessity should be certified, by a Board of Officers, formed on the same plan as the Military Board at the Presidency, who, exclusive of this consideration, would in many instances

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instances, relative to the Commander in Chief from other
causes, that in Camp take up much time, and which
must occupy his Attention when his mind is wholly
employed in matters of more importance to the
Public Service: such a Board, if formed in Camp,
would be composed of the Officers who Virtually
constitute the Standing Military Board at the
Presidency, and it is beyond all doubt, none the fewer
most competent to Judge of Military Stores of
every description; and as the Returns and Accounts
would be brought under its Eye for Examination
and Countroul, it might by being on the Spot
eventually be the means of preventing irregularity
in the Accounts as well as superfluity in the
Military Expenditure in the Field, one of the
Evils lamented by the Honble Court

Para 45

"We apprehend the
"Military Storekeeper has very
"little occasion to make purchases:
"almost the whole of the Articles
"under his Charge being supplied
"from the Presidency"

The Necessity of purchasing Articles of
Military Store in the Field cannot well occur unless
when an Army or Detachment is on Service at a
considerable

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Considerable distance from the Source of Supply, or in Situations where it would be unsafe to risk Supplies to the hazard of being taken by the Enemy; in either of those Cases, where Stores are required for the Service, Purchase, from necessity, becomes unavoidable —

Para 46 We direct however that the Survey, or Masters of Artillery under his the Secretary Store keeping care, by the Commissary of the Army, and the Paymaster, be most strictly attended to; and that he is made Accountable for all Sums whatsoever, moreover, that no allowance is made — towards his Discharges for what may be lost, destroyed, or condemned without the strictest Scrutiny —

The Commissary of the Army and Paymaster, unless they were Conversant in the business of Military Stores would be found totally incompetent to Judge of the Articles in charge of the Commissary of Stores, which is a fact so very obvious, that Invention it only as an additional Argument in favor of what has been advanced in the Remark on the 37th Paragraph. Every Person in Charge of Military Stores, is held responsible for

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for both the care and Issue of them, the Returns of which undergo an Examination, and when any irregularity appears upon the face of them, the Person in charge is called upon to Account for it, and if the Reasons assigned in Explanation, on the Opinion of the Military Board, be insufficient if the Circumstance would be reported to Government at the Presidency and on the Field, to the Commander in Chief —

When Military Stores are lost in a March, destroyed, or condemned, there should always accompany the Monthly Returns, a List of Particulars, properly Certified by the Commander in Chief or Officer Commanding a Detachment and if any part of them be Ordnance Stores, such part should be Certified by the Senior Officer of Artillery on the Spot —

Military Stores are seldom sold in Camp at any time Old and unserviceable Stores are sold, this under the Sanction of a Committee of Stores: and proceeded the Sale is made the Amount arising from it, is Carried to Credit in the Paymasters Books. —

Para 54

The Commissary of the Army must carefully examine and Certify the Issues made

certify

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"made by the Commissary of
"Stores, that those Issues were
"properly authorized, and that
"proper Receipts were taken —
"from the parties to whom the
"Issues were made, and those
"Receipts were exhibited to him
"before he signed such —
"Certificates."

Para 55.

"He is also, in conjunc-
"tion with the Paymaster, to
"Examine the Accounts and
"Documents of the Commissary
"of Stores, relative to Stores, stated
"by him to have been lost —
"damaged or destroyed, or that
"are unfit for Service, and no
"Credit shall be allowed to
"this Officer unless the Commissary
"of the Army and the Paymaster
"shall Certify, that the Causes
"stated by the Party, for such
"Accidents are Satisfactory, and
"that all the Care and Attention
"has been given to the preservation
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"of the same which the Nature of
"the Service would permit."

The Remark on the 46th Paragraph will
also apply to the above - the inexpediency thereof, of
Vesting in those persons, such an Authority as is
detailed in the 54th Paragraph and 55th Paragraph is
fully evident, and, for those reasons, in my opinion
cannot answer the intentions of the Honble Court.

Para 13th

"He must also, in
"Conjunction with the Paymasters
"once in every Month, take a
"Survey of the different Articles
"remaining in Store under the
"Care of the Military Storekeeper -
"& compare the same, with the
"former Balance, with the Receipts
"and Issues of the Current Month,
"for the Purpose of Certifying
"the Actual Remains in Store
"fit for Service."

The Remarks on the Preceding 12
Paragraphs will also apply to the 36th which -
may be added, that the Officers above mentioned
have not, from the Nature of their respective -
Employs, Leisure sufficient to go through an
Examination.

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Examination of a Department so Extensive, where the Returns and Accounts are so Numerous and Varied, with that attention that is requisite to Certify the real and true State of them, as well as the Actual Enwants fit for Service: the means to be pursued to prevent a trouble that at best must End in uncertainty, is perfectly obvious, and to those means, Recourse must be had by Persons ineligible to a duty out of the line of their Profession

Para 65

"The Honble Court "here remark that the Commissary of Stores is now called "the Military Storekeeper, an "Officer of Artillery whose "business it is to receive and issue "Stores of every denomination, "and who had also the Charge "of the Ordnance in the Field"

It appears that the Honble Court are not apprized that the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency, is, in Effect, an Agent of Supply; and that the Commissary General of Stores has the Charge, under Control of the Military Board, of all the Ordnance and Military Stores that are deposited in the Storehouses and Magazines at the Presidency, or that form the Magazine of an Army when de

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to arrange his Department, before the Army proceeded Westward, that he found it utterly impossible to give a Receipt for those Articles 'till the Army had arrived at Vellore, — how would it then have been possible for an Account to be taken on the Spot? from this, and a variety of Cases not dissimilar it may be inferred that though in theory it appears to be perfectly easy and regular, to examine the Stores of an Army on the Spot, yet, in practice, there are a number of perplexing Circumstances to prevent it, which neither Ability, or the most assiduous attention can overcome: in such Situations the Person in Charge of the Store Department, has occasion to exert every Faculty of body and Mind to enable him to forward the Service to the Satisfaction of those to whom he is Accountable, nor would it at all promote the good of the Service, when he was engaged in the most laborious duties of his office, to Embarrass him with Examinations, which would not only take off his attention from Essentials Matters, but by retarding the Service, might eventually be prejudicial to his Character as an Officer —

Article 33

The Regulation for Camp Equipage

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11th Council, on the subject of Lieutenant Johnston of the Engineers' charge for Artificers at Paulgautcherry, and request you will do me the favor to acquaint the Honorable the Board that I have searched carefully for the letters which Mr. Johnston says he wrote to the late Controller General, and cannot find one; if Mr. Johnston did address Colonel Casper on the subject of his Artificers, and no reply to such letter, it must have proceeded from no other cause than the Multiplicity of business, and extensive correspondence which this department is necessarily engaged in, which may have caused the circumstance to be overlooked, I have the Honor to enclose you, for the information of Government, Copies of any correspondence with the Military Board on that subject.

Madras the
9th March 1792.

And am &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Brunton
Deputy C. G.

To Lieutenant James Brunton
Deputy Comptroller General

Sir,

I am directed by the President &c. Members of the Military Board, to request you will Report upon the subject of

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10.th 30.th November 1791. and desiring him to acquaint his Excellency that he will in shortly be furnished with correct Account Particulars of the Collections.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — communicating the Purport of the above Letter to Mr. Swartz — and desiring them to debit the Carnatic and Tanjore Revenues, in Proportion to the Collections realized, for the Expence attending the Establishment of their Board, stating this Arrangement from the Month of February 1791 when the Boards of Revenue were separated.

11.th Received the following Letters

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

From the Resident at Travancore — inclosing a general Statement of Receipts and Remittances from the Travancore Residency for the years 1790 and 1791. Remarks thereon.

Acting President in Council

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Honble Sir,

Herewith I do myself the honor to transmit you a General Statement of my Receipts and Remittances for the years 1790 and 1791. — comprehending the Subsidy received of the Rajah of Travancore for the above two years, and the Sums of Money received from