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This Regulation does not appear to me to be better calculated for producing either more advantage to the Company or benefit to the Service than is inserted in the Printed Book of Regulations. by the same in every respect—

Mr Jackson's Abilities as a Commissary universally known and acknowledged. I am satisfied that a want of opportunity alone prevents him from acquiring a perfect knowledge of Military Stores: The Regulations for which may be judicious, but as might be expected for the Store Department are both imperfect.

I think it impossible that any however Zealous or well informed can frame a Set of Regulations for the different Departments of a Service so extensive, and that it can only be effected by a Board of Officers, composed of Persons in every respect eligible to such an undertaking. The printed Regulations now in force were formed on the opinions and deliberate Consideration of such a Board of Officers, who, being possessed of professional knowledge and Experience in the Customs of the Service, were certainly most competent

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Competent to judge of those Matters; and it is
perfectly obvious, that a Board composed of the
Heads of different Departments in the Service
are the Persons best qualified to decide upon, and
determine what will effectually produce solid
and permanent advantage to the Company's Interests
in India, as well as real benefit to the Public Service,
and any Plan that is incompatible with these
Considerations must be contrary to the true
Interests of the Company — with this opinion I
shall conclude my Remarks upon the Papers now before
the Board —

I have further to request the
attention of the Board to a few observations on
the Subject of Returns and Country Stores —

There are a Class of Returns that
never came before the Military Board; those are the
Quarter Master's Stores, of Corps —

It was formerly the Custom, but
which has been discontinued, for Commanding
Officers to transmit, with the Monthly Returns of the
Troops, sent to the Governor, a Return of the Quarter
Master's Stores belonging to their Corps, as will appear
from the following Extract from the old Fort St
Book of Regulations under the Head of

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Orders for Quarter Masters in Camp & out Garrisons

1st "They are to be particularly "careful to keep an exact Account of Receipts "Issues, and Remains, of all Stores Committed "to their Charge, according to the Form that "follows—which is to be delivered at the end "of every Month, to the Commanding Officer "on the Spot—and he, after signing to its "Examination, is to transmit the same to "the President and Council with the Returns "of the Troops under his Command"

Quality of Stores	Remains 31st January 1792. Rec'd	Issued	For what Service Issued—and by whose orders	Remains 28th February Expended	Deficiencies	Remains in Store
Cartouch Boxes	500	100 800	To the Depot by order of Lt Campbell deliver'd to Captain's N.B. of the Detachment	700	—	—

2d "They are to inform themselves "of every abuse in the use and Expence "of Arms, Accoutrements, Ammunition "and all Stores Issued out by them, and "to report to the Commanding Officer "such abuses, that the offenders may be

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"be charged with the Value, and otherwise
"punished for their Carelessness — They must
"be careful to preserve the Arms &c in a
"Repair immediately such as are damaged —
"or, if time and place will not admit them,
"to send all damaged Arms by the first
"opportunity to the Storekeeper of the —
"nearest Garrison — that they may be —
"repaired there."

Although these Returns are of less importance to the Public Service than those of Ordance Stores, yet are they sufficiently so, to require Attention, as there is not at present any Check whatever upon the Expenditure of Quarter Master's Stores throughout the whole of the Service; and although, individually, the Items contained in these Returns, may appear but trifling, yet, taken Collectively, they will be found to include a considerable portion of the Expenditure of Stores Carried in the Magazine of an Army, as well as those of Garrisons and Cantonments, and therefore ought to come under the Inspection of the Military Board, in like manner as Returns of Ordnance and Military Stores, otherwise the Articles issued to Corps are not at all accounted for, the Camp —

Equipage

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Equipage excepted, to the Quarter Master General, and the Stores Regimentally, to the Commanding Officer—

Whenever an Indent for Quarter is made upon any Magazine whether at the Presidency, Master's Stores, in our Garrisons, or in the Field it ought to express the Number of Articles remaining either with the Corps, or in the Quarter Master's Stores belonging to it; which Indent will appear as a Voucher with the next Monthly Return of Military Stores, sent to the Presidency from that Station, which will enable the Military Board to judge of the Necessity there was for Indenting, and if Returns of the Quarter Masters' Stores of every Corps in the Service be forwarded Monthly, to the Governor in Council or to the Commander in Chief, as heretofore was customary, or through the Quarter Master General, as directed in the printed Book of Regulations Page 11 Article 20. 21. and 22d, and by him were referred to the Military Board, it would enable that Board to check and controul an Expenditure of Stores that, for some Years past, has not come before it.

The Presentment also of supplying from the Presidency, Country made Stores of every description for Out Garrisons and Stations was

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was adopted by Government at the recommendation of the Committee of Stores; it is therefore with much diffidence that I venture to give an opinion which Militates against an Established usage — founded on the Experience and Judgement of a Board so Competent to regulate every part of the Store Department; yet, Notwithstanding an Authority so respectable, I am inclined to believe that if many of the Articles of Country made Stores required for Out Garrisons could, under proper restrictions, be provided on the Spot, subject to an Efficient Check and Controul, it would obviate a very Considerable Expence, at present incurred, for Carriage and Freightage of Stores of this description — exclusive of other advantages: it would not be difficult to adduce argument in favor of the above plan; but as it is not certain that the Subject may be thought sufficiently important to Merit the attention of Government, I shall only add, that it is my opinion if such a Measure was adopted, under proper Modification, it could not fail of producing a certain advantage to the Public Service. —

(signed) George Hall

February 29th — 1792 —

a true Copy
Signed) Dan.l Imrie
Surv.r Gen.l

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board—

As the points to which the attention of the Military Board was called in the 9th of January are of great importance, it is resolved to postpone the consideration of the above Letter until the Subject is taken up by them at a full Board, and with the Assistance of Colonel Malcolm the new — Comptroller General —

The Secretary has the honor to inform the Board that the following Certificate has been sent to him by Mr Denham, the Mother Mr Hugh Macintosh

The Secretary lays before the Board a Certificate respecting the Age of Mr Hugh Macintosh —

Catherine Denham, born in Scotland, but now of Madras, maketh Oath and saith — That Hugh Mackintosh Her true and lawful Son was born in that part of Great Britain call's Scotland, and that the true and lawful Father of the said Hugh Mackintosh was also a Native of that Country Viz. Scotland —

She also maketh Oath and saith that the said Hugh Mackintosh Her Son was born in the Year One thousand seven — hundred and Seventy seven, and is within the Age prescribed for Cadets by the Act of Parliament

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Parliament of the 24th Year of his present
Majesty's Reign Chapter 25 Section 43d Namely
between the Age of Fifteen and Twenty two —

Sworn before me in Madras this twelfth
Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand
Seven hundred and Ninety two

(Signed) Andrew Ross Mayor of Madraspatnam — signed Catheren Dinham

Mr Hugh Maintosh admitted an Ensign on this Establishment —

Agreed that Mr Hugh Maintosh
be admitted an Ensign on this Establishment and
to rank according to the List received from England

Read the following Proceedings of
the Hospital Board —

Hospital Board

From the Hospital Board inclosing an application from Mr Duffin for leave to proceed to Europe — the orders of Government required regarding the Person who should succeed to the charge of the General Hospital —

March 14th 1792

The Hospital Board have the honor
to forward to Government Mr Duffin's application
for leave to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his
health — —

The Assistance which Mr Duffin
has at all times afforded them, makes them feel
much regret that in forwarding this requisition
they will be deprived of so valuable a Member,
but, as ill health is the cause of his departure,
they

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they request that Government will be pleased to grant him the leave he solicits and recommend him to the Honble the Court of Directors; which his long and faithful services deserve —

The Physician General has directed Mr Raine, Head Surgeon, to take charge of the General Hospital till the pleasure of Government is known.

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" W. Raine
acting chief surgeon

To Dr James Anderson
Pysician General & Members of the
Hospital Board.

Gentlemen,

The bad state of health I have laboured under for some Months past obliges me to have recourse to a change of climate, and to the painfull Necessity of resigning my seat at your Board, where I have experienced so much Satisfaction from the unanimity which prevailed while I had the Honor of being a Member — I request you will signify to Government my wish for their Permission to proceed to Europe, and with sentiments of Esteem and Regard —

J.

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To lie on the Table

I Remain
Gentlemen &c &c
(Signed) William Duffin

A true Copy
(Signed) Andw Berry
Secy to B.T.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letters from the Adjutant General of the Army —

To W. C. Jackson Esqre
&c &c

From the Adjutant General of the Army inclosing Extracts of Orders published by Lord Cornwallis regarding the two Gentlemen Recruits arrived on the Dublin — and the Proceedings of the Court Martial before which Captain Parr and Captain Lieutenant Brudenell were brought to Trial —

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to transmit to you, in order to be laid before the Board, a Copy of Orders which he has judged it necessary to publish, on the Subject of the two Recruits of last season — concerning whom the Honble the Court of Directors thought it expedient to make particular mention in their dispatches of the same season; and also the Copy of an order which his Lordship has conceived it indispensably necessary to publish, on the proceedings of the General Court Martial before which Captain Parr was brought to Trial. His Lordship requests you will inform the Board, at the same time, that he has recommended to General Medows to remove Captain Parr from the European Battalion to the Artillery

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to the one at the Presidency, and to name another officer
to Command at Carrore --

Head Quarters
Camp at Woolaadroog
31st January 1792

I have the honor to be,
Sir, &c &c,
Signed Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl of the Army.

Head Quarters Camp at Deapamoody Tank near
Woolaadroog 2d Feby January 1792.

Extract from General Orders by Earl Cornwallis

The undermentioned Recruits of last
Season for the Madras Establishment having proceeded to
India in that capacity, notwithstanding they were
informed, by order of the East India Company, in
consequence of some particular circumstances connected
with their situation in Life and the probable causes
of their entering into the Service of the Company as
Private Soldiers, that they must serve as enlisted
Soldiers for the Period of five Years, after their
Arrival at Madras; and as there is some reason to
apprehend that many of the Recruits of the above
description have found means to evade the execution
of the duty for which they were allowed to embark
for India, after they had been warned of the consequence,
the Commander in Chief thinks it necessary to order,
in compliance with the positive Commands of the
Company

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Company, that the undermentioned Recruits of last Season for the Madras Establishment, who have been inlisted and embarked for the Service of the Company under the circumstances above mentioned, shall be compelled to perform their duty in the same manner as the rest of the Recruits or Soldiers of the Service, and he will hold responsible the Officers commanding the Corps respectively into which they have been Draughted or shall hereafter be Draughted that they receive no greater degree of indulgence in any points of Duty or otherways, than is allowable — according to the practice of the Military Service to Soldiers in General —

List of Persons allowed to proceed to India upon the expiration of the five Years after their condition of their servitude — arrival at Madras Viz.

who will be inserted as mentioned in Copy of a Paragraph Military Department of the General Letter in the

N.	Names	Nation	Country	Occupation	Age	Height F.	I.	Remarks
	Charles Armstrong	Private	Dublin	Labourer	16	5.	7.	
	John M.c Kay	do.	Jamaica	do.	16	5.	2.	
	Adam Cuppage	do.	Antrim	do.	23.	5.	6.	
	Oliver Eustace Mone	do.	Dublin	do.	18	5.	5.	
5	George Gaynor	do.	Meath	Grocer	18	5.	4.	
	Wm. Henry Hughes	do.	Londonderry	Labourer	19	5.	9.	
	Robert Beatty	do.	Longford	do.	26.	5.	8.	
	Robert Meares	do.	Westmeath	do.	19.	5.	11.	
	Lucius Lucas	do.	Dublin	do.	19.	5.	10	
10	Michael Lynch	do.	Kilkenny	do.	23	5.	11.	

East India House
23.d April 1792 —

(signed) Cha.s M.c

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Head Quarters Camp at Woodiadroog 28th January 1792

Extract from General Orders by Earl Cornwallis

The General Court Martial which
assembled at Trichinopoly on the 11th October last, and
of which Major Sale is President having been laid
before Lord Cornwallis, is dissolved, and the following
part of the Proceedings directed to be published in
General Orders.—

Crime— Captain Lieutenant Brudenell of Invalids
put in Arrest by me on complaint of Robert
Dashwood Esqre Acting Resident, for disres-
pectful behaviour to him—

Cuddalore
8th June 1791—

James Hughes
Lieut Colo Commanding—

Sentence— The Court find the Prisoner Captain
Lieutenant Brudenell Guilty of the Crime
exhibited against him, Viz.t Disrespectful
behaviour to Mr Dashwood, Acting Resident
of Cuddalore, which, being a breach of the
Articles of War, they do therefore adjudge him
to be suspended from Rank and Pay for
Six Months from the Date of the
Publication of this Sentence in General
Orders

(signed) Robert Sale Major
and President

Confirmed
(signed) Cornwallis

W.m S. Limrick Judge Advocate

Crime

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Crime — Captain Thomas Parr of the 1st Battalion of European Infantry ordered to Arrest on the following Charges, dated at Fort St George 7th September 1791 by Government

For Disobedience of Orders & an Officer like conduct, in the following instances —

First — For having, as Commanding Officer of Carroor, employed the Company's Troops, without any Authority from — Government, or communication with the Company's Collector, to take possession of the District of Pennatty in the — Company's Name, and in having — afterwards denied that he had done so. —

Second — In having caused the Revenues of the District of Pennatty to be collected in the Company's Name under his own Authority, and in having appropriated them, or part of them, to his own use, without rendering any account thereof to the Company or to their Representatives.

Third — For having made an improper use of his Authority as Commanding Officer by causing by force Persons

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who had been apprehended by the Authority and orders of the Collector, and who were in charge of, and proceeding to the Collector, proposed of, — information against them Captain Parr —

Sentence — The Court having attentively considered the Evidence in support of the Prosecution, as well as what the Prisoner, Captain Parr, has urged in his Defence, are of opinion as follows —

That the Prisoner is not Guilty of the first charge exhibited against him: for though Company's troops appear, as stated in the Charge, to have been employed to take possession of the district of Permutty, yet it does not appear proven that they were so employed by the Prisoner.

That the Prisoner is not Guilty of the second Charge: that Money was collected in the Country appears to the Court; but it does not appear to have been by the Authority of the Prisoner.

That the Prisoner is not Guilty of the third charge; it not appearing to the Court, that he made an improper use of his Authority, although he did rescue —

Persons

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Persons apprehended by the authority and orders of the Collector.

The Court do therefore acquit the Prisoner Captain Thomas Parr of each and all of the Charges exhibited against him, and he is hereby acquitted accordingly —

Robert Sale Major & Presid
(Signed) W. Limrick judge advocate

Confirmed
signed Cornwallis

Lord Cornwallis has judged it necessary to confirm the sentence of Acquittal of Captain Parr, but he thinks it incumbent upon him to declare to the Army that there appears to him to have been great negligence and indifference in the Court Martial in conducting many parts of the proceedings; and particularly in the examination of the Witnesses that were brought in support of the prosecution; and that he looks upon the principle on which their acquital of Captain Parr was founded as deserving his highest disapprobation and censure. —

It is admitted, in the sentence of the Court, that Company's Troops were sent to the District of Pennelly, and that certain sums

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of Money were collected in it and sent to Cavoor—
But although it has clearly appeared on the —
Proceedings that the prosecution for employing troops
to reduce that District was made by the Polygars
Agent to Captain Parr personally, through the medium
of his own Dubash, acting as Interpreter, and that the
Troops were actually detached from Cavoor in consequence
of Orders delivered by the same Dubash, and also that
considerable Sums were remitted from Permutty to
Cavoor, and one Sum in particular actually received
into Captain Parr's own room, yet Captain Parr is
acquitted of the Charge, upon the ground "of its not
"appearing to have been proven that the Company's Troops
"were so employed by the Prisoner, or the Money collected
"by his Authority" a principle which, if suffered to
operate in similar prosecutions, might, in many cases,
cover the most infamous Acts of Speculation and
Oppression.

The Domestic transactions between
Officers and their Dubashes are not subjects for —
Public notice. But the Lordships desires that it
may be understood by Officers of all Ranks, that
whenever Crimes similar to those that were —
imputed to Captain Parr, are committed by the
management of their Dubashes, he shall, when

direct

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direct proofs cannot be obtained, consider it as open to the strongest grounds for suspicion that the Servant has acted with the connivance, and for the benefit of his Master.

A true Copy
(Signed) Henry Madison
Agt Genl of the Army

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary of the Political and Military Department
of Fort St. George

From the Adjutant General
Major General Medows
recommends that Cornets
Strachan and Dunn be
promoted to the Rank of
Lieutenants - that Ensigns
Josiah Marshall shd -
William Lewis be appointed
Cornets of Cavalry - that
Lieut. Mealy be appointed
to the Fort Adjutancy of Vellore
vice Trouble and Lieut
R. M. Grant to the -
Adjutancy of the 2d European
Battalion vice Mealy that
Captain Parr be directed
to duty with the 2d European
Battalion - and that Captain
David Campbell be appointed
to the Command of Cannore
vice Parr -

Sir,

I am directed by Major General Medows to report to you, in order to be laid before the Board, the death of Lieutenant [illegible] of Cavalry on the 8th of last Month, and of Lieutenant and Adjutant John Grant of Cavalry on the 10th of the same Month.

Lieutenant Delmonte having already been appointed to succeed Lieutenant Grant as Adjutant, I am directed to give in the name of the following Cornets to be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenants -

Cornet Alexander Strachan to be Lieutenant vice [illegible] Rank 8th December 1791

Cornet James Dunn to be Lieutenant vice J. Grant, date of Rank 10th Dec. 1791.

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and, Lieutenant Delmonte, Hung Staff. Cornet Patrick Walker to be Lieutenant, date of Rank 17th January 1792.

The General also recommends the following officers of Infantry to be transferred to the Cavalry, as Cornets, to supply the vacancies on that list.

Ensign Josiah Marshall to be Cornet vice Strahan.

Ensign William Lewis to be Cornet vice Dunn.

I am also directed by General Harris to recommend, in consequence of Lieutenant Foules having resigned the Fort Adjutancy of Vellore, that Lieutenant Ridgeway Mealy be appointed thereto, in his room; and that Lieutenant Robert Monckton Grant be appointed Adjutant to the 3d European Battalion vice Mealy.

The Sentence of the General Court Martial assembled for the trial of Captain Parr, having been published in orders by Lord Cornwallis, with his Lordships sentiments on the proceedings; it has been thought advisable, both by his Lordship and General Medows, to remove that Officer from the European Battalion stationed at

Trichinopoly

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Trichinopoly to the one at Madras and to appoint Captain David Campbell in her room, with an intention that the latter should be named to the Command of Caroore—General Medows therefore directs me to recommend that Captain David Campbell be appointed to the Command of Caroore vice Parr

Head Quarter
Camp at Hoshadroog
31st January 1792—

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Henry Malcom
Adjt Genl of the Army

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Adjutant general—

Resolved that the Appointments and Removals recommended by Major General Medows be published in General Orders—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Close.

To W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis has directed me to request you will intimate to the Honble Board, that he could wish to have a large proportion of Doolies with Bearers, provided immediately at the Presidency and forwarded, by Amboor, to Bangalore to be used for conveying our Sick and Wounded from thence to the Carnatic—

From the Adjutant General three hundred Doolies with Bearers to be sent, by Amboor, to Bangalore, with all possible Expedition.

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Hostilities having ceased, and the communication with the Low Countries, being perfectly secure, His Lordship would hope that a considerable Number of Bearers may be hired without delay or difficulty, and he is the more solicitous in this respect from the consideration that if the Doolies arrive in a Moderate period at Bangalore, they may be employed to make a Second Trip, with the Sick, to Vellore or some convenient Station, before the Troops descend the Ghauts—

Our European Sick and Wounded, above the Ghauts, exceed in Number the Doolies at present with the Army, at least three hundred—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c
Signed By: Close
Adjt Genl of the Army—

Head Quarters
Camp before Seringapatam
1st March 1792—

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Civil Paymaster General be informed that 300 Doolies, with Bearers, will be wanted for the use of the Army, and must be forwarded, with all possible expedition, by Amboor to Bangalore—

The Military Storekeeper's Bill for Gun Powder ordered to be made up in the present Month to be discharged from the Treasury—

The Acting President proposes that the Military Storekeeper's Bill for the Manufacture of Gunpowder for the present Month, Amounting to twelve hundred (1200) Pagodas, be discharged from the Treasury

and

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The Manufacture of that article to be discontinued until further orders —

and that a stop be put to the Manufacture of Gunpowder until further orders —

Approved and ordered Accordingly —

Mr Hudleston to be furnished with an order to the Commanders of any of the Company's ships bound from England to Madras to open the Private Letter Packets, and permit him to take out those addressed to him. —

Mr Hudleston having expressed a wish to the Acting President to be furnished with a Letter to the Commander of any of the Company Ships bound from England to Madras, directing him "if it be not inconsistent with any instructions "he may have received from the Honble Court of Directors, to permit Mr Hudleston to open the "Private Letter Packets, and take out such Letters as "may be directed for him." Sir Charles Oakeley proposes that a Letter to the above Effect be written and delivered to Mr Hudleston. —

Ordered Accordingly.

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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16th. Diary.

Received the following Letters.

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts - Major Tutt offers to swear to the actual disbursement of the amount charged by him for Stores furnished for the use of Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery's detachment -

To William Collins Jackson Esquire

Military Secretary.

Sir,

I have had the honor to communicate to Major Tutt the Sentiments of the Honble Board relative to his coming forward and swearing to the validity of his Charges for Stores purchased whilst acting as Commissary of Stores with Major Montgomery's detach-ment to the Northward. I have now the pleasure to forward you this Reply for the Information of Government, and am

Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

Signed/ J. Brunton

Dep.y Compt.r Gen.l

Madras
15th March 1792.

To Lieutenant Brunton

Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Sir

I had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 5th Instant, accompanied with the orders of Government respecting my Charges for the purchase of Military Stores, for the service of Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery's detachment. In reply to which I request you will do me the favor to inform The Honble the President in Council that I am ready at their Pleasure to come forward, in such a manner as they shall please to direct, in support of the

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16th Charges made by me, for the purchases above mentioned

I have the honor to be —

Sea Boxe

Mount 14th March 1792 } Signed/ R. Tutt —

Major Artillery

From Major Cuppage who puts Captain Cuppage to the charge of the Supplies to be lodged in Damicah Cottah

To William C. Jackson Esquire

Secretary to the Government

&c &c &c

Fort St. George

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd Ultimo, and beg leave to inform you that, in consequence of the Authority vested in me by Government, I have appointed Captain Cuppage to the Charge of the Supplies of Provision that is to be lodged in Damicah Cottah —

Be pleased to acquaint the Honble the Governor in Council that none of the Troops that have returned on passport from Tippoo Sultan have carried Arms since their Return, nor shall they till I receive Lord Cornwallis' Orders on that head.

Camp at the Head of the Puzzlehatty pass 7th March 1792

I am, Sir &c

Signed/ J. Cuppage

Major Comm.g

From Major Cuppage receives Orders from Lord Cornwallis to disarm the Troops in consequence of

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor &c &c &c

Fort St. George

Honble Sir/

Fort St George March. 1792

of the Conclusion of the Preliminary Articles of Peace

16th yesterday I received the following Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General dated 27th February. 1792

"Preliminaries of Peace having been agreed
"upon between the Confederate Powers and the Nabob
"Tippoo Sultaun, and the articles signed by each
"Party, in consequence whereof a cessation of hostilities
"has taken place, Lord Cornwallis directs that, on
"the receipt hereof you will order the Troops under your
"Command to refrain from hostilities, likewise holding
"themselves at liberty to use their arms in cases only
"when they may be found absolutely necessary for self defence
"also that you will take the speediest means in your
"power of conveying this Intelligence to the different
"Agents and Collectors of Revenue in the Southern
"Countries, with whom you may be in Communication,
"in order that any preparations, they may have entered
"upon for establishing a Magazine of Provisions above the
"Ghauts may be discontinued"

"His Lordship desires that, in case this
'reaches you above the Guzzlehatty Pass, you will descend
"it with all convenient Expedition, continuing with your
"detachment, at Sattimungulum, or any situation you
"may judge proper upon the Banks of the Bovany,
'until you receive further orders."

Should you have drawn together any
quantity of Provisions near the foot of the Pass for the
use

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16th "use of the Army, his Lordship wishes that such Supply
"should be kept in a collected State, until you are instructed
"how it is to be disposed of."—

I marched from Shaorce on the 3rd and encamped at the head of the Pezzlehatty Pass on the 5th Inst. having stormed a Breast-work the Enemy had at the top of the Pass on the night of the 4th. On the approach of the Party the Enemy gave their fire, and then ran away, only slightly wounding one European Grenadier.

In consequence of the orders I received yesterday from Lord Cornwallis, a part of the detachment descends the Ghauts to day, and I shall follow to morrow with the remainder.

I have wrote to the different Agents and Collectors of Revenue in the Southern Countries for to stop all preparations they may have entered upon for establishing a magazine of provisions above the Ghauts, and shall deposit the provisions that have been collected, in Damien Cottah, until I am further instructed how it is to be disposed of.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed J. Cuppage
Major Comm.

Camp at the head of the Pezzlehatty Pass 7 March 1792

17th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in No. 93 Nos. 94. 95. 96. 97.

From the Contractor for Cloathing the Army.

From the Contractor for Cloathing the Army. is willing to continue

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From Major Cuppage dated the 17th

From Major Cuppage advising of his arrival at Arcot with the detachment under his Command.

From the Secretary at Tellicherry

From the Secretary at Tellicherry — acknowledging receipt of two Letters from this Presidency enclosing dispatches for the Honble Commodore Cornwallis

From the Collector in the Coimbatore district

From the Collector in the Coimbatore district acknowledging receipt of the Board's orders of the 22nd Ult. on the subject of advancing Grain to the Coast which may be fixed upon by Major Cuppage as a Depôt.

Sent Letter to his Excellency Amdut ul Omrah Bahauder dated as entered in C.C. No 34 enclosing Bills on Tinnevelly for 10,000 Pagodas payable on the 15th June next

Sent the following Letters —

To Robert Brooke Esquire.

Governor &c Council at St Helena

Gentlemen,

In consequence of the requisition contained in your Letter of the 11th April 1791. the following persons have embarked on the Northumberland for St Helena.

Lieutenant Andrew Den Taasse
Michael Newman Serjeant Major
William Stanley Drill serjeant
& Martha Stanley wife of William Stanley

We request you will be pleased to settle with Captain Rees for the accommodation and Passage of

Substance of an Ltr to His Excellency Amdutul Omrah Bahauder

To the Governor & Council at St Helena. Lieut. Den Taasse and the Serjeant Major and Drill Serjeant who arrive here on the 26th inst returned to their Settlement on the Northumberland the Passage money Due to be discharged by them.

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17th those People, in such manner as you may think proper.

We have the honor to be,
Sea Sea
Chas. Oakeley
Signed/ Bew Counail.

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To Lord Cornwallis -
enclosing Copies of the
Board's Correspondence
with Major George Hart,
and requesting to be
favored with his Lordship's
opinion regarding the
Major's appointment of
Deputy Paymaster to the
King's Troops serving under
this Presidency -

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis KG.

Governor General Sea Sea Sea

My Lord,

We have the honor to inform your Lordship that in the month of August last we received from Major Gorge Hart a Copy of a deputation from Sea appointing him Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's forces under this Presidency, and empowering him to receive all monies to be issued on this account to which we replied that, as the King's Troops in this part of India were, at present, paid by his Majesty's Deputy Paymaster General for all India, who was on the spot with the Army in the field, we conceived that all monies to be issued on account of the King's Forces must go into his hands, whilst he should continue to require it, during the War, and that as his (Major Hart's) Instructions militated against the regulations in India it was necessary to apprize him that, according to the rule and practice which had been established for many

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17th be issued to him from the Company's Treasury, when he should commence to act upon his Appointment for the actual Effectives in India of his Majesty's Regiments under this Presidency, and his accounts submitted to the Audit of the Company's Military Auditor General.

Major Hart, in his answer, protested against the decision we had come to, as tending to a Breach, on our part, of the Terms of the Subsidy agreed to be paid to the King, and as being subversive of regularity as well as tending to destroy the legal rights and authority of the Crown in one of it's great Offices, sanctioned and established by ancient Customs and the Laws of Parliament.

A few days ago we received another Letter from Major Hart stating that as the war was now at an end, he requested to know our intentions as to his appointment of Deputy Paymaster General. A Copy of this Letter, and of those abovementioned we have the honor to enclose to your Lordship, and beg to be favored with your opinion in respect to the answer which should be returned to Major Hart.

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We have the honor to be,
with great Respect, and Esteem,
Your &c.
Signed / Charles Oakeley
Hon. Council

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17th Delivered the following Letter to John Hudleston Esquire.

To the Commander of any of the Company's Ships bound from England to Madras.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to desire, if it be not inconsistent with any Instructions you may have received from the Honorable Court of Directors, that Mr. Hudleston, late Member of this Government, may be permitted to open the Private letter Packets for Madras, and take out such Letters as may be directed for him.

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I am Sir &c &c

Signed/ W. C. Jackson Secry

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mis. Nos. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109.

To the Paymaster at Vellore:

To the Paymaster at Vellore, informing him that Mr. Conductor Watson is to be allowed full Batta for the Month of January 1792.

To the Commandant at Amboor.

To the Commandant at Amboor communicating the orders given to the Paymaster at Vellore, and informing him that the Board object to the allowance of Batta to Mr. Watson for the month of

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To the Resident at Travancore 17th

To the Resident at Travancore informing him that the Board have approved and passed the accounts which accompanied his Letter of the 4th Instant, and that they have resolved that he be allowed to charge for an Interpreter, from the 1st Instant, at the rate of 15 Pagodas ₰ Mensem.—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board desiring them upon Colonel Malcolm's arrival, to call upon him for his observations on the points referred to them under date the 9th January last, and submit the whole to Government with their Opinion thereon.

To the Civil Paymaster General

To the Civil Paymaster General desiring him to send 300 Doolies with Bearers, by Amboor, to Bangalore, with all possible Expedition.—

To the Military Storekeeper.

To the Military Storekeeper desiring him to put a Stop to the manufacture of Gunpowder at the Presidency until further Orders

To the Commander of the Honble Company's Ships Northumberland.

To the Commander of the Northumberland enclosing a List of Invalids, discharged men &c ordered to embark on his Ship as Charter Party Passengers for England.—

To Do.

To Do informing him that the accommodation and Passage of the Officers and Men of the St. Helena Establishment will be settled by the Governor and Council at that Island.—

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To the Secretary at Bengal. 17th To the Secretary at Bengal, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 15th Instant

To the Board of Assumed Revenue To the Board of Assumed Revenue desiring them to inform Mr. Andrews that until Government are made acquainted with the urgency of the occasion that calls for Mr. Atkinson's Presence at the Presidency, he cannot have Permission to quit his Station.

To the Deputy Comptroller Generals of Army Accounts

Watson

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts enclosing Copy of a letter to the Paym[illegible] at Vellore relative to Batta to Mr. Conductor Wa[illegible]

To the Accountant Generals

To the Accountant General [illegible] an Account of the Disbursements of the Travancore Residency for the last year, together with sundry Bills, which have been approved by the Board and informing him that Mr. Powney has been permitted to include in his Charge for Servants from the 1st Inst. the allowance of an Interpreter at fifteen Pagodas P Mensem.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President

William Petrie Esquire

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service

John Huddleston Esq.r absent

Sunday
18th March 1792.

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.—

The Acting President lays before the

Board the following Extract of a letter to him from

Earl Cornwallis just received.

Extract of a Letter from Earl Cornwallis to

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart dated

Camp near Seringapatam the 13th March 1792.

"I am sorry to say that things at present

bear a much less pacific appearance than they did when

I wrote to you on the 11th.

The enclosed Copies of our requisition of

what appeared to us to be our right according to the

Treaty, on a fair division of Tippoo's Country, and of

Extract of a letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley enclosing Copies of two letters from Sir John Kennaway to Tippoo's Vackeels, and of the answer of the latter, regarding the division and value of the Subsidy Country — orders Pursevam how to join General Abercromby — intends sending Tippoo's sons to Bangalore the Northumberland to be detained 'till further orders —

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Sir John Kennaway's Letter to the Vackeels on their communicating to him the Sultaun's Answer to it, will explain fully the present state of Affairs

If Tippoo did, from the first, determine not to give us the Baramaul and Salem districts, nor the forts of Gooty and Belhavy to our Allies, he certainly did not seriously intend to execute the Conditions of the Preliminary articles, nor could he expect to conclude a Peace.

He began to work in the Fort on the very night on which he sent in his Sons, and he has very much strengthened the Wall opposite to our Attack; but I shall doubt whether all he has done, or can do, will be worth eleven hundred thousand pounds, and two such hostages as

Purseram Bhow will march to morrow to Hennambaddy Ford, in order to join General Abercrombie and I intend that Tippoo's Sons shall set out in the morning for Bangalore.

I have this night sent my dispatches for Madras to take on board the Northumberland, but as they talk too confidently of Peace, I would not have them sent to England unless appearances should alter very much; at all Events it will be desirable to detain the Ship a few days"

A true Extract
Signed W. [illegible]

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Translate of a Letter from Sir John Kennaway to Ghulam Ali Khan and Ali Reza, Tippoo's Vacheels, dated and delivered to them 9th March 1792

By the first Article of the Preliminary Treaty of the 22nd February 1792 it is stipulated, that half the dominions of Tippoo Sultaun shall be ceded to the Allies; and after the conclusion of it, the necessary Papers, which contain an account of the amount of the Country, and the attendance of the necessary Officers of his Government, were demanded for bringing the agreement to a final termination. Notwithstanding the frequent repetition of this demand, and promises from day to day of complying with it, the Papers which were, after much delay, produced by Tippoo's officers contained a fallacious statement of the districts mentioned in them, which is proved by Papers properly authenticated by an Aumil and Sheristadar in Tippoo's service in some instances, and in others by the enquiries which have been made. The Countries which the Officers of Tippoo's Government have denominated frontier Countries being overrated by them, and those he stiles ancient possessions being stated at less than their real value; in order to obtain a just and correct statement of them, I informed you, under date the 4th Instant, by Lord Cornwallis's Command, that as Tippoo's officers had given in erroneous statements, it

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was necessary, for his Lordship's satisfaction, that regular and official accounts of the Country for three years should be produced in two days; that, the just and real value of it being ascertained, whatever was right and proper respecting the division of it, might be carried into execution. that if the papers required were not produced within the time specified, it would become incumbent on the Allies to adjust the division of the Country agreeably to Treaty and conformably to the accounts which they had in their possession taking one half to themselves, and leaving the other half to Tippoo Sultaun, and requesting that an answer to the above might be given me in writing. Such an answer however was not returned; and the reply which after three days, was given me by you and Tippoo's Officers in person, was this, that the official papers of 6 or 7 divisions of the Country had been plundered and carried away when Gunjicotah, Coimbatore, and other places fell into the hands of the Allies; that those which remained should be produced, but, as it was a business of papers, they could not specify in what time. In addition to the above, you observed that, of the above papers, many had been lost in the late night Attack of the English Army. In consequence of the above reply, and in conformity to the Contents of my Letter of

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the 4th Instant, which I have referred to in a general manner above, it has now become incumbent on the Allies to make a division of the Country agreeably to Treaty and conformably to the most exact accounts they have been able to procure, of which only a particle is referred to in the former part of this Letter without wishing to give Vexation or Trouble, and even with an Inclination to consult the Interest of Tippoo's Government, by avoiding to select Countries or Places that, in the eyes of sensible people, could be construed into harsh or severe demands, and to form thereon such a Treaty of Peace and Friendship as the hand of chance could not disturb. Accordingly the Articles of a Definitive Treaty of perpetual friendship between us, containing a division of Country, and other matters, formed from reasonable and just Statements, is enclosed. I request you will procure three Copies of it executed by Tippoo Sultaun in the course of to morrow. Whenever these arrive, properly signed and sealed by him, three Counterparts, executed by the Allies, shall be sent to you. I request that in this business, which will be productive of ease and advantage to both sides, no procrastination may be allowed to occur.

A true Translate

/Signed/ Graeme Mercer

Adjt Assistant

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Translate of a Letter from Sir John Kennaway to Ghulam Ali Khan and Ali Reza dated 13th March

At our Conference last night you informed me that Tippoo Sultaun first agreed to give up a Country of Thirty five Lacks of Pagodas* to the Allies as their share, and that now in consequence of the Allies having increased that Sum by an addition of nine Lacks of Pagodas, on account of the necessity they were under of adjusting the business from the accounts which their own enquiries had procured them, a necessity occasioned by the false accounts given in by the officers of the Sircar, and the delay in the fair and official ones as expressed in my Letter of the 9th Instant; Tippoo would agree to give the Allies half the above additional Sum, and proposed that the Allies should relinquish the other half in Coun[try] according to a List which you produced. I went to Lord Cornwallis early this morning, and stated to him what has been said on the subject. His Lordship answered, that altho' the accounts by which the Allies had settled the division, and which had been formed from enquiries made on their proper Shares much larger than what they had demanded, and that they had been, from a regard to Tippoo induced not to raise their demands to the extent of it, and altho', from the duplicity of the officers of the Sircar in first declaring that the accounts demanded had been plundered

* 1/3. The Pagoda is Eighteen Rupees eight

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and now offering to produce them, no trust whatever could be put in the papers delivered in by them, and it became more necessary that the division of Tippoo's Country should be regulated by our own accounts — agreeably to Treaty, Notwithstanding these reasons, as a proof of the uprightness of his intentions, of his moderation and desire to consult the ease and happiness of mankind and to avoid any interruption in that friendship which it was his earnest wish to continue, he would agree that four Lack and fifty thousand Pagodas from the total amount of forty three Lacks, nineteen thousand, six hundred and ninety four Pagodas, the particulars of which were before written, should be relinquished to Tippoo. But, seeing that the security of the Company's Boundaries, the happiness of the people of the Country, and a provision against future accidents was most necessary, he could never in any shape agree to relinquishing Kishengeery, the Baroah mohal, Nambull, Salem and others as boundaries for the Company, and Gooty and Balhary as boundaries for the allies, as proposed last night by Tippoo's officers — and as he had entered into Engage — ments with the Rajah of Koorg it was also impossible

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for him to relinquish that district. I have therefore to inform you that when you signify your assent to the particulars of what is above written, a Definitive Treaty establishing Country to be settled as the Boundaries of the Allies which agreeable to the Preliminary Treaty it is their right to regulate, shall be sent to you that you may procure the Seal and Signatures of Tippoo Sultaun to it in the Evening. If you should not be authorized to agree to the above proposals, agreeably to what you declared last night "that you could make no further reply to Tippoo upon the present Subject than you had already done - and that if the proposals you had made were agreable to Lord Cornwallis, it was well, if not that his Lordship should send a decisive answer that you might return to the Fort and let Fate take its course;" in this case a departure from the Treaty on the part of Tippoo is evident; and a continuation of the negociation and your remaining here

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I have stated to you the above particulars clearly and distinctly for your Information

A true Translate

Signed/ Graeme Mercer.

Act.J. Assistant

Translate of a Letter from Golam Ally Khan and Ali Reza Khan to Sir John Kennaway dated 13th March 1792.

We have received your letter of this date and understand it's Contents. We request that of the list made out agreeably to the Preliminary Treaty by our Mutseddies of the Countries lying adjacent to those of the Allies, and from the list of those selected by his Lordship amounting to forty four Lack and fifty thousand Canteraii Pagodas, you will clearly and particularly inform us what Countries his Lordship wishes to retain, that we may proceed once more to our Master, state the matter to him, and inform you of his acquiescence or refusal.

A true Translate

Signed Graeme Mercer

Act.J. Assistant

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Minutes upon the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Resolved that the Packet to go by the Northumberland be kept open until further advices are received from Lord Cornwallis.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Papers be transmitted by this Night's Dapprat to Bengal.

Chas Oakeley.

George Parry Secr

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Diary.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 110, 111.

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General.- enclosing the Resident of Travancore's accounts for the months of January and February.-

To the Secretary at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal.- enclosing Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley, dated the 13th Instant, and Copies of the Enclosures referred to therein.

Substance of a Petition from Pauloo Reddy Buttermaw at Tripasore

Received a Petition from Pauloo Reddy (as entered in M.B. N.o 112) praying that the Board will order Lieutenant Emerson to discharge the Balance due to him.-

19th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 113, 114.-

From Capt.n Beatson of the Guides.-

From Captain Beatson submitting for the inspection of the Board, a Sketch of the Environs of Seringapatam with a Representation of the Attacks made upon Tippoo's Redoubts and Encampments on the night of the 6th February, and requesting that it may be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors a number in the Northumberland's Packet.-

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From Colonel De Wangenheim.

19th

From Colonel De Wangenheim requesting that Captain Reden, and Chaplain Kolsoher may be accommodated with Passages to Europe on one of the returning Ships of the present Season.

20th

Received the following Letters.

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accts Opinion on a Claim preferred by Lieut. Rollo of his Majesty's 76th Regt for Full Batta.

To

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President in Council &c.

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your perusal a Letter from Captain John Campbell Commandant at Chingleput in support of a Charge of Lieutenant Rollo's of His Majesty's 76th Regiment for full Batta being stationed at his Garrison in Charge of Broken detachments invalids from the King's different Regiments serving on this Establishment; and have respectfully to inform you that Lieutenants Mac Dougal and Urquhart, Mr. Rollo's predecessors similarly situated, drew that Allowance under the Authority of Your Honorable Board.

I am,
Most respectfully,
Honble Sir
Your &c.
Signed J. Brunton
Dep.y Comp.r Gen.l

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20th To Lieutenant Brunton

Deputy Comptroller General

Sir/

Lieutenants Mac Dougal and Urquhart, who successively had charge of the Broken detachments of his Majesty's Regiments, received Batta in Compensation for their Trouble in keeping the men's accounts, and as Lieutenant Rollo is now employed in that line of Duty I hope the same allowance will not be refused to him.

I have the honor to be &c.

&c.

Chinglepet 13th March 1792

Signed/ John Campbell.

Captain Comm.t

From the Officer Commg in the Pinnace at Anchor applies for Instructions regarding an application made by Capt. Ure for a supply of Rice for his private Followers.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir/

I have the honor of forwarding you a Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Ure/ an Officer under my Command/ on the subject of Rice being denied to his private Followers, on which I beg leave to add a few remarks.

Since I have been in the Command of this Ocean, Rice has been rather scarce, and for these two months past the scarcity has increased so much that it became necessary to order the Store keeper to

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20th I issue Grain from the Stores at Innicondah to the fighting men and Allowed Followers, as a quantity sufficient to supply them all, could not be procured in the Bazaar. The Storekeeper represented to me that the demand on the Innicondah Store by this issue became so great, that the stock, originally designed for the Garrison of Innacondah only, would soon be exhausted, - and requested me, at the same time pointing out the necessity of being as saving and cautious as possible of the Grain not to order any issue, but such as was indispensably necessary. I did not find that any necessity existed for serving private Followers, for tho' at a very high price in the Bazaar, there has been sufficient purchased and my own servants have never yet complained of a total want of Rice; now do they receive a greater pay than those of other Gentlemen, or any greater indulgence, - yet they can subsist, without murmuring, and can find Rice tho' at the rate of six Seers p Rupee, at the dearest time - And the servants of other Gentlemen, not disposed to create Troubles and difficulties, contrive also to support themselves

I am therefore under the necessity of requesting your Honble Board's permission to the Storekeeper to issue Rice on this account, - without which neither the Storekeeper nor myself

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20th authorized to do so. while the necessity of the measure does not appear to exist, and the small quantity remaining in Store can so ill afford such dreain from it as the issue to the private Followers of the Officers of the Troops cantoned here —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Daniel Burr.

Guntoor.
13th March 1792

Signed

(Copy)

To Major Daniel Burr
Commanding —

Sir,

It is extraordinary that at Guntoor there should be an exemption from the benefits expressly communicated by Government regarding Rice in time of scarcity to be issued from the Company's Stores to Military men and their Followers.

Except one day, which was the first of this month, no Rice have ever been allowed to me or my Followers — Indents for my Servants or Followers Rice have been made out and signed by me, and — countersigned by you, for the 2nd — 3rd and 4th of this month, — but when presented to the Conicopoly of the Rice Godown, he very unconcernedly said there was no rice to be served to that description of People.

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My Servants, with some pecuniary assistance in addition to their monthly pays, have hitherto struggled through the difficulties arising from the scarcity and exorbitant price of Rice, - but now seeing our Students and application for Rice supported with by a Monopoly, they think it high time, (if their remaining strength allow them) to march off, to where Rice can be purchased, or to where the benefits allowed to Military Men and their Followers or Servants, shall not be withheld or trifled with.

I am to request of you Sir to inform me, whether or not I am to expect Rice from the Company's Stores for the three days' Students already made out and signed, and whether or not I am to expect a daily supply in future, for my Servants or Followers agreable to the establish'ed orders of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Hon Hon
Sirs
Guntoor 7th March 1792
Signed / Geo: Ure.

From the Resident at Ingram intercepts different Parties of Slaves on their route from Vanam to Pondichery encloses a Letter unsigned which was found on a Man who had Charge of one of the Parties

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

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs.

Arfanoh Pass having been sig
with some Slaves

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20th he delivered to me the enclosed Letter. I have not taken upon me to open it, not being convinced of the propriety of my doing so; but have the honor to transmit it enclosed, in the hope it may afford some information to your Honble Board, respecting that unworthy traffic.

The French at Yanam, I find more, send off their Slaves in small parties, by night, to avoid detection; which, when they have passed the English Settlements in this part, unite, and proceed by land to Pondicherry. Some small parties, consisting of about thirty Slaves, have escaped me, and are now upon the road to Pondicherry; and three other parties consisting of nineteen Slaves, being part of those I wrote to Mr Sonnerat concerning, on the 3rd of last month, I have fallen into my hands.

I have the honor to be &c.
&c
Signed/ Matthew Yeates

Ingeram
12th March. 1792

From Mrs Murray containing a proposal for adjusting her demands upon Silberow Braming

To William Collins Jackson Esquire
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to Mr Kindersley's letter to the Honorable Board, dated the 5th Instant,

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20th That I had the honor to receive from you on the 10th I beg you will do me the favor to lay the following before them, and to express my warmest thanks, for their humane interposition in my behalf, towards the recovery of my demand against Sibberoo.

Mr. Murray my husband, and myself being considered in Law, as Guardians, and Administrators, to the Children of my late husband Mr. Pawson who are the heirs to the amount of the money that constitutes the debt of Sibberoo; a Relinquishment of any part of the demand, by Composition, or Remission, must subject us to be called upon by the Children, for the Sum so relinquished. I am therefore sorry, for this reason which hinders me from acting with the arrangement contained in Mr. Hindesley's Letter, and which I have no doubt will appear, both to the Honorable Board, and to Mr. Hindersley in a satisfactory light, and not calculated either to oppress Sibberoo, or give further trouble, by refusing, what may be deemed by the Honorable Board, the only Satisfaction that can be obtained at present to my Claim.

When Mr. Murray had an Interview with Mr. Kindersley on this Subject, he would have accepted of 500 Pagodas in part, and release Sibberoo.

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20th. However, now, to give every accommodation to Sibberow, in our Power, I will accept of the 500 Pagodas mentioned in Mr. Kindersley's arrangement, in the following mode of payment; that is, 250 Pags. of it to be advanced by Sibberow - and the Title deeds of the lands, which, according to Mr. Kindersley's information, is valued at 250 Pags. as a Security for the remaining half of the 500 Pags. payable at a reasonable period: and I will accept also, of a personal Bond from Sibberow for the rest of the debt, payable at one, two, or three years —

This, Sir, give me leave to hope the Honorable Board will deem fair and reasonable, and continue that Condescention to me, with which they have graciously considered my singular and unfortunate Case with Sibberow, whose debt to me, has distressed me much, and deprived my Children of a livelyhood, and future provision; and for which, resting upon the authority and humanity of the Honorable Board, if they cannot deliver my debtor's person to Justice, they will I hope, grant the equitable — satisfaction I have now the honor to submit.

With great Respect —
Sam, Bar Bca,
Signed Sarah Murray

Madras
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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

William Petrie Esquire

Tuesday
20th March 1792

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service

John Huddleston Esquire absent indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and

approved

The Acting President lays before the

Board, the following Extract of a letter from

Lord Cornwallis

Extract of a letter from Lord Cornwallis - Tippoo's Vakeel acquiesces in the surrender of Gooty & Balhary and the Barramaul, Salem and Coiyr Countries hopes the definitive Treaty will be signed on the night of the 15th Instant

Extract of a letter from Earl Cornwallis K.G.

to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. dated Camp near

Seringapatam 15th March 1792

"The appearance of things is rather

"altered for the better since I wrote to you on the 13th Inst

"I shall consider the Business in a very uncertain state

"until the definitive Treaty is signed, and the whole of

"the first Kist is paid"

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"The Vacheels last night acquiesced in
"the surrender of Goety and Balhary, and the Barramaul
"and Salem Country; if the whole of the latter should not
"make our proportion too large; in which case we must be
"satisfied with a part of it; and, after much altercation
"and difficulty, they said that their Master would give
"up the Coorga Country, rather than quarrel with us:
"The dispute about the Batta has likewise been settled
"this morning by Mr. Cherry and the Vacheels, the latter
"reserving an ultimate reference to Tippoo"

"Thus far Matters might be said to wear
"a favorable Aspect, but Tippoo's unremitting Industry
"in working night and day, would occasion doubt of the
"sincerity of a person of better Character"

"Purseram Bhaw has not yet passed the
"river, but I have written to Hurry Punt to urge, in the
"strongest terms, the necessity of his crossing to morrow, if
"the definitive Treaty should not be signed this night; and
"on that event likewise depends the departure of the little
"hostages for Bangalore"

"As this important business must now be
"brought to a crisis in a few hours, I think no ships should
"sail for England till it is finally settled."

A true Extract

Signed W.C. Jackson Secy

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Extract be sent immediately to Bengal.—

Read the following Letter from the private Secretary to the Governor General.

From the private duty to the Governor General a Copy of Capt. Bannerman's correspondence with Sir A. Campbell to be prepared for his Lordship, and kept at the Presidency 'till his arrival.—

To William Collins Jackson Esquire

Sir,

Secretary &c.—

Lord Cornwallis is desirous of having a Copy of the Correspondence between Sir Archibald Campbell and Captain Bannerman, which was, at his request, transmitted to the Court of Directors, by the Government of Fort St George.

You will be pleased to signify his Lordship's wishes to the Council, and, should the papers are prepared, you will deposit them in your Office, with the Packet received from Mr. Powney until his Lordship's arrival in Madras.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Hon. &c.

Signed Henry Haldane

Pvt. Sy to the Gov. Gen.

Camp before Seringapatam 4th March 1792

Minute thereon

Resolved that a Copy of the Correspondence received from Captain Bannerman be prepared, and deposited in the Office until Lord Cornwallis's Arrival at Madras.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Robert John Huddleston.—

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From Lieut. Robt. John Huddleston requesting permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the recovery of his Health, and that six months pay may be advanced him.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

Having in the beginning of last year experienced a severe fit of Illness, accompanied by violent pains in my left Shoulder, and a total privation of the use of that arm, which has yielded but in a partial degree to the several remedies tried to recover it, I am advised by medical Gentleman to try the effect of a voyage to the Cape, and eventually from thence to Europe; and I now have the honor to enclose a Certificate from Messrs. Duffin and Ruddiman, stating their opinion that it is necessary as well toward the regaining the use of my arm as toward the recovery of my Constitution which has been much impaired during the last three years; when the duties of my Profession particularly exposed me to its influence

I therefore humbly solicit the indulgence of your Honor's permission to embark on the Honble Company's Ship Northumberland, and that you will favor me with an order for the Captain to receive me on board with my baggage.

I beg

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I beg further to submit to your Honor my hopes that you will be pleased to order me the payment of six month's allowance in advance, as I understand the Honble Company extend that indulgence to Officers whose ill health oblige them thus temporarily to quit their stations.—

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I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
Signed / R. I. Huddleston.—
Lieut. 5th Regt Cavalry

We hereby certify that Lieut. R. I. Huddleston of the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry has for some months past laboured under a paralytic Affection of the left arm and Shoulder, and for the removal of which a variety of remedies have been tried without effect, as his general health is much impaired, and no probability of a recovery here, We recommend a Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope or eventually to Europe should it be necessary.

Madras
20th March 1792 } Signed } William Duffin Head Surgeon
William Ruddiman

Minute thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant John Huddleston be permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually

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Do.

Ordered that an advance of six month's pay be issued to Lieutenant Huddleston.

Read the following Letter from Captain Haldane

To William C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary

From the private Secretary to the Governor General dating that the Officer and men belonging to the Dublin have been released by Tippoo, and have set out for the Presidency

Sir,

Lord Cornwallis desires that you will be pleased to inform the Board that he has been honored with their Letter of the 2.nd Instant, inclosing one addressed to them by Captain Smith, Commanding the Honble Company's Ship Dublin, and you will at the same time acquaint the Board that the Officer and Men mentioned in Captain Smith's letter have already been restored by Tippoo Sultaun, and are now on their journey to the Presidency.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
Obedt Servt
Henry Haldane
Secry to the Govr Genl

Camp before Seringapatam 10.th March 1792

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General of the Army

To

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From the Adjutant General
Ensign T. M. Hays appointed
to a Commission in his
Majesty's 73d Regiment

To William C. Jackson Esqr
Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

Ensign T. M. Hays, 1st Battalion Native Infantry, being appointed to a Commission in His Majesty's 73d Regiment, I am directed to intimate the circumstance, for the information of the Honble the Board, in order that he may be discontinued on the strength of the Coast Establishment.

Head Quarters
Camp before
Seringapatam
12th March 1792

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obedt Hble Servt
Signed/ By Close
Adjt Genl of the Army

Ensign T. M. Hays struck
off the strength of the
Coast Establishment

Ordered that Ensign Hays be struck off the strength of the Coast Establishment

Read the following letters from His Highness the Nabob entered also in O.C. Nos 35 36

Translation of a Persian Letter from His Highness the Nabob Walla Jah to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Dated 22d Rajeb 1206 Hegery or 16th March 1792 viz 19th

From the Nabob conveying his sentiments in regard to the validity of his statement of his account with the Company which

I have received your Letter of the 30th Jemaudee Awul 1206 Hegery, answering to the 25th January 1792 with

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which bears the official signature of Mr. Thomas Pearce, Deputy Accountant General

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Pearce —

You express your surprize that I should have thought it necessary to persuade Mr. Pearce to sign the statement of my accounts; and you say he was permitted to attend my Durbar to examine the Vouchers of Grain, and to give explanations of the several Items of charge in the Company's account; and that such being the case, how could I imagine for a moment that Mr. Pearce was authorized to investigate or sanction by his Signature that statement of my accounts? All this I understand. —

My Friend — when the firm verbal — promises, and the writings and agreements of the Governor and many of the Counsellors, under their several signatures, have not been adhered to with me, how should I place Confidence in the signature of an Accountant, namely Mr. Pearce, who is a young man, and consider it as the riches and wealth of my Sovereignty? I have no design or idea of causing any signature to be affixed to such things other than that the justness of the accounts should appear: That Gentleman, agreeable to the order of Government, attended my Durbar for many days, and having, upon the authority of some hundred Vouchers, examined my account, he put his

signature

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Signature to it in presence of several people concerned in accounts, in the following words "In consequence of "of the orders of Government, I have examined the accounts "between Hes Highness and the Company"—

The Sum of my Prosperity, the sum of my Confidence, and the sum of a life spent in an alliance of 51 years with the English, solely rests in the person of Lord Cornwallis. In him, after God, I place my reliance for the settlement of my accounts, and for the recovery of my rights and honour—

What can I say more?

A true Translation

Signed/ David Haliburton

Persian Translator

The Translation is literal, but the meaning is obscure in the original it is supposed the Nabob means that he cannot consider Mr. Pearce's signature of so much importance, as to be the means of restoring his Country to him

Signed/ David Haliburton

Persian Transl.r

From the Nabob regarding that Mr. Macleay may be allowed to attend at his Durbar to give such explanations as may be required by his Instructions regarding the state of his accounts with the Company.

Translation of a Persian Letter from His Highness the Nabob to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Dated 23d Rajib 1206 Hegera or 17th March 1792 Recd 19th do.

In your letter of the 24th Jemaudesany 1206 Hegera, answering to the 18th of February 1792, You desire I would specify the particular accounts which I want from

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the Accountant General, that you may judge of the propriety of giving Mr. Moubray permission to attend at my Durbar. This I understand.—

Although, my friend, much noise has been made about the Accounts, the Governor and Counsil have still to consider and deliberate on the subject of those accounts being explained to me. Had Lord Cornwallis been here the business would have been settled in a single minute. However, I shall only write at present that, of the accounts which my Muttaseddies required from Mr. Moubray some have been received, and some are yet to come, and I must have explanations of them from Mr. Moubray. I therefore request you will be pleased to permit his attendance at my Durbar for that purpose.— What can I say more?

A true Translation
Signed/ David Haliburton
Pers.n Trans.r

The two foregoing Letters from the Nabob ordered to lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Honble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.—
Acting President
&c. Fort St. George.—

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From the Military Paymaster General. Applies for instructions regarding sundry sums which stand to Mr Burke's debit as money unaccounted for.

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to state that in the examination of Mr. Burke's Accounts he has retained the following sums. Viz.t—

In Account Current between 1st May 1706 and 24th February 1707, dated 30th March 1709, The sum of Pagodas 5,416.—.— being called surplusage carried diminution of the Crown balance and in the account from the 25th June to 24th August 1709, dated 24th August 1709, The sum of Pagodas 39,601.1.10: at the bottom of the account Current there is the following Memorandum—

"The above surplusage of Pagodas 39,601.1.10 received from "the 25th February 1707 to 24th August 1709 is no longer "carried forward. Government having in their Secretary's letter "of the 27th October 1709 ordered that all future balances "of Cash be brought forward in discharge of future payments

These two Sums, making together Pag.s 45,017.24.71/4 of course now stand at Mr. Burke's debit in my Books unaccounted for.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Pay Office
Fort St. George
16th March. 1792.

Minute thereon

Signed / Benjn. Roebuck
M.P.G.

Before the Board can come to any

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debit in the Military Paymasters General's Books, it will be necessary that they should receive such further explanations as it may be in Mr. Roebuck's power to afford, particularly as to the time that has elapsed since the balance accrued, and whether any steps were taken to enforce the order for bringing it forward, and applying it to the growing demands —

Read the following Letter from Mr. William Duffin

From Mr. William Duffin requesting that Govt will order the amount due to Mr. Sharrow for victualling the sick of the Bombay detachment to be discharged

To William C Jackson Esquire
Military Secretary

Sir/

I request you will lay the enclosed — before Government; and, as the papers relative to — victualling the sick of the Bombay detachment have already been laid before the Board, I hope the — difficulties Mr. Sharrow labours under will be done — away by an order to discharge the amount of his Claim

I have the honor to be &ca
Signed/ William Duffin.

Madras
17th March 1792

Sir/

On the subject of my Claims on Captain — Forester for victualling the Bombay detail, I confess I think myself not treated in a proper manner. I undertook it for reasons

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reasons that you are well acquainted with. When General Abercromby joined circumstances were in that state it was impossible to refer to him, he came but two days previous to the preliminaries; one of which they had a very smart engagement with the Enemy; after the cessation, a requisition was made by Tippoo to his Lordship that it was his wish (from their situation) that division of the Army might withdraw from their post; it was granted accordingly, and in course I was afterwards totally precluded applying to the General.

With much deference to your superior judgment relative to the matter, I think if you would apply to Governt. on the subject, they would order an immediate payment; having had the papers before them, and being well assured of the rectitude and justness of the demand, I shall leave the matter entirely to you Sir, and am convinced you will finish the business; the amount is Pags 112.32

The Camp is in great spirits but anxious to move, being much in want of forage for our Cattle. We have received from the Tyrant One million and half, and two of his sons. I hope to be favored with a line in answer. I have been; and am much troubled with a very obstinate Complaint in my Bowels.

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I have the honor to be &c &c
Signed/ Thomas Marrow

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Ordered that &c

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112.32 — be discharged by the Military Paymaster General, and that the Bombay Presidency be debited for the same.

Do. Agreed that a letter be written to the Government of Bombay stating the circumstances, and recommending that the amount be deducted from Captain Foster's pay.

Read the following Letter from Mr. W.m Balfour

From the Attorney to Lieut. Col. Stuart enclosing Copy of a Letter from his Constituent, in which he lays claim to a full Colonel's share of the Revenue money in consequence of the Colonel of the 72d Regt being in England.

To William C. Jackson Esquire.
Military Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Lieut Colonel Stuart of his Majesty's 72nd Regiment on the subject of his Claim for Gratuity from 1st May 1790. to 30th April 1791, which I request the favor of you to lay before Govt for their final determination thereon.

I have the honor to be, &c.a

Signed Will.m Balfour.

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Messrs. Balfour, Spalding and Colt.
Madras.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of 16th December last I have been duly favored with, By which I observe that in taking out a Bond for my Revenue Money from 1st May 1790. to 30th April 1791 you have only received a proportion or share for me as Lieut: Col: Vizt Pagd 624.1.71. In place of the proportion or share of Colonel, which I am entitled to by order of the Court of Directors-Vizt Pagd 1265.16.19 the Colonel of the 72nd Regt not being in India, and I, of course, am "acting as such".

Observing that the orders of Governm.t "respecting

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the distribution of Gratuity } of 11th Nov.r 1791. Concludes thus "The above
"distribution is to take place, subject to the qualifications and limitations
"contained in the subsidiary rules transmitted from Bengal and
"published in the General Orders of 4th October 1789." I yesterday
mentioned the business to Colonel Ross, as well as the paragraphs of
the Company's general letter of 5th March 1790. confirming their orders as
transmitted to the Govt. of Bengal dated 11th march 1789 wherein they
direct as their "final determination" on the subject of Revenue money,
Genl Letter dated 11 March 1789 Para 42 "that the sum of 34000 Pags" be the annual amount to be divided among
"the Field officers of the Madras Establishment, and those of His
"Majesty's Troops serving on the Coast of Coromandel" in the proportions
therein specified for each respective rank. And with regard to his
Para 43 & 56. Majesty's officers that "the actually effective field officers of each Regt are
"to draw this allowance namely a Colonel Lieut Colonel and Major or
"three officers acting as such." And providing shares for the four
Genl Letter dated 5th March 1790 Para 70 & 71. officers of the 71st & 76th Regts and 3 Regts of Native Cavalry without intermix-
-ing with the 34000 Pags the sums originally appropriated for the field
officers of the Madras establishment by the orders of 11th march 1789
which is directed to be distributed agreeably to their former Commands.

Colonel Ross said that there must have been some
mistake in granting me a Bond for my share only as Lieut. Colonel-
the Colonel of my Regt., not being in India, that I was certainly
entitled by the latest orders from the Court of Directors to share revenue
money as Colonel, and that by stating the matter to you as my
Agents, so as to enable you to explain to Mr. Jackson the Military
Secretary, that the mistake would most assuredly be rectified, and a
Bond granted to me for Pags 1,265.16.19. in place of 64.1.71. I
therefore request you will be so good as to communicate the Contents

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be laid before the Honble Board, for their determination.

Camp near
Pycadundrum
22d January 1792.

I am, with great esteem,
Signed/ J. Stuart.
Lieut: Col. Comm.g 72d Regt. Dca

Minute thereon

On referring to the Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General in Council dated 29th July 1789, the Board find the following passage, "We have therefore in some degree qualified the instructions" of the Court of Directors "by not admitting the "Revenue Allowance of a Colonel to be drawn by any officer under that rank" —

D.o.

Resolved that the above be communicated to Lieut: Col: Stuart, in order to convince him that there has not been any mistake in not granting him a Colonel's Share of the Revenue money

Captain Rosmyr his Majesty's 11th Hanoverian Regt and 50 Invalids to embark on the Lord Camden

The Acting President proposes that Captain Rosden of his Majesty's 11th. Hanoverian Regt. and fifty invalids of the Company's service be embarked for Europe on the Lord Camden.

Ordered accordingly.

Lieut: Colonel Collins to command the Black Town until further orders

The Command of the Black Town having become vacant by the departure of Colonel de Wangenheim for Europe, and it being usually annexed to the rank of Senior Officer of the Brigade. Resolved that Lieut: Col: Collins be appointed thereto, until the opinion of Major General Meadows can be obtained

Death of Lieut: Colonel Montgomery and Lieut: Whyte of the Infantry

The Acting President reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant Whyte of the 11th Battalion of Native Infantry, who was killed on the morning of the 25th of February near Vizianagrum in a Skirmish with some Peons belonging to Vizeram Tauze — and of Lieut Colonel Montgomery on board the Northumberland Indiaman, in these roads, on the 19th Instant.

Reference to be made to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam in reputing the death of Lieutenant Whyte

Agreed to inform the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, that the Board wish to be further acquainted with the circumstances

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Circumstances of Lieut. Whytes death, and desire, they will in future particularly report when any thing extraordinary occurs in the casualties of officers within their district

As the Estate of the late Lieut: Colonel Montgomery stands indebted to the Company in the sum of Pag. 5133. 21. 57 on account of charges improperly incurred by that officer during the time he was in the command of the detachment serving with the Nizam's army, and as Mr. William Balfour, by his letter of the 8th Instant, has bound himself to become responsible for the sum. Ordered that he be called upon to pay the amount into the hands of the Military Paymaster General —

Mr. William Balfour to be called upon to pay into the hands of the Military Paymaster General the amount due to the Company by Lieut. Colonel Montgomery.

Chas Oakeley

George Parry

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Diary

20th Sent the following Letters

To Thomas Morton Esqr

Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors

To the Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors. Lieut. Robert J. Huddleston permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Re-establishment of his Health. Death of Lieut. Colonel Montgomery.

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you that Lieutenant Robert John Huddleston having since the close of the Military Letter laid before the Board a Certificate signed by two Surgeons stating the necessity of his proceeding to the Cape of good Hope and eventually to Europe for the re-establishment of his Health he has been permitted to embark on the Northumberland.—

As Lieutenant Huddleston is a deserving Officer, the Board direct me to express their hope that the Honorable Court will be pleased to permit him to return to India with his Rank, if he should be under the necessity of proceeding to Europe and that an application be made to them for that Purpose.—

I have it in command to report to you, for the information of the Honorable Court, that Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery departed this Life on Board the Northumberland the 16th Instant.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

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Signed W. C. Jackson
Sec.

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To Colonel de Fresne

Knight of the Royal and Military Order of St Louis,

Commandant of the French Settlements in India

&c &c &c

Governor of Pondicherry

To the Governor of Pondicherry enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr Yeats regarding the Transportation of Slaves from the Northward to Pondicherry - and an intercepted Letter unopened addressed to Mr Bonnefoy

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose, for your information, Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Ingeram on the Subject of the Slave Trade.

I am convinced Sir, from your Letter of the 22d Ultimo, that you are very sincerely desirous of uniting your endeavours with this Government to put a Stop to so disgraceful a Traffic, and under that conviction, I have deemed it proper to send you the Letter to Mr Bonnefoy unopened, assuring myself that you will cause due enquiry to be made into the circumstances represented by Mr Yeats.

I have the Honor to be,
with distinguished Consideration,
&c &c
Signed Chas Oakeley

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay.

To the Governor in Council at Bombay - arrangement made for liquidating Mr Skanow's claims on account of victualling the Bombay Detachment

Honble Sir,

Captain Foster having represented to us on his arrival here, that the Bombay Detachment

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20 Establishment to attend the Troops - but Captain Foster neglected to discharge the victualling Bill amounting to One hundred and twelve Pagodas thirty two fanams / 112-32 /, altho' the assistant Surgeon had written to him twice on the subject, and that it was at his express desire that sick were victualled - we therefore beg leave to recommend that this sum be deducted from Captain Foster's Pay, and we shall discharge Mr Skarons Bills debiting your Presidency for the amount.

We have the Honor to be,
Hon. Sr
Your Obt Hble Servts
Signed Chas Oakeley
Hon Council

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

Major Lieutenant Colonel Collins appointed to the Command of Black Town

Hon'ble Sr,

The Command of the Black Town having become vacant by the departure of Colonel de Langenheim for Europe, and it being usually annexed to the rank of senior officer of the Brigade we have appointed Lieutenant Colonel Collins thereto, until your opinion could be obtained - We hope this appointment will meet your Confirmation.

We have the Honor to be,
Hon. Sr
Your Obt Hble Servts
Signed Chas Oakeley
Hon Council

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25 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as
entered in Mr B. Nos 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122.
123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128.

To Mr. William Balfour
Security for the Late
Lieutenant Colonel
Montgomery —

To Mr. William Balfour - desiring him to pay
into the Hands of the Military Paymaster General
the Sum of Pagodas 5433. 28.57. being the amount
to be refunded by Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery's
Estate, on account of overcharges and irregular Draws
incurred by him while in the Command of the
Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army.

To the Secretary
at Bengal

To the Secretary at Bengal - inclosing Extract of a
Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley dated
15th Instant. —

To the Officer
Commanding the Troops
in the Guntoor Circar

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Gun-
toor Circar - approving his Conduct in having declined Compli-
ance with Captain Ure's application for Grain for the use of his
private Followers - and desiring him to communicate to
that Officer the Board's Displeasure at the disrespect-
ful terms in which his application is couched. —

To the Honorable
Company's Solicitor

To the Honorable Company's Solicitor desiring him
to inform the Board of the Steps he has taken in consequence
of their orders bearing Date the 16th December last. —

To the Commandant
at Tripasore —

To the Commandant at Tripasore - inclosing Copy
of a Petition addressed to Government by Captain Reddyff
Butterman at Tripasore, and desiring him to reply to
the Complaint preferred

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25th To Major Tutt - informing him, in reply to his Letter

To Major Tutt Commanding the Artillery at the Mount — to the Deputy Comptroller under Date the 14th Instant, that it is left entirely to his Option either to Swear to the validity of his account, or refund the amount adjudged to be due from him to Government. —

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army accounts — informing him that Lieutenant Rollo is to draw Batta for the time he may have charge of the broken Detachments of His Majesty's Regiments. —

To the Deputy Comptroller General of Army accounts.

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province — enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Murray; and desiring him, if he considers the Arrangement proposed by her to be what Sebberow ought in Justice to accept, to use his Endeavours to settle the Business in Conformity thereto. —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province

To the Military Paymaster General — desiring him to inform the Board what Time has elapsed since the Balance standing in his Books against Mr. Burke, accrued, and whether any Steps were taken to enforce the order for bringing such Balance forward, and applying it to the growing Demands. —

To the Military Paymaster General

To Lieutenant Colonel Stewart — informing him that by the Qualifications and Limitations contained in the Subsidiary Rules referred to in the General Order of the 11th November 1794, he is expressly precluded from drawing a Colonel's Share in the Gratuity Fund. —

To Lieut. Colonel Stewart of His Majesty's 72d Regiment —

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To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

desiring to be particularly acquainted with the Circumstances attending the Death of Lieutenant Whyte and to be informed in future of any thing extraordinary that occurs in the Casualties of Officers within their Districts.—

To the Commander of the Lord Camden directing him to receive on board his Ship as Passengers for England Captain Reden of His Majesty's 11th Hanoverian Regiment, and informing him that his Accomodation and Passage will be defrayed by the Company in England

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship Lord Camden—

To Lieutenant Robert John Hudleston informing him that he has the Boards Permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope, and eventually to Europe, for the Recovery of his Health.—

To Lieut.t Robert John Hudleston

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 16th Instant.—

To the Secretary at Bengal

Received Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 37 expressing his Satisfaction at the Conclusion of the Preliminary Articles of Peace.—

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore—

22d Received the following Letters.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

President in Council &c.

From the Renters of Mr Swartz waits upon the Rajah to deliver to him a Translate of the account Collections which accompanied the Board's Letter of the 10th Instant

Honble Sir & Sir,

I have received your Honors Letter dated

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22 Revenue, which has been delivered to his Excellency —
His Excellency has desired me to translate the
account into his language, which I shall do without
delay. — I should have waited this day on his Excellency
with the translate of the account, but was given to under-
stand that his Excellency would not be seen for some
days on account of the death of one of His married Ladies
I have the Honor to be respectfully
&c. &c.
Tanjore Signed C. F. Swartz
March 19 1792

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President in Council &c.
From the Revd Mr. Swartz - detains to the Rajah the Letter containing an account of the Termination of the War —

Honorable Sir and Sir

Your Honors Letter to His Excellency containing
a Congratulation on account of the highly advantageous
peace with Tippoo Sultaun I have delivered. His Excellency
received it with Joy on account of the Effects which would
be favorable to the Country. —
I have the Honor to be, respectfully &c. &c.
Tanjore Signed C. F. Swartz
March 19 1792

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Acting President &c.

From the Commandant at Tranquebar respecting a skirmish between the Polygar Killavan and Kathamuruga

Sir,

Kistnamah Nauje had collected about 500 Men
and taken post at Narapahnoor to be ready to execute what
he some time ago proposed, on hearing Hostilities had ceased,
and

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and that the alloor District was likely to be ceded to the Company, I desired Kistnamah Nauze to discharge as many of his people as he could, and remain with the rest at Naraparaveer and wait the Conduct of Tippoo's people, as I expected they would either plunder the opalent inhabitants, or carry them to Seringapatam, and not to allow any of his men to go beyond our old limits — On the 10th he informed me he had been attacked before day by the allor Killedar with 2000 men and two Guns that he had then beat him off, but could not expect to be successful if again attacked as he had previously informed his people they were to be discharged, their Continuing with him was owing to his want of Money to pay them — To prevent further disturbances Lieut. Davis went with a party of Sepoys to Salem — The Killedar has written that he was ignorant of a peace between his Master and the English on the 11th but had since received notice of it — Lieutenant Davis will consequently return tomorrow —

I have the Honor to be

Tiagar
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Sir &c.

Wm. Flint

Capt. Com.d

To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Hon.ble Court of Admiral Rumbold — Lt. Smith Assistant to Engr. kindly applies for Leave to proceed to the Presidency for the Benefit of his Health

Hon.ble Sir,

In compliance with your instructions of 27th Instant we have called upon Lt. Smith

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22 to assign the urgency of Mr. Atkinson's reasons in applying for leave of absence.

We have the Honor to inform you that a similar application has been made to us by Mr. Kindersley in behalf of his assistant Mr. Smith, who, "being a good deal indisposed, requests your permission "for his visiting the Presidency for the benefit of his health.

We have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants

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Wm Petrie

David Haliburton

Wm Balfour

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mss B. Nos. 129. 130. 131

To the Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors

To Mr. Sharrow informing him that the Military Paymaster has been instructed to discharge his Bills for victualling the sicks of the Bombay Detachment.

To Mr. Sharrow Assistant Surgeon

To the Secretary to the Honorable Court of Directors — enclosing a List of Charter Party Passengers embarked on the Lord Camden.

To the Commander of the Lord Camden — enclosing a Return of Men ordered to embark on his Ship as Charter Party Passengers for England.

To the Commander of the United Company's Ship Lord Camden

Received from the Town Major a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Lawes Assistant as entered in Mss B. No. 132 requesting his assistance in procuring the Payment of Money

Letter from Mr. Lawes Assistant Shopkeeper to the Town Major

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22 Money due to him by Ensign Phillips Ballard, for Goods delivered. —

23 Received a Letter from the Secretary to the Hospital Board / as entered in M. B. N 133 / mentioning that Permission be granted to Mr Corbett, Assistant Surgeon, to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope, and eventually to Europe, for the Recovery of his Health. —

From the Secretary to the Hospital Board

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President

Friday 23 March 1792

William Petrie Esqr.

The Honorable Major General Medows absent upon Service

John Huddleston Esqr. absent indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved —

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Sir John Kennaway informs me that

From Lord Cornwallis. His Definitive Treaty shall be concluded with the first fair Opportunity with the Rights of War & Peace returned to the Morning of Hostility & Limits the Mid Remains of the Territory to Engineers to the Contending Powers approved 29 [illegible]

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all parties, that the Vackeels are preparing to carry it into the Fort, and promise to return with it, signed and Sealed by Tippoo, tomorrow Morning to the tent of the young Hostages, who are to deliver it into my hands —

It will be better to detain the Northumberland one day longer, that she may carry home the account of the actual execution of the Treaty, and of the Territory given up to the Company, the Nett Revenues of which amount to 39 Lacks fifty thousand Rupees. —

I have no news from England; the Dispatches related only to peace, and I am happy to know that our present Treaty is not likely to be disapproved by the Secret Committee. —

I am, with much Esteem,

&c. &c.

Signed Cornwallis.

Camp near Seringapatam 16 March 1792.

Minute thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent immediately to Bengal. —

Read the following Letter from Bengal —

To the Honble the Governor in Council at Fort St George.

From Bengal congratulatory on the Victory gained over the Enemy on the Night of the 6th Ultimo —

Honble Sir,

We have had the pleasure to receive this Morning by express, your Letter of the 16th Ultimo, enclosing a Copy of one from Lord Cornwallis to your acting President, advising him of the Successful attack made upon the Enemy's Camp in the Night of the 6th Ultimo. — We

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We cordially Congratulate you on this Glorious and happy Event, which, it is reasonable to hope, will, ere long be followed by the re-establishment of Peace.

We request you will transmit the enclosed Letter to the address of Lord Cornwallis.

and we have the Honor to be,

Fort William
2 March 1792

Sir &c
Signed Chas Stuart
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Read the following Letter from the Military Secretary to the Governor General.

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

From the Military Secretary to the Governor General enclosing Copies of sundry Papers relating to Major Hart's appointment of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops serving under this Presidency

Sir,

I have been directed by Earl Cornwallis to enclose a Copy of a Letter addressed to me as Adjutant General by Mr Hay Secretary to the Supreme Government, and to request that you will be pleased to inform the Board that his Lordship's decision upon the point referred to him is, that it will be most regular that Mr Burke should continue to pay the King's Troops serving with the Army under his Lordship's own immediate Command during the War, and whilst they remain in the Mysore Country; and to

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General to the King's Troops serving under the Commander in Chief at Madras, ought to Commence, and his requisitions for that purpose to be complied with, upon the return of His Majesty's Regiments within the limits of the Presidency of Fort St George. —

I likewise enclose a Copy of a letter written by me to Major Hart, by his Lordship's directions, — Communicating the above decision to him. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Camp before Seringapatam
16th March 1792

Signed A Ross Mil Sec.y

Lieutenant Colonel Ross

Adjutant General

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you a Copy of a letter, dated the 26th of November 1791, and the Papers inclosed in it, which have been received from Major Hart, and to acquaint you that the Board request his Lordship will do them the favor of deciding upon the reference which Major Hart has laid before them. — I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Fort William
4 January 1792

Signed E Hay Secy to the Govt.

a true Copy

Signed A. Ross Mil Sec.y

To

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To Major George Hart
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

The Supreme Board having transmitted to Earl Cornwallis a Copy of your letter dated the 26th November last, and addressed to the President and Members of the Supreme Council, with copies of its enclosures, and requested that his Lordship would decide upon the reference contained in that letter, His Lordship has directed me to inform you that as the King's Troops serving with this Army cannot be considered as belonging to any particular Presidency, and as Mr. Burke, the Deputy Paymaster General for all His Majesty's Troops in India, was in the Field and actually in charge of the payment of the Regiments then serving in the Army under his Lordship's Command, at the time of the arrival of your appointment to be Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops serving under the Commander in Chief at Madras, he not only coincides in opinion with the Government of Madras that it will be proper that all Monies to be issued on account of those Troops should go into the hands of Mr. Burke whilst he shall continue

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to require it during the War, but also conceives that the charge of those payments should remain with Mr Burke until His Majesty's Regiments shall again enter the limits of the Madras Presidency.—

His Lordship has, at the same time, further directed me to acquaint you that he has communicated the above Opinion to the Government of Fort St George with the addition that upon the return of the King's Regiments within the Bounds of that Presidency, your requisitions for Pay for the actual effectives in India of those Troops ought to be complied with, under the regulations that have been established for the inspection and audit of the accounts of His Majesty's Deputy Pay. General, by the Company's Offices of audit at the different Presidencies.— I have the Honorable,

Sir &c.

(Signed) A Ross Mil. Sec.

Camp before Seringapatam
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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Secretary to the Govr. General—

Ordered to lie on the Table until the receipt of Lord Cornwallis's answer to the letter written to his Lordship on the 17th Instant regarding Major Hart's appointment.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board—
recommendation in regard
to the Mode of executing the
Repairs required to the
Fortifications at Chingleput.

(Works)

Agreeably to your Commands under date the 22.d February We beg leave to submit to you Copy of a Minute recorded by Major Maule, detailing his observations upon the Estimates prepared by the Paymaster at Chingleput, of the Repairs required to the Fortifications at that place, and, concurring entirely in the justice and propriety thereof, It only remains for us to Recommend to you the adoption of the mode suggested by him for Executing the Repairs in question.

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Ed.d Collins
Geo: Maule
George Hall

Fort S.t George
20.th March 1792

Major Maule, on receiving the Chingleput Paymasters Estimate for the Repairs of the Breaches in the Walls of that Fort, and which Government were pleased to direct him to report upon, has the honor to submit to the Board in Consequence, the following

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The Original Paper of Estimates did not convey sufficiently in detail the several points necessary to the forming an accurate Opinion of the justness of the Charges; Major Naule therefore requested the Secretary of this Board to call upon Mr. Skardon for such particulars as were essential thereto, and he now lays before the Board, for the Information of Government, two Explanatory Papers received at two different Periods, in addition, from Mr. Skardon, and begs leave to remark on the subject generally, as follows.—

The Prices for workmen and Coolies are properly charged, and the Numbers of Bricks and Quantity of Chunam appear to be requisite, but the Charge for the Stone work appears excessive, as the Stones which originally composed the work, and can only have been displaced, not destroyed, by the Effects of the Monsoon, must still be forthcoming and must render, in a great part, unnecessary the Quantity charged in the Estimates as to be brought from the Hills.—

Mr. Skardon has remarked that a considerable portion of the Walls on each side the Breaches must of necessity be removed, before any part can be repaired— This precaution is on all Occasions necessary where new Masonry is to be joined on to old, how far in the present instances, the space necessary to be removed is precisely

determined

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upon or otherwise, Major Maule cannot, from the wan
of Inspection, ascertain: from the same cause he is unable
determine upon such parts of the work as are most nece
to be carried into Execution for the immediate security
the Fort. Mr Skardon has remarked in the Estimate
N° 3 and N° 6 of the outer Fort "that it will not be
"possible to repair these Breaches unless the Ditch is
"drained which cannot be done at this Season" and up
the Estimate N° 5 that the Repair may be dispens
with for the Reasons he sets forth.

Major Maule thinks it his Duty to conclu
this subject by remarking to the Board that if it becom
the Resolution of Government to carry into effect these Repa
the work being performed by the Contractors for Repa
under an experienced Master from the Engineers
Department (who shall report and be answerable
thereto, for the Execution of the Work) will, from the
Stipulated reduction of 15 ℔ Cent, become, upon the
Estimates, a saving to the Company of Pagodas 574. 4. 14-
in the same Proportion, and will to a certainty receive
equal, if not superior, Justice in the Execution of the W

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11th March 1792

[signed] Geo. Maule

a true Copy

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board—
the accoutrements & Cartridge
Paper proposed to be supplied
from Bengal not required—
Remarks on the short
Delivery of Stores shipped
at Coringa on the Brig
minish—and on the Sales
of unserviceable Stores at
Ganjam—enclosing a Letter
from Captain Bell
Opinion thereon—Jumpounder
recd in dents Store

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands of the 1st and 2d, also those conveyed to us through Mr. Secretary Jackson on the 7th Instant.—

We beg leave to express our Concern that either this or the Supreme Government should have been occasioned any Inconvenience from a Circumstance which had originated, in the first Instance, from a misconception of the Orders contained in Mr. Secretary Fombelle's letter of the 15th September 1790—The Packet enclosing the Indents on Bengal, was sent, as usual, under a flying Seal, to Mr. Secretary Jackson, and in the Expectation that they would, in consequence, be submitted to your Consideration and approval; it did not occur to us as necessary, to particularize in our Secretary's Letter of the 3d January last, the Contents of the Packet therewith transmitted—the more especially as you had not been pleased to signify any objections to our preferring the Indents in question, as suggested in Mr. Secretary Dashwood's Letter of the 14th October, which was also sent to us under a flying Seal—But as your Orders are now so clear and specific upon the mode of indenting, We flatter ourselves that a

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Similar mistake will not hereafter arise.—

with respect to the accoutrements and Cartridge paper proposed to be supplied from Bengal, in place of those of the description indented for, We find that they will not be required, as such articles can be provided by the Military Storekeeper at this Presidency.

On comparing the Bill of Lading of the Brig Minish, with the List forwarded by the Resident at Ingeram, We find that the supposed difference between them proceeds from the appurtenances mentioned in the former being particularised in the latter, and consequently the Information contained in the papers before us, in no way respects the point under enquiry, the articles deficient having immediately belonged to, and formed a part of the Construction of the Tumbrils landed at Coringa,—but as their Amount appears, on Estimate, to be very trifling. Vizt. 17:39:10. and as it would be difficult to trace the neglect of the Tumbrils to the person directly responsible, We presume it will be unnecessary to prosecute the enquiry further.—

Having examined the Minutes of the account Sales of the unserviceable Stores at Ganjam, We cannot avoid remarking the very trivial Amount of the Proceeds thereof, whilst many of the articles

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in the Store Department - and having beside observed that all the Flints, accoutrements, and other Small Stores were purchased by natives, with purposes — perhaps, of no laudable or legal, nature, We are induced to suggest the probable Inconvenience resulting from the sale of such articles in situations where they may be resold to Zemindars, Poligars &c, and in order to obviate them, as far as possible, in future, We recommend that the Proceedings of the Committee of Stores at Ganjam, as also a survey of all articles deemed unserviceable agreably to the enclosed form, be regularly transmitted to us, previous to any sales taking place, that such articles as are convertible may be directed to be retained in the Store Rooms, and the remainder disposed of in such way as shall not become prejudicial to the Public Interests —

We beg leave to transmit to you, by desire of Captain Bell, an address to your Honorable Board, in consequence of your Commands upon the subject of his Contingent Bills on 25th October - upon which we are precluded from offering any Remark in addition to those we have already submitted —

The Officer Commanding the Artillery in Garrison having laid before us a Report of the Proof of three hundred and thirty three Barrels of Gun Powder manufactured at Madras in last Month, from which it appears that the whole quantity is of very superior quality -

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We have caused the same to be received upon the Company's Books — We have the Honor to be,

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,
Your Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
E Collins
Geo. Maule
Geo. Hall

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
President Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

From Captain Bell states the Grounds upon which the Comptroller General has objected to his accounts — and Claims Reimbursement of sundry sums which he solemnly declares have been actually and bona fide expended for the Public Service —

If among the weightier cares of Government so comparatively trifling a circumstance, as that on which I have already taken the Liberty of addressing your Hon'ble Board, should occur to the recollection of any of its Members, my long silence might I fear be considered as a Tacit acknowledgement of some thing more than unintentional Error such as Interest of the question, neither my Veracity nor my Honor would permit me to make — To obviate any supposition of that nature, It may be necessary to inform your Honors, that my very ill state of health and the firm Reliance which I have uniformly placed on the ultimate Justice of your Decision respecting my Claim were the only causes of that silence —

It will not I hope be deemed foreign to

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objection to the Charge made by me originated in an supposition that no Committee of Inspection had sat to determine on the necessary repairs of Tents previous to such repairs being made. —

In order to prove that this was the principal ground on which his objections were founded I take the liberty to transcribe a Paragraph from his Letter to Mr. Cole Paymaster under date 30th July 1790. —

"From no mention being made of a Committee "of Inspection, I am afraid it has been forgotten - will you "then remind Colonel Harris of it, for it will save us all "an Infinite deal of trouble and dispute. —

"I shall unless this has been complied with "object to every Pagoda." —

Since that time the Comptroller General as well as the Military Board have been convinced that such Committee did actually sit - the Proceedings thereof, with other authentic Documents proving the urgency of the occasion upon which I acted, having been laid before them. —

Colonel Capper's subsequent recommendation of my Claim, in conjunction with the other Members of the Military Board may I think fairly be considered as a further Corroboration of this fact. —

Lest I should be thought to trespass too much on your Honor's time, shall now confine myself to the

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Conditions, on which I am given to understand, by the
Extract of a Letter from Government under date the 25
October, I may expect a reimbursement of the Sum in
question, and proceed to give, as nearly as I can in so
solemn a manner pretend to do, "an account of the Money
"actually and bonâ fide disbursed by me for the Public
"Service."

And first with respect to the Charge for
repairing the Tents of the army in March 1790 amounting
to Pagodas 3303 It was averaged, as I have already
had the Honor of representing, on a calculation of Expence
for the different descriptions of Tents at as low a rate as
possible, and I now declare on my word of Honor that
on this occasion I disbursed 2400 Pagodas / to which sum
a minute account carefully kept enables me to speak
thus particularly / exclusive of a variety of small sums
for different Articles, which on account of the expence
being fixt at an average I did not think it
necessary to ascertain.

With respect to the articles bought, amounting
to 6646 22. I declare, in the same solemn manner, that
they were purchased without any view to my own
private advantage, but to facilitate the Equipment
of the army; for which purpose they were absolutely
necessary; and that I firmly believe that the Prices

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for such Articles.—

Could the very delicate Tenure by which I now hold any Claim, have been foreseen, a more minute attention to the Expenditure of small Sums with which I cannot now Tax my memory, would have been of material Service to me on the present occasion, but, called upon as I am, and unassisted by such helps, I must rely on the attention of your Honors to the Opinion of the Military Board, founded on a full Investigation of the matter, and Expressed in their Letter of the 12th September, but more particularly on that Justice and Liberality which do so much Honor to your Councils, for a full and ample Indemnification.—

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

(Signed) Rob Bell Comm.y of Stores

Trichinopoly
26th February 1792

Agreed to inform the Military Board that such Repairs as they deem indispensibly necessary at Chingleput, may be undertaken, and in the manner recommended by the Military Board,—agreed also to acquaint them that whenever the expence attending the execution of Repairs exceed the Estimate approved by Government, they are to report the same, explaining fully the reasons for such excess.—

Minute on the foregoing Letters from the Military Board & Captain Bell

Ordered that Mr. Secretary May be informed that the Accoutrements and Cartridge Papers proposed to be supplied from Bengal, will not be required.—

Resolved that an Extract of that part of the Letter from the Military Board regarding the sale of Guns serviceable Stores at Tanjaur be sent to Mr. Snodgrass for his information and Guidance.—

Agreed to postpone the consideration of Captain Bell's Letter until the Comptroller's audit of the subsequent Months Charges

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Charges is before the Board.—

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam the enclosures of which are entered in MB No 134. 135.—

To the Honorable Major General William Medows

Governor in Council &

Fort St George

From the Chief & Council at Masulipatam recommending that the following instructions be instructed to supply the Rice ordered to be laid in Store at Innicondah inclosing Copy of a Report from the Committee of Works regarding Repairs required to the Military Quarters and other public Buildings and applying for Instructions on the subject.—

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letters of the 11th and 23d Ultimo, and the 1st Instant.

Your orders for advancing to the Paymaster at Ellore a Sum for enabling him to discharge the amount of Bills drawn on him by the Paymaster General for the discharge of the arrears due on account of Temporary allowances shall be attended to.—

The two Companies of European Infantry stationed at Guntoor have been put into cantonment there, and all Field allowances discontinued.—

In consequence of the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant we wrote to the Paymaster of Angole for information, whether he might be able to procure 100 Garce of Paddy to be laid up in Store at Innicondah, and at what price, a Copy of his answer is herewith enclosed, whereby you will observe that the Grain wanted is not to be procured in either the Guntoor or Angole Circars, and that he offers to lay in Rice at 150 or Paddy at 86 Madras Pagodas ₰ Garce. This price appears to us very high, considering that Rice is ordered to be served out to the Troops at the rate of 70 Current Pagodas ₰ Garce, and we think it proper therefore, previous to our giving any Instructions in that [illegible]

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probable that the Collector in the Nellore District might be able to supply the Quantity of Grain wanted for store at Innicondah at a cheaper rate than it can be provided in any other way and, if this mode meets with your approbation, we would recommend that directions might be sent to Mr. Dighton for that purpose, and that the Carriage be either furnished by him, or by Mr. Young as your Honor &c. may deem most expedient. —

Colonel Brathwaite having several times represented the Military Quarters at Ellore, being in a bad state of repair, a survey thereof has been made by our Engineer, whose Estimates of the expence, having been submitted to a Committee of Works, we have the Honor of herewith enclosing a Copy of their proceedings together with a Copy of the Engineer's Letter, and abstract of the Estimates therein referred to, you will observe that the whole Amount of the Expence is estimated at Madras Pagodas — 3049. 1. 84. and we request your orders whether the whole or any part of the repairs shall be undertaken. —

We likewise enclose a Return of Military Stores for last Month. and have the Honor to be, very respectfully

Masulipatam 13th March 1792

V.&c.
Anth. Sadleir
W. Dobbyn
And.w Scott

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Board of Assumed Revenue be desired to instruct the Collector of Nellore to supply the Paymaster at Angole with one hundred Garce of Rice to be laid up in Store at Innicondah upon Mr. Young's paying for the same at the Market Price. The Carriage to be furnished by the Paymaster. —

Agreed that the Sum of One Thousand Pagodas

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but no more, be laid out in the execution of such Repairs as are most wanted to the Military Quarters at Ellore, the Engineer taking the Opinion of Colonel Brathwaite with regard to the Quarters standing in the greatest need of Repair.—

Mr. Fallofield to be called to the Presidency to take his Seat at the Board.—

The acting President proposes that Mr. Fallofield be called to the Presidency, to take his Seat at the Board in the Room of Mr. Hudleston. That the temporary Charge of the Collections in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country be delivered over to Mr. James Strange; and that the Offices of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore be held, pro tempore, by Mr. William Hawkins.—

Mr. Strange to be instructed to take Charge of the Collections in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country.

The Offices of Paymaster & Storekeeper at Tanjore to be held, pro tempore, by Mr. William Hawkins.—

Approved and ordered accordingly.—

Chas. Oakeley.

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Diary

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M13 Nos 136. 137. 138.—

To Ernst William Tallofield Esq.r

To Ernst William Tallofield Esq.r desiring him to set out for the Presidency so as to arrive by the 2d of next Month; delivering over Charge of his Employ as Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country to Mr James Strange.

To Mr James Strange

To Mr James Strange— directing him to proceed immediately to the proper Station, and receive Charge of the Employ of Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country from Mr Tallofield; delivering over his Employs of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore to Mr William Hawkins. —

To Mr William Hawkins. —

To Mr William Hawkins — informing him that the Board have been pleased to appoint him to the — Temporary Charge of the Offices of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore; — and desiring him to proceed without Delay to Tanjore, and receive Charge from Mr Strange. —

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

acting President

William Petrie Esq.r

The Honorable Major General Medows

absent upon Service. —

Minutes of last Consultation

Saturday
24.th March 1792. read and approved. —

The acting President laid
before the Board the following Letters
just received from Lord Cornwallis.

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Our business is I believe, at last,
nearly brought to a conclusion, but, from the
uncertainty I have already experienced of
the terme of the completion of such negotiation
I should wish that the Northumberland
may be detained until you receive a letter
which I will write to you tomorrow.

I am, with much esteem

&c. &c.

Cornwallis

From Lord Cornwallis — the Negociation nearly brought to a Conclusion desires that the Northumberland may be detained one day longer

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Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

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

From Lord Cornwallis receives the Definitive Treaty executed by Tippoo Sultaun — the Northumberland to be dispatched immediately — General Medows ordered out for the Presidency — orders regarding Dooleys to be sent to Bangalore —

Sir,

Every thing is now finally settled, and I have just received the defenetive treaty, signed and sealed by Tippoo, from the hands of his Son: you will please to dispatch the Northumberland with Madras and all my Letters as soon as possible.

It will probably be better that the seven Sloops should stay 'till all the Indiamen have sailed, but I shall have time to consult my brother on that subject. —

General Medows left us this Morning.

Our Europeans are very sickly and we shall want every Dooley at Bangalore that you can possibly procure for us. —

As there will be no occasion for much escort, I wish you would forward them in small divisions as fast as you can get them, for I am much afraid that when the sick are transported from hence, Bangalore will be so crowded that it will be difficult to provide any accommodation for them. —

I am, with much esteem,

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Cornwallis

Camp near Seringapatam March 19.th 1792.

Order'd

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Fort St George 24th March 1792.

Ordered that Copies of all the Letters received from Lord Cornwallis since this 15th Instant be sent to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Northumberland, and that the Packet be closed this Evening.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from Lord Cornwallis.

Ordered that Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter dated the 19th Instant be dispatched, by express, to Bengal and Bombay

George Parry

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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To the Honorable Charles Stuart

& to the Gentlemen of the Supreme Council

at Fort William

To Bengal advising of Lord Cornwallis having received the Definitive Treaty signed and sealed by Tippoo Sultaun on the 19th Instant

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to enclose Copies of two Letters just Received from Lord Cornwallis, dated the 18th and 19th Instant, the last advising us that the definitive treaty signed and sealed by Tippoo was delivered to his Lordship, by one of the Sultaun's Sons on the 19th — We have great pleasure in congratulating you on this impor[illegible] Event — and [illegible] have the honor to be

Gentlemen &c &c

Fort St. George
24th March 1792.

[illegible]) Charles Oakeley
&c Council

To the Hono[illegible] Governor in Council

at

[illegible]mbay

Honorab[illegible]

To Bombay with Copy of Lord Cornwallis's Letter advising of his having received the Definitive Treaty signed and Sealed by Tippoo Sultaun

[illegible] have the Honor to enclose Copy

of a letter [illegible] from Lord Cornwallis, advising

we Tha[illegible]ive Treaty signed and Sealed by the

Tippoo

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Tippoo was delivered to his Lordship by one of the Sultaun's Sons on the 19th Instant.— We have great pleasure in congratulating you on this important Event.—

and have the honor to be
&c: &c:
(Signed) Charles Oakley &c: Counc.

Fort St. George
24th March 1792.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

as entered in M: B: Nos 139: 140: 141: 142: 143: 144.

To M. Corbett— informing him that he

To Mr Corbett assistant Surgeon.—

has the Board's Permission to proceed to Europe for the Re-establishment of his Health.—

To the Commandant at Vellore— enclosing

To the Commandant at Vellore

Copy of M. Austen's Letter to the Town Major regarding Money due to him by Ensign Ballard— desiring him to state by what Authority that Officer had Permission to visit the Presidency: & and whether he exceeded his Leave of Absence &c informing him that unless the Money due by Ensign Ballard to M. Austen be immediately paid, the Board will mark their Disapprobation of his Conduct by exemplary Punishment.— For

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25.

To the Board of Affeerred Revenue informing them that Mr. Strange has been appointed to the temporary Charge of the Collection in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country and that Government have no Objection to Mr. Hindersley's Assistant Being permitted to visit the Presidency—

To the Board of Affeerred Revenue—

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship Lord Camden—

To the Commander of the Lord Camden &c desiring him to receive Lieutenant Griffiths of His Majesty's 76th Regiment on board his Ship, as Passenger for Europe.—

To D° desiring him to receive Corporal Simon Stracey of His Majesty's 76th Regiment on board his Ship as Charter Party Passenger for England

To D°

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops—desiring him to advance the usual Allowance of Passage Money to Lieutenant Griffiths of His Majesty's 76th Regiment.—

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops

Received the following Letter—

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

From the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry advising of the arrangements of pepper Investments, the Peace and of the Consequent Cessation of Hostilities—

Honble Sir

We have the pleasure to acquaint you

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you that the preliminaries of treaty of peace having been agreed to by all the powers in the field were announced by Lord Cornwallis in General Orders to the British Army on the 24th Ultimo and that a Cessation of Arms was to take place from that day

The particulars of this interesting event have not yet arrived here, but are hourly expected; which we shall not fail to forward by the Speediest Conveyance. —

General Abercromby with the Bombay Troops has, in Consequence, fallen back to Caṇanbary a ford on the River Cavery — The Detachment left to Secure the Posts on the Corga Ghaut is ordered to advance to Paniapatam and a letter of the 2d Instant from Seringapatam (Copy) which we have the honor to enclose / Contains public intimation of a definitive treaty going on which it was expected would be brought to a happy Conclusion in the Course of a few days

We have the honor to be,
&c: &c:

(Signd) " Robert Taylor
" Laurence Shaw
" Samuel Smee
Davis.

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Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines yesterday & enclosing some letters from Lord Cornwallis, General Abercromby, and our friend Tippoo Sultaun. They went by two of his Hircarrahs and two of ours I have nothing to add at present, but that we fall back tomorrow to Cannanbarry, and that Lieutenant Colonel Peche is ordered to advance to Periapatam and we shall send a Detachment to meet him & about the 5th or 6th.

No news in this quarter: negotiations for a Definitive treaty are going on, and I hope will soon be brought to a happy conclusion.—

I am Dear Sir,

Very faithfully and truly Your's

(Signed) S. Auchmuty
M. S.

Camp S. W. of Seringapatam
March 2d.

/a true Copy/
/Signed/ Robert Richards
Secretary.—

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.—
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, by desire of His Lordship, for the information of the Honorable Board

From the Adjutant General enclosing Copy of a Letter to the Commissary of Prisoners of War directing him to transport the Prisoners under his Charge to Bangalore.—

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Board, Copy of a Letter dispatched this day to Lieutenant Baillie, Commissary of Prisoners at Vellore, directing him to take measures # immediately for removing in a Suitable # manner the whole of the Prisoners under his Charge to Bangalore, on their way to Seringapatam

I have the honor to be,

Hd. Quarters Camp
near Seringapatam #
19 March 1792.—

&c.ª &c.ª

(Signed) B.ª Close
Adj.t General of the Army

To Lieutenant Baillie,
Commissary of Prisoners
Vellore.

Sir,

The Definitive Treaty of Peace having been this Day Signed and delivered to Lord Cornwallis, His Lordship is desirous that you would immediately make the # preparations for transporting the prisoners under your Charge to Bangalore, on their route to Seringapatam.—

Lord Cornwallis is particularly anxious that the Prisoners should be furnished with

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with every convenience and accommodation in
be fitting their respective Ranks, you will in
consequence make the preparations agreeably to
the Spirit of his wishes, sparing no Expence in
which may be necessary to procure what you think
proper on this occasion. Each of the Prisoners
of Rank should be furnished with a Dooly.—

Whenever you may have provided the
necessary accommodations for the Prisoners, &
you will apply to the Officer Commanding Vellore
for such an Escort of Native Troops as you may
think requisite for their Security, and proceed
with them on your Route to Bangalore with as
all convenient expedition, giving information
to Head Quarters of the time you think the
the Prisoners will be at Amboor, on the way to
their Destination.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir;

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) B Close

Adjutant General of the

Army.—

To

Head Quarters Camp
before Seringapatam
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To William Collins Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Military Department. —

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Sir,

From Captain Macfey. Timma Nair disperses his Peons. and sends people to answer Rama Pursaud's Complaint. Submits the Propriety of depriving him of the Jaghire. —

I was some days ago honored with 4th your letter of the 10. Instant accompanied by Copy of a letter from the Calastry Rajah to the Honble the President in Council which I should have acknowledged before now but awaited the return of the person, just arrived, whom I sent to Timma Nair in consequence of the reports made me of his proceedings, as mentioned in my letter of the 9th Instant to you, for the information of the Honorable Board my own reports, that I have gathered by information among Timma Nair's own people, than immediate appearances these having been very lately removed / the Rajah had certainly foundation for his apprehensions — Timma Nair affected to have been preparing to join in the attack of Gurrum Conda, in consequence of a promise from His Highness the Nizam's Son to grant him a Jaghire in that District —

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But on the News of Peace unexpectedly altering this pretence, he gave out that his purpose was to meet, and Pay his respects to Lord Cornwallis — However finding that his father was alarmed, and, by some of his emissaries at Madras, that Government had taken Notice of his Conduct, and sent, or were sending, instructions to me regarding him, his Peons, to the Number of little better than 300 were dispersed, and still remain so, in different villages of his Jaghier — so that he himself, speaking of the Alarm taken at Calistry as unfounded, remarked, to my Man the few Peons about him, then only 50, or 60, declaring he had no more —

He has now at last thought proper to send me people to Answer the petitioners Ram pursaunts Complaint and has written in Reply to his father, on the Subject of his late preparations, in a Style, with him uncommonly respectful; Solemnly denying every bad intention whatever; I have therefore taken the opportunity to desire the Rajah invite him to Calastry, and, on the Latitude of my present Commands from the Honorable Board,

I purpose

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I purpose, if he comes, to meet him there, & trive one more, if possible, to accommodate matters between them, and effect the wish of Government — Yet, I am concerned to remark of this Young Man, that his Conduct in General, and more especially, since his profession of the Jaghire, leaves me little to hope from his declarations however Solemn — The Man Rayaroo whom I lately took up here as the Plunderer of the Rajah's Northern Country, in palliation of his own conduct, has delivered me the Authorities he had from Tima Nair: among them a Letter from the Jaghier Commanding from his Station at the Northward, to proceed without loss of time, and join him, Tima Nair, at his Jaghier with at least 500 Men These were what Tima Nair at the same time represented to Government as Mutinous Peons, whom he could not get rid of for want of Pay — The people he employs, and his Chief Advisers are those only whom he knows to be inimical to his Father, the

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the Principal of whom, now, as during his disturbance of last Year, are a Cumchil Sooberow and a Chimpa Nair, both of whom, with others concerned in that affair, being proscribed the Rajah's Territories, the former in particular, at that time ordered by Government to be apprehended at Madras, now professes a Jaghier Village from Timma Nair and has lately been employed as Vackeel from his Excellency Lord Cornwallis, and to His Highness the Nizam's Son, with the Army — So improper an use being made of his Jaghire, contrary to his Agreement, and every good extent induces me humbly to submit these few Circumstances to the Notice of the Honorable Board, as coming among or any of the like Nature, within my own Observation — And should the exertion of my best endeavours now, for bringing Timma Nair to a proper Sense of his Misconduct, prove or abortive, Government will best judge, if / even exclusive of the Rajah's Anxiety / the retention of this Jaghire may not seem a Means likely to forward any improper views Timma Nair might wish to effect, and which eventually might require some

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some Trouble, with a force, to Check. —

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) C. Massey Captain

William Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department. —

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward Mr. Paymaster Brown's Accounts and Vouchers for the Disbursements of Ellore Detachment for the Month of June and July, which a press of other business has prevented my looking into. Copies of the Letters I received from him with those Accounts are likewise enclosed, for the Board's information. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Camp 20th March 1792.

Sir John Kennaway Bart.

Resident at the Court of his Highness the Nizam

From the Resident at Hyderabad — forwarding Mr. Paymaster Brown's Accounts and Vouchers for June and July and Copies of Letters received from that Gentleman respecting them. —

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to

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June last, with Copy of a seperate Account Current
for your more immediate information, by
which it appears that the balance in favor of
the Paymaster General on the 1st of July last
proves to be Current Pagodas (8339. 25.) Eight
Thousand three hundred and thirty nine and
twenty five fanams.—

I have already had the honor of informing
you of objections made by the Military Pay-
master General, to the form originally given me
for my guidance—in drawing out my Accounts
for his Office; it is therefore only necessary to
observe, on this occasion, that I was not
enabled to abide clearly by any certain rule
in this respect, until our Detachment joined
the grand Army; whereby my communication
with Mr Hoar—the Paymaster—could furnish
me with the particulars I required.—This was
particularly necessary, as the Military
Pay Master General had, by mistake, sent me
forms for my instruction that were Calculated
for Garrison payments only. The delay and

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evident interruption which such circumstances would naturally occasion must plead my excuse for the very late day in forwarding my present dispatches, and will, at the same time, explain to you the reason that these Accounts should altogether wear so different an appearance from the former —

I have the Honor to be, with respect

&c. &c.

Camp before Seringapatam
5th March 1792. —

(Signed) Wm. Brown
Paymaster

P. S.

The Vouchers accompany but are enclosed in a seperate packet addressed to the Pay master General, Agreeable to your former desire. —

A true Copy

(Signed) Graeme Mercer
Actg. Asst.

Sir John Kennaway Bart.

Resident at the Court of His Highness the Nizam.

Sir,

I have the honor to send accompanying my Journal Parelle with the Commissary of Grain and Provisions for the Month of June 1791 with

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with their Vouchers enclosed: and to remain &c

with Respect — &c: &c:

Camp before Seringapatam
5th March 8th 92.

(Signed) Wm. Brown
Deputy Com.y Gen.l &c.s

A true Copy
(Signed) Graeme Mercer
Acting Assistant

Sir John Kennaway Bart.
Resident at the Court of
His Highness the Nizam.

Sir,

You will herewith be pleased to receive my Accounts &c: &c: for the Month of July last by the Account Current with the Military Paymaster General attached to which, it will appear, that the Balance of Cash in his favor on the 1st of August last, was Current Pagodas 8743.. 38.. 66 / Eight thousand Seven Hundred and forty three Thirty Eight fanams and Sixty Six Cash.—

Camp before Seringapatam
14th March 8th 92.—

I have the Honor to be &c
with respect — &c: &c:
(Signed) Wm. Brown
Paymaster

P.S.

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24 P.S. My Journal panels with the Commissary of Provisions are also forwarded on this occasion

A true Copy

(signed) Grame Mercer

Acting Assistant

25 Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 1145. 146. 147. 148.—

From Major Cuppage

From Major Cuppage enclosing an Application from Lieutenant Tinworth Madden for leave to proceed to, and remain at the Presidency for two Months.—

From the Commandant at Tripassore

From the Commandant at Tripassore declaring that Pauper Reddy's Complaint is perfectly groundless.—

From the Commissary of Prisoners of War

From the Commissary of Prisoners of War enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Adjutant General on the Subject of removing the Prisoners under his Charge from Vellore to Bangalore

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

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

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Dispatches the undermentioned Letters are

entered in MB: Nos 149. 150. 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - enclosing

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam, and desiring them to instruct Mr. Dighton to furnish one hundred Garce of Rice upon Mr. Young's Application; the latter paying for the same at the Market Price. -

To the Paymaster at Angole - informing

To the Paymaster at Angole — him of the Instructions given to the Board of Assumed Revenue. -

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam — informing them of the Instructions given to the Board of Assumed Revenue - desiring that the Carriage for the Rice may be furnished by Mr Young - and that one thousand Pagodas, but no more, be disbursed in the Execution of such Repairs to the Military Quarters at Ellore as Colonel Braithwaite shall consider most immediately necessary. -

To the Resident at Ganjam - enclosing, for

To the Resident at Ganjam — his Information and Guidance, Extract of a letter from

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From the Military Board regarding the future Sales of unserviceable Stores at Ganjam and informing them that Government are sanguine in their Expectation that the object of the Equipment, have been this, been accomplished.—

To the Military Board—desiring that the

To the Military Board— Repairs required to the Works at Chinglepet &c may be executed in the Manner suggested by Major Maule—and that in future if the Expence attending the Execution of any Repairs should exceed the Estimate approved by Government, they will represent the Circumstance, explaining fully the reasons for such Cause—approving their observations regarding the Sale of unserviceable Stores at Ganjam.—

To Major Cuppage—desiring him to

To Major Cuppage— Signify to the Tributaries of the Company in the Poligaute Cherry Districts, that the Grain which has been stipulated for, not being required, the value of it, according to the Current Price of the Country, is to be paid in Money—

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To the Secretary at Bengal informing him

To the Secretary at Bengal — that the Accoutrements and Cartridge Paper mentioned

in his Letter of the 3d. Ultimo will not be required,

as such Articles can be provided by the Military

Store Keeper at this Presidency. —

To Do — enclosing Copies of Letters from

To Do — the Government to the Honorable Court of Directors

in the Military and Political Departments

of Northumberland. —

Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord —

Our acting President has

To Lord Cornwallis requesting to be furnished with Copy of Definitive Treaty — advising of Northumberland's departure &c. &c. &c.

laid before us the Letters which he had the

honor to receive from your Lordship of the

following dates, the 16. 18. 14 and 21. Instant

We are sensible of the great

difficulties which have opposed your Lordship's

endeavours in every part of the late negotiation,

and feel a proportionate pleasure in the very

Honble

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honorable and advantageous result of these labors, by which the country is restored to the blessings of peace and the interests and security of the Company and their Allies most essentially promoted.—

We request of your Lordship, as soon as it may be convenient to transmit a Copy of the definitive Treaty, which we are anxious to communicate by an early opportunity to the Court of Directors.—

The Northumberland is dispatched for Europe the 24th and the Mansheip arrived from Bengal two days ago to receive a half Cargo, and will be ready, we hope, to Sail by the Middle of next Month.—

We have the honor to be

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26th March 1792.

Charles Oakeley
&c Council.—

Recd the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: D: Nos. 157.. 158.. 159.. 160.. 161.—

From Mr. Rankin—Complaining of Severe Insults having been offered him by different Persons in the Garrison of Cuddalore.—

From Mr. Rankin at Cuddalore.—

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From Captain Lieutenant Brudenell

From Captain Lieutenant Brudenell.—

representing that his house has been forcibly opened and his Person grossly insulted by two of the Serjeants of the Garrison—and requesting that the Government will afford him the Redress he is entitled to, but which he has not been able to obtain through the Channel of Lieutenant Colonel Dupont.—

From the Commandant at Cuddalore

From the Commandant at Cuddalore.—

Submitting to the Consideration of the Board Copies of Letters which he has received from different Officers of that Garrison, and Recommending their removal to Some other Station.—

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore

From the acting Resident at Cuddalore.—

—enclosing Copies of Declarations laid before him by Sundry Non Commissioned Officers of the Garrison, representing the Insults and ill treatment which themselves and their families have experienced from Captain Kennedy, Captain Lieutenant Brudenell and Lieutenant and Mr. Rankin—

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz at Tanjore—

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz enclosing a Maratta Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Sir Charles Oakeley.—

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At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet.—

Tuesday
26th March 1792

Acting President

William Petrie Esqre

The Honorable, Major General Medows

Absent upon Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and

approved.—

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis intending Lack of Boys of 6 Men from Tellicherry & Madras Pattahs to be forwarded to the Northward for the use of the Bengal Detachment about to March through the Circars—

I propose to send off the European Sick, who I am sorry to say are very numerous on the 28th. and I hope to fall back with the Army towards Bangalore on the 26th and 27th.—

We must I am afraid necessarily occasion some distress on our entering the Carnatic, but I shall endeavour to dispose of the troops in the

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the manner that is likely to be the least burthensome, and communicate constantly with you and Mr. Cockburn on the Subject.—

General Abercromby having informed me that he had more Rice at Tellicherry than he should have occasion for, I desired him to order freight to be taken up with all possible dispatch at Bombay and Tellicherry to transport a lack of bags to Fort Saint George leaving it in your power to send on in the same Vessels about sixty thousand bags as far to the Northward as Ganjam, if you should think it expedient. This supply will I hope not only relieve your immediate wants but perhaps enable the Bengal Detachment to pass the Christna before the rains.—

My Letter of the 19th will have put it in your power to acquaint the Board with my Sentiments respecting his Majesty's Sloop Swan, and to Anticipate my Answer to their reference in regard to the disposal of that Vessel.—

Camp near Seringapatam
March 21st 1792.—

I am with much Esteem,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis.—

Agreed

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Agree that Letters be written to the

Minute thereon— Government at Bombay, and to the Chief and

Factors at Tellicherry requesting they will &

Communicate their opinion as to the probable &

Period of the Arrival of the Rice at Madras, so

that the Board may have it in their power to

determine with some degree of certainty in regard

to the Subsistence of the Bengal Detachment

during its march through the Northern Circars;

as the famine which prevails in that Quarter,

precludes the possibility of subsisting the

detachment by other means.—

Do. Agreed also that it be recommended to

Bombay and Tellicherry, that the Commanders

of the freighted Ships, be directed to touch at

Madras, but that the engagements with them

extend to the conveyance of such Quantity of

the Rice to Ganjam, or any Port South of that

place, as circumstances may require, and the

Board direct,— observing, at the same time,

that it is the present intention to send &

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being the probable place where the detachment will halt during the Rains - and 10,000 to Masulipatam - the remainder to be landed at Madras to be used as occasions calls for

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Pondicherry -

To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Governor of Madras
&c &c &c &c
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Governor of Pondicherry - states that he has taken every Precaution in his Power to effect the Abolition of the Slave Trade

I have received the Letter with which you honored me dated 20th of this Month, and the Papers which accompanied it; I shall immediately order M. Bonnefoy to come to me, that I may deliver him the letter addressed to him, which you had the goodness to send me unopened, which I consider as a very particular attention to myself, and for which I pray you will accept my most sincere thanks -

I read

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I read the Letter, Sir, which confirmed to me the Contents of that from Mr. Yeats; the sending of Slaves has been really carried on in small parcels and by land. I am very glad that Mr. Yeats has had it in his Power to detain a great many.—

I have given to Mr. Sonnerat who takes his departure in a few days for Tranquebar, the most positive orders that he does not admit into that factory any of these Slaves, it is the only precaution that I can take to stop so scandalous a Commerce; I must observe to you that it is out of my power to prohibit it, but I will use every means that rests with me to raise obstacles in opposition to its' continuance. None are received here; the Captains of Vessels who have brought them are obliged to keep them on board their Vessels in the Road, I can assure you that I most sincerely regret, that the extent of my Authority does not accord with the indignation I have always felt at this inhuman traffic; on this head my sentiments are well known. I have never suffered any Evasion to

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to escape of Manifesting them. In justice to M. Bonnefoy I inform you he had no Interest whatever in the Slaves which were stopped by M. Yeates, and that he has never even been concerned in this Commerce directly or indirectly, the letter to his address which you so obligingly sent me was from the Commanding Officer of a little Vessel which announced, that his Correspondent sent the said Slaves Beg of you to be persuaded that I shall not neglect any effort in my power to Second those of your Government against the Continuation of this Commerce.—

I have the honor to be with the highest Consideration.—

H.ble H.ble

(Signed) De Tresne

True Translation

(Signed) Thos. Chase
French Translator

The Board hope and trust, from
Minute thereon— the precautions taken by them, that the Slave
Trade will no longer meet encouragement at
the

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the foreign Settlements on this Coast.—

Read the following Letter from the

Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in P. P. N° 38)

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor &c. &c. Dated 20th March 1792

From the Rajah of Tanjore requesting that an application may be made to Lord Cornwallis to procure Tippoo Sultaun's permission for Setwagee Ingla's quitting his service and returning to his Family at Tanjore—

Setwagee Row Ingla was in our Service from the time of my eldest Brother after the Nabob took my Fort in the year 1773, Setwagee Row Ingla went over to Hyder Ally Khan, when he obtained the Command of one or two thousand horse, which was continued to him by Tippoo Sultaun after his father's death. When the Honorable Lord Cornwallis Behader stormed the fort of Bangalore, Setwagee Row Ingla was taken prisoner, and sent to Vellore.— As peace has now been concluded between the Honorable Company and Tippoo Sultaun, Setwagee must be sent off, to the latter.— Now Govinda Row Ingla, the eldest brother of Setwagee.

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Setwagee Row Ingla, and his family are with the rest of my relations at Tanjore — Setwagee Row Ingla had two or three Sons, who are dead: as this is cause of much disquiet to him, and as his great age disqualifies him for farther Service, he feels great reluctance in returning to Tippoo Sultaun - Setwagee Ingla is my old friend: I therefore request your Excellency will do me the favor of writing to Lord Cornwallis, that permission may be obtained for Setwagee's quitting Tippoo Sultaun's Service and for returning to me - This Matter is of great importance to me, and I trust entirely to your Excellency for the Accomplishment of my wishes -

Believe me always your Sincere friend -

To a friend why should I write more.

A true Translation
(Signed) J. Webbe
Maratta Transr.

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to Lord Cornwallis. -

Minute thereon. -

Read the following Letter from the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

Acting President.—

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations desiring to be informed of the intentions of Government in regard to several Appointments under this Presidency & which do not exist in Bengal and to the future mode of disbursing the Company's allowances to the King's Troops—

We have now gone compleatly through the Arrangements we conceive necessary to carry into Effect the Bengal System— We however beg leave to observe that in Bengal there is no Committee of Works, no Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, no Agent for Spirituous Liquors, nor Garrison Storekeeper— We request to have your orders whether these Departments are to be conducted in the mode they are at present, with the addition of Seperate Heads to be raised in their Respective Books for the different years for which the Disbursements are made— We also beg leave to observe that at Bengal there are not any Master Masters and that the Masters are Certified by the Commanding Officers Corps and Stations—

Sir

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In our Letter of the 25th August 1791
We submitted to your Consideration whether the
Paymaster General was merely to issue the
Cash or also to be Paymaster of detail as at
present, and also whether the Payment of
the Company's Allowances to His Majesty's
Troops is to be continued as it is at present,
or as is established in Bengal. It will be
necessary that the Committee be furnished
with your Instructions on these Heads,
before We can finally submit to your
Consideration the general Orders which We
consider as necessary to be Issued.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
16th March 1792

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) „ Benjamin Roebuck
„ Geo: Moubray
„ Tho.s Cockburn
„ I. Brunton

Minute thereon — Agreed to inform the Committee that the mode which obtains at present in the Departments of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

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Provisions, Agent for Spirituous Liquors, and a Garrison Storekeeper is to be continued as proposed, with the addition of Separate Heads in the respective Books for the different Years for which the disbursements are made — That the Military Board, as a Committee of Works, are to direct, as usual, upon all Estimates for Repairs, but the Disbursements in this Department to be made by the Civil and Military Paymaster; the Bills being first audited by the Military Board; — That, the Office of the Civil and Military Paymaster General are, upon the commencement of the new Regulations, to be Offices of Accounts only, as in Bengal, to be held by Mr. Roebuck with an Allowance to be settled hereafter — That the Deputy Paymaster General is to hold the Office of Civil and Military Paymaster General at Fort St. George and its immediate Dependencies and that the Payment of the Company's & Allowances to the Kings Troops is to be made according to the Systems established in Bengal

Agreed —

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Agreed that a Letter be written to Lord Cornwallis requesting his Lordship will be pleased to give his opinion whether the establishment of Muster & Masters should be continued here, or the Department put upon the same footing as at Bengal.—

Read the following Letter from the Actg Deputy Adjutant. General.—

To William Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Political & Military Departments
of
Fort St. George.

Sir,

The accompanying letter, written, with the approbation of Lord Cornwallis, by Capt.n Shawe, Commanding His Majesty's 76 Regiment, to Lieutenant Griffiths of that Corps, appointing him to the additional Company employed on the Recruiting Service I have the honor to forward to you, to lay before the Honorable the President in Council—as also to inform you, that Lieutenant Griffiths is arrived at the Presidency, and, on Account

From the Acting Deputy or Adjutant General to Lieutenant Griffiths of His Majesty's 76th Regiment, Shewing the Appointed to the additional Company employed on the Recruiting Service, applies for a Passage to Europe on the Lord Cornwallis, and for an accomodation for Corporal Hickey ordered on the same duty.—

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Account of his extreme ill State of health, is very desirous to have a passage ordered for him on board the Camden Indiaman together with Corporal Simon Fawcy of that Regiment, ordered to England on the same duty - as appears by the enclosed Certificate. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
Acting Dep.y Adjutant General

Fort St. George
24th March 1792. —

Lieutenant Griffiths
His Majesty's 76th Regiment —

Sir,

In consequence of your present ill State of Health, which prevents your continuing with Safety to your Life, any longer in this Country: I have procured you the Commander in Chief's Leave to proceed immediately to the Presidency and to Return by the first Ship to England. —

On

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On your Arrival in England you will please to put yourself under the Orders of the Commandant of Chatam, where you will find the 76th additional Company of the 76th. Regiment to which you now stand appointed in Room of Lieutenant Gray, who will receive official Notice to join his Corps in this Country.—

I am,

Camp before Seringapatam
March 1st — 1792. —

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

(Signed) Robert Shawe
Captain Comm.g 76th Regiment

Minute thereon.—

Lieutenant Griffiths having been ordered to Europe on Duty by Lord Cornwallis, — Agreed that the usual Allowance of Passage Money be granted to him.—

The Acting President informs the Board that Mr. Drake, late Midshipman of Hanibal, is arrived from the Mysore Country, and recommends that the Sum of one hundred Pagodas be advanced, to enable him to purchase Cloaths and other necessary Articles — for which he is to

One hundred Pagodas to be advanced from the Treasury to Mr. Drake, formerly Midshipman of the Hannibal.

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To give a Receipt, to be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Ordered Accordingly.—

Chs Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Received the following Letter from the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts.-

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President &c. in Council.-

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to submit to your Honorable Board a Claim made by the Reverend Mr. Mackay, Deputy Chaplain to His Majesty's 72d for gratuity from the Month of March 1783, until the Month of April 1786 inclusive, for your better information I have the honor to forward Mr. Mackay's address to me on the Subject, of the 21st Instant, and have Respectfully to inform you, that the existing Regulations allow the gratuity of a Captain to Chaplains attached to Regiments, but these regulations expressly stipulate that an Officer who shall neglect to draw his pay or other allowances for three Months shall be liable to forfeit the same, unless he shall be able to assign sufficient reasons for the delay; a Chaplain attached to a Regiment is subjected to the Consequences of this

Orders

From the Deputy Comptroller Generals Observations on Rev.d Mr. Mackays address to the Deputy Chaplain to the 72d Regiment for Gratuity for the Month of March 1783 to the Month of April 1786.-

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order

Orders, The Bills are attested by Colonel Stewart, & Commandant of the 72d Regiment, This Countersignature of Colonel Stewart appears by an Accompanying & paper Marked A to have been required by the Government, when this Matter had, On a former Occasion, been referred to them - Mr. Mackay is pleads in his own favor that during his absence his agents were negligent in not bringing forward his Claims, and throws himself entirely On the Justice, and Humanity of your Honorable Board -

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I am with great Respect
Yr. &c.
(Signed) H Brunton
Depy Jr. Genl.

Recd. the undermentioned Letters as p entered in M:B: Nos. 162. 163 -

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing an Invoice and Return of 3144 Leather Caps laden on board the Honorable Company's Ship Dutton for the European Troops serving under this Presidency -

From the Paymaster at Angola &c.

From the Paymaster at Angola &c. requesting to Know whether the two Companies of the 2d Battn. of European Infantry, and the Detachment of the 12th Native Battalion lately marched into Cantonments

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Cantonments at Guntoor are to be allowed half Batta

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters &c &c

28 entered in M. B. Nos. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168.—

To the Acting President at Cuddalore informing

To the Acting President at Cuddalore.—

him that such Orders will be sent to Colonel Dupont as will, it is hoped, put an End to the Irregularities which have, for some Time past, prevailed at Cuddalore—and desiring him to afford that Officer every Assistance in his Power to enable him to preserve the Peace.—

To the Clerk of the Treasury desiring him to advance

To the Clerk of the Treasury

to Mr Drake, formerly Midshipman of His Majesty's Ship Hannibal, the Sum of One hundred Pagodas, taken his Receipt in Duplicate for the same.—

To Major Cuppage—informing him that Lieut

To Major Cuppage

Fenwicke Madder has the Board's Permission to visit the Presidency.—

To the Reverend Mr Swartz—desiring him

To the Reverend Mr Swartz

to inform the Rajah that the Board have written to Lord Cornwallis respecting Sekwagee Row Ingla agreeably to His Excellency's Request—

To the Military Board enclosing an Invoice

To the Military Board

and Return of 3164 Leather Caps shipped at Bengal on the Dutton for the Service of the European Troops on this Establishment.—

Sent the following Letters.—

To

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council
at
Bombay

Honorable Sir,

To Bombay and Tellicherry
Information required as to the
Probable Period of the Arrival of
the Rice expected from the Malabar
Coast. Recommendation
regarding their Agreements
for freight —

Having been informed by Lord Corn[illegible]
that he had desired General Abercromby to order Freig[illegible]
to be taken up at Bombay and Tellicherry with all
possible dispatch to transport a Lack of Bags of
Rice to this Coast, we request you will be pleased
to communicate to us your Opinion as to the
probable Period of the Arrival of this Supply, so
that we may have it in our power to determine
with some degree of certainty in regard to the
Subsistance of the Bengal Detachment during
its March through the Northern Circars, as the
famine which prevails in that quarter, precludes
the possibility of
the subsisting the Detachment by other means. —

We beg leave to recommend that the
Commanders of the freighted Vessels be directed to
touch at Madras, but that your Engagements
with them extend to the Conveyance of such a
Quantity of the Rice to Ganjam, or any Port to
South

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South of that place as circumstances may
require, and are direct — It is our present intention
to send 10,000 Bags to Ganjam, 10,000 to Vizaga-
patam, being the probable place where the
Detachment will halt during the Rains —
and 10,000 to Masulipatam. The Remainder
to be landed at Madras to be used as occasions
call for. — &c.

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

The same to the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry. —

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

My Lord,

The Committee to whom we had
appointed for carrying into execution the
Bengal Plan for an uniformity of System in
the Military Accounts of the three Presidencies
have reported that the plan will be ready for
adoption, in all its parts on the 1st. of May next,
and have applied for our orders regarding
the

To Lord Cornwallis his opinion required regarding the Appointment of Master Masters on this Establishment. —

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the appointment of a Master Masters, which does not exist in Bengal; the Masters being certified thereby the Commanding Officers of Corps and Stations. — Before we come to any determination on this point, we are desirous of being furnished with Your Lordship's opinion, whether the establishment of Master Masters should be continued hereon, the Department put upon the same footing as at Bengal. —

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We have the honor to be,
with great Respect & Esteem,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most Obedient
humble Servants,
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
Mr. Council

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis KG.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have the honor to inform your Lordship that our acting President has received a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore requesting that an Application may be made to your Lordship regarding

To the Governor General inclosing Copy of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore in which he requests that His Lordship would move Tippoo's Permission to detain the Elephants &c. taken and returning the Papers

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regarding Setwagee Row Ingla, formerly an Inhabitant of the Tanjore Country, who entered into the Service of Hyder Ally in the Year 1773 was made a Prisoner at the Capture of Bangalore, and sent to Vellore — His Excellency is desirous that this Man should be permitted to return to Tanjore, and thinks Permission may be obtained by an Application from your Lordship to Tippoo — We enclose Copy of his Excellency's Letter — and have the Honor to with great Respect and Esteem

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

To. Messrs Roebuck
Moubray
Cockburn
Brunton

Committee for Reporting upon the Bengal Regulations. —

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 16th Instant, and to inform you, that the mode which obtains at present in the Departments of the Committee of Works & Commissary

To the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations
Resolutions of the Board &c
regarding the Officers of the
Committee of Works, Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions,
Agent for Spirituous Liquors,
Garrison Store Keeper and
Civil and Military Paymaster
General and the mode of
Payment of Company's Debts &c
to the Native Troops. Reference
&c to the Honorable &c regarding
the Appointment of Musical Masters —

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Commissary General of Grain and Provisions Agent for Spirituous Liquors, and Garrison Storekeeper, is to be continued, as you propose, the Committee of Works excepted, with the Addition of separate Heads, to be raised in their respective Books, for the different Years for which the disbursements are made -

In respect to Master Attendants, the Board will take the Opinion of the Governor General -

The Offices of the Civil and Military & Paymaster General are, upon the Commencement of the New Regulations, to be Offices of Accounts only, as in Bengal: Mr. Roebuck will hold them, with an Allowance to be settled hereafter and the Deputy Paymaster General will be appointed Civil and Military Paymaster at Fort St. George, and its immediate Dependencies -

The Military Board, as a Committee of Works, will decide, as usual, upon all Estimates for Repairs, but all Disbursements in this Department are to be made by the Civil and Military Paymaster, the Bills being first audited by the Military Board -

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The Governor in Council has resolved that the Payment of the Company's Allowances to the King's Troops shall be made according to the System established in Bengal.—

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Sam. Hc.a Hz.a
(Signed) W.m C.n Jackson
Secretary —

To Lieutenant Colonel Du Pont
Commanding at
Cuddalore.

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 22d Instant, and to observe to you that as it is particularly the duty of a Commanding Officer to repress all disorderly Conduct in his Garrison and to enforce his authority by means within his power and suiting the occasion: it follows of Course that the "daily irregularities" committed by Officers under your Command, shew a want of energy on your part subversive of all Subordination, and give evident proof of the little respect which is borne to you.— To overlook an

To the Commandant at Cuddalore
expressing the Board's Disapprobation of his inactivity in the prevention of the Irregularities which have for some time past been in the Garrison of Cuddalore—

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an irregularity of the nature you mention, most generally occasions a repetition of the Offence, & and always tends to weaken the Authority of the person, whose province it was to take cognizance of it; — If the Officers to whom your Letter refers, do not deserve the Company's favor it ought to be with-held, and themselves brought to punishment as an Example to others; for Lenity in such Cases becomes a serious Evil, inasmuch as it gives encouragement to vicious Habits. —

I am further directed to inform you, that, if good order cannot be preserved by you, among the Officers under your Command, and the peace of the community secured against the disturbance arising from a contemptuous of their licentious Conduct, the Boardmust infer therefrom, that you are not qualified for the Station you hold — They hope, however, that this intimation will induce a greater activity on your part towards the prevention of further Irregularity, by the adoption of those Measures which the duties of your

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your post so clearly point out. —

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Sam. Hn. Hn.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secy.

29. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as

entered in M: B: P: 169.. 170.. 171.. 172

To the Chiefs and Councils at Masulipatam
and Vizagapatam — desiring them to report
whether the Troops composing the Bengal
Detachment will suffer any serious Distress
during their Stay in the Circars, or occasion
any additional Misery to the unfortunate
Inhabitants, if Means be taken at the
Presidency to supply a sufficient Quantity
of Rice for the Consumption of the Troops
and all Descriptions of Followers until
they reach the Bengal Provinces

To the Chiefs & Councils at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam

To the Military Paymaster Genl. enclosing Copies of three Letters from the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Army, to the Resident at Hyderabad, regarding his Accounts for the Months of June and July. —

To the Military Paymaster Genl.

Lon

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To the Resident at Travancore - enclosing

To the Resident at Travancore — Duplicate of the Letter addressed to him under

Date the 4th Ultimo

To D°. enclosing a Letter from Capt Commandg

To ditto — to the Rajah, and a Copy for his Information

30 Receives the undermentioned Letters & ordrs

entered in M: B: Nos 173. 174. 175. 176. —

From Mr James Strange - acknowledging

From Mr James Strange. — Receipt of the Board's Letter directing him to

take Charge of the Collections of the Eastern

Division of the Tanjore Country. —

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly — requesting that Captain Arthur Stewart &

may have Permission to visit the Presidency

for the Space of a Month. —

From the Commandant at Angole — enclosing

From the Commandant at Angole — Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at

Tennerycotah, in which he advises of his having

detached a Jemedar's Guard to the Confines of

the Nizam's Dominions, to secure the Person

of Ally Saheb, the Chief Instigator of the

Disturbances in the Palniaud District. —

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From the Commandant at Vellore

From the Command.r at Vellore.—

stateing that Ensign Ballard has been absent from his Corps near three Months without leave.—

At a Consultation

present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—

Acting President

William Petrie Esq.re—

The Honorable Major Genl.

Friday 30th March 1792 Medows Absent upon Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from

Lord Cornwallis

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis to Tippoo compleats the Payments of his first Kist to the Army to leave Seringapatam on the 26th Information required regarding the State of the Detachments in the Carnatic, and the Expediency of ordering the early Transmission Ships to touch at Bengal. Tippoo's two Sons to reside in the House in Fort St. George thereon by the nabob's Name House——

Tippoo has made good his first payment of a Crore and Sixty five Lacks, and almost the whole of the engaged Specie

We

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We shall receive from thence tomorrow
carrying with us the Orders for the surrender of
the Forts in the Barramaul, and we shall give
up the Hill Forts in Mysore as the Army
passes them.—

It will be necessary that I should
know as soon as possible the state of the
European Barracks in the Carnatic, that I may
send the Corps to the Stations allotted for
them as soon as we descend the Ghauts; I must
therefore beg that you will direct the Military
Board to transmit to me a report of the Barracks
and at the same time to give their sentiments
on the most convenient distribution of the
troops, in regard to Supplies, and local &
Circumstances with which I may be &
unacquainted.—

It is my intention that the 73d and
76th Regiments, as well as the Bengal Artillery,
should return to Bengal, and as there may
be difficulty in conveying so many men in
the Bengal Ships of this Season, I shall
be obliged to you if you will turn it in
your

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your mind, and consult such persons as may be capable of giving a good Opinion, & whether there would be any material objection to sending the whole or part of those Corps in the early China Ships.—

Tippoo has signified to me his wish that his Sons may reside at Madras, which is, I think, on every account the most proper and convenient place for them; No time must therefore now be lost in preparing a proper house for their reception, and we have agreed & here that the House which was called Benfield's or Stone's, where Colonel Gratton lived when I was at Madras in 1786, would be the most suitable for the boys and their numerous Attendants.—

If the House should be occupied I make no doubt that any person would cheerfully submit to some inconvenience by removing to accomodate Government on so interesting and extraordinary occasion,

and

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and it will be incumbent upon us to take
care that they shall be indemnified for
any loss they may sustain. —

I am, with much esteem. —

Campnegr
Seringapatam
25th March 1792

&c: &c:

(Signd) Cornwallis

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Lord Cornwallis

Agreed that the Military Board be
directed to report without loss of time upon
the State of the European Barracks in the
Carnatic, and to give their Sentiments on
the most convenient Distribution of the
Troops in regard to supplies &c:

The Acting President informs the
Board that he will ascertain whether it be
practicable to send the Europeans to Bengal
in the early China Ships, as suggested by
Lord Cornwallis. —

The House in the Fort mentioned
by Lord Cornwallis to be suitable for the Residence
of Tippoo's Sons, is at present occupied by the
Boards of Revenue — But measures must be
taken for their Accommodation previous to
the Arrival of the Hostages. —

Read —

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Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. No. 39.)

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

14th Shaban 1206 Hegera
or
28th March 1792
Received the 29th do.

Having occasion for Money at present to defray my Necessary Expences, I have earnestly to entreat that you will pay me the Sum of Pagodas 40,000 by a Set of Bills on the Collector of Tinnevelly at 10 days sight, which you will carry to account of part of my One fifth of the Revenue of my Country.—

From the Nabob - applies for an advance of 40,000 Pagodas on account of his fifth.—

The Bills you will order to be delivered to Venkata Soobiah as before to whom they must be made payable.—

What can I say more?

A true Translation.—

(Signed) David Haliburton
Persian Translator.—

Ordered

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The foregoing Letter from the Naib to lie on the Table until the next meeting of Council —

Ordered to lie on the Table until the next meeting —

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

President &c.a Council. —

at Fort St. George

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

From the Resident at Ganjam — Captain Little is obliged to return with his Detachment from the Vizianagur Zemindary and confine himself to the Protection of the Country against predatory Incursion —

I duly received your Secretary's 4th letter of the 22nd Ultimo —

In my letter of the 9th Ultimo I had the honor to acquaint you, that the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Field having coincided with me in Opinion of the Expediency and practicability of reducing Munnidoo the Zemindar of Vizianagur to obedience, the Company's Troops had Accordingly marched against him. —

A mud fort named Diggapoondylay in the route, and was evacuated by Munnidoo's Peons upon the approach of the Company's Troops, which however neither possessed nor destroyed the place, but proceeded onward &

towards

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towards the Barrier of Vizianagur; and, on the road, were Joined, as I had provided, by the Poetaubgherry Pauter and 500 of his Master's Peons — On arriving near the Barrier, Munnidoo sent out a Deputation professing resignation to the Company's Pleasure, but requesting that his Brother's Peons might be sent away from our Camp, condetioning that in such Event he would give a free passage to our Troops into Vizianagur the next Morning, confiding in which, Captain Little sent home the Poetaubgherry Pauter and Peons, but on appearing before the Barrier the next Morning, instead of gaining admittance, he discovered it to be Lined with armed Men, in consequence of which he retired from it, and made a disposition for attack the next Morning; from which he allowed himself to be diverted by another Deputation from Munnidoo, and accepted of Sworn assurances that he should be admitted peaceably next Morning, conceding to various stipulations for the Conduct the Company's Troops were to observe when in possession of the Place; he

was

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... was accordingly admitted on the 15th of February, and remained in Vizianagur Eight days from that period; an Interval in which Munnidoo was Employed in blockading the avenues from the place, and in attempts to cut off Captain Little's Convoys, he succeeded in making Prisoners of a Maigue's Guard, which he contemptuously sent into Captain Little's Camp despoiled of their Arms and divested of their Cloathing.

Thereafter Captain Little retired in the Night from Vizianagur by the same Road by which he had advanced, which leading through a Close Country, afforded the Insurgents an Opportunity for their wonted mode of Attack: he was accordingly considerably annoyed; his Cattle and followers, being mostly new to the Scene, disordered his Ranks, and his Sepoys, being for the Major part recruits, fell into some Confusion The Sepoys however either did not know this or Circumstances or were deterred by their own fears from profiting by it, and by the Morning the Company's Troops were extricated from the Jungle with very inconsiderable loss. — The

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The Fort abovementioned was found
repossessed by the Enemy who again evacuated
it on the approach of our Troops.—

Captain Little being now of opinion
that, with the his present Force, he is not competent
to the further Prosecution of that Service, I have
requested of him to limit his operations to the
Necessary objects of protecting the Ganjam and
Moherry Havellies, and such Parts of the N.
Vizianagur Country as can be covered by his posts,
which I have suggested to him may be so disposed
as to cut off Munnidoo from Supplies of Provision,
of which, as the late drought was most severe in
that part of the Distrect, he is already in great Want

On this Service we have suffered no
Diminution of Force— Captain Little's opinion
therefore, and the Intelligence of the late Pacification
with Tippoo Sultaun, which opens a near prospect
of Reinforcement to the Strength of this Distrect,
and renders it imprudent to hazard any thing in
so short an Interval, have been my Inducements
to the adoption of the present plan of defensive operation—

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It will be satisfactory to you to be informed, that, during this Expedition, the Company's Territories suffered no material Injury; and that, by it, a considerable Portion of Vezianagur will be added to the Revenue & Collection of the District.

The Expediency of detaching more Troops to this District you have long recognized, & and I trust that no apology will be necessary for the Suggestion, that the more respectable the force, the less Expence and Defalcation of Revenue will be involved, in proportion to the increased Facility with which the several refractory and Disaffected Zemindars must be reduced to obedience.—

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

Honorable Sir, and Sirs,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

(Signed) Thomas Sydgrave

Ganjam
16th March 1792.

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The Board approve the requisition made of Captain Little to confine himself entirely to the protection of the Country against predatory incursion, as the State of the force in the Ganjam District, at present, appears insufficient to check the refractory spirit of the Zemindar of Vizianagur.—

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Captain Little that whenever the Company's Troops are required to enforce obedience from the Zemindars, it becomes the duety of the Commanding Officer to transmit direct to Government a detailed Account of his operations, instead of making the Resident the Channel of his Communications to the Board—that he is to lose no time in transmitting to the Presidency an Account of his Proceedings & furnishing the Resident with a Copy for his information—and that, in future, whenever the Company's Arms are employed under him he will not fail & regularly to report to the Governor in Council and to the Resident every material occurrence.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster.—

To

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Acting President in Council.—

Honorable Sir;

From the Military Paymaster General further Information respecting the Balance retained by Mr. Burke under the Head of Suspense.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 20th Instant, and have carefully examined the Records of my Office, but do not find any Orders of the Honorable Board transmitted to my Predecessor relative to Mr. Burke's balance, or any ways concerning it— The Paymaster General has never had any controul over the advances made to Mr. Burke, he is only the Medium through which the Cash is advanced, after the Governor has issued an Order to the Clerk of the Treasury—

It appears by the Accounts that the Balance of Pagodas 54,416..23..23 Seems to have accrued between the 1st May 1786 and 24th February 1787 and that the account which shows it is dated 30th March 1789; and that the farther Sum of 39,601..1..48 Pagodas accrued as Balance

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of Accounts between 25th February 1787 and 24th August 1789 and that the Account which shews it is dated 24th August 1789. although, by a Memorandum at the Foot of the account, it must have been delivered into the Military Pay Office after the 9th October 1789 and the balance ought to have been brought forward in the next Account as a Balance of Cash.—

Pay Office
Fort St. George
27th March 1792.

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

Agreed that the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors be drawn to the Balance reclaimed by Mr. Burke under the Head of Surplusage &

Minute thereon—

and carried in Diminution of the Crown Balance.—

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

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue requesting that a Military Aid may be sent as early as possible into the Tinnevelly Country and inclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Fabrier regarding Mr. Sullivan's Claim upon the Revenues of the Poligar Districts

Honble Sir,

We have had frequent occasion to mention the turbulent disposition of the Tinnevelly Poligars

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Poligars, the entire failure in the Payment of their Peishcush, and their obstenate disobedience to the Ordors of our Collector, Mr. Torin: as it will [illegible] doubtless be necessary to collect a Body of Troops in the Southern Countries to recover the balance of Peishcush, to chastize the insolence of their Conduct, and to indemnify the inhabitants of the Circar villages for the Amount of Grain & and effects plundered by these Poligars. We [illegible] take the liberty of again recalling the Subject to your attention, before the final Arrangement of the Troops now about to return into the Carnatic shall have taken place; and for this purpose we beg leave to point out to your Notice the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Mr Torin

We do ourselves the honor also of submitting to your Consideration Copy of another letter from the Collector at Tinnevelly with its enclosure on the [illegible] Subject of a Claim of Mr. Sullivan on the Revenue of Punge Mahl, upon which We forbear to pass any opinion, as it relates to a matter beyond the

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the reach of our controul.—

We have the honor to be,

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29th March 1792.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Petrie
" David Haliburton
" Wm. Balfour.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Torin.—
Dated 20th March 1792.

The return of peace affords me very lively hopes, that it will not be long, before the Government are induced to turn their attention towards the turbulent Tributaries of the Tennooly —This prospect of speedy support, followed so soon after your letter of the 2d February, that I did not think it necessary to subject the Company to the Expence of Country Corps, and the Renters to the inconvenience of calling together the Revenue Troops— For a short Time too, our Success at Seringapatam produced a Relief to the Inhabitants from the oppression of the Polygars— But within these few days, another Hydra has reared its head, and the credulity

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of the Tributaries too easily receive it as a happy prognostication of escape.—

It is generally reported that the Nabob is shortly to have his Countries restored!—while the turned Renter shrinks back, and, in spite of his amil Nama, Dreads the event—She emboldened Polygar recommences his Cautions; confident in the idea that he will easily be able, by a judicious application of his spoils, to buy himself harmless out of all his enormities.—

A true Extract

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit you
Copy of a Letter I have received from Mr Sullivan
relative to a Claim on the Revenues of the Peirge
Mahl Talooka, and in Virtue of a Fourteen
and Repeated orders from the Nabob to the
Managers of Tennevelly in his favor

I beg

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I beg leave to refer you, Gentlemen, to my first Report upon the Mortgages; where you will perceive the Nota Bene alluded to by M.r Sulivan, and which was meant to intimate a Knowledge of his Demand - I did not Specify M.r Sulivan's Claim as I thought He could with more propriety make this Representation himself, which it appears he did to General Medows in the Month of February. If fully expected this Letter would have been referred to me for my Report.

I am very happy that M.r Sulivan has at length addressed himself publicly to me upon the Subject as it affords me an Opportunity of corroborating the several Facts set forth in his Representation by answering in the affirmative to His several Questions, and by acknowledging myself to have been, while I was Paymaster of Palamcotah, His Agent and Friend in this transaction. This Circumstance induces me to recommend M.r Sulivan's Claim to your Notice, for I believe it impossible for the Nabob to make over or Assign any Part of His Revenue more completely than the Revenue of Punge Mukil to M.r Sulivan — and which, by Existing Orders at the time of my Arrival in

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in the Tennevelly to take Charge of the Country, was the temporary property of Mr. Sullivan – as far as the Nabob's Orders delivered by me to his Managers Could make it so, and in Virtue of which I Received at different periods several Sums in part payment. The Order was originally for 37,000 Star Pagodas of which I Received previous to the Assumption the Amount of 4785 Pagodas: The Balance 32,215 Pagodas is still due – Since the Assumption my Receipts from this district Amount by the Company's Books, to the Sum of 32,707 Pag.s it remains with you, Gentlemen, to decide on the appropriation: I have only to give my testimony to the Existence and to the Validity of the Mortgage, which in common Justice I Could not refuse to Mr. Sullivan, and which I hope you will have the Goodness to excuse. –

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Collector

Tennevelly
22.d March 92

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Webbe Secry

Benjamin

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Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

Having in your Report to Govern-
ment of the Claims of Individuals in the
province of Tennevelly appriz'd them in a
Nota Bene that there was one of the Punge
Mahl Districts but omitted to state the
Nature or extent of that Claim, or by whom
made, I am to Request, as the Person interested,
that you will please to Represent to
the Honorable Board, either as it has
fallen within your own Knowledge or as
it may appear from the Books or Accounts
of any of the Nabob's Managers for the Year
Phasely 1199, whether any and what
Sunds was granted to me on the Tinnevelly
Country - whether any and what Distrct
was Mortgaged to me by the Nabob's Manager
for the discharge of such Sunds, whether any
Sum or Sums of Money were paid from the
Mortgaged

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Mortgaged premises in part discharge of the
Sum so secured - and whether the whole was paid
off and satisfied before the period of the Usurpation
or on the Contrary whether any and what part
thereof still remained an incumbrance on the
Mortgaged district? —

And as you have reported in this
N. B. that the Claim on the Punge Mahl was
superceded by Tetrapah Moodeliar contrary
to the Orders of the Nabob, I presume you are
acquainted with the Nature and extent of these
Orders, and therefore enabled to state to Government,
which I request you will be pleased to do, whether
the Mortgage of the Revenues of this District
was confirmed, and under what date, by the
immediate orders of the Nabob - and whether
by the Laws of the Country Tetrapah Moodeliar
could Supercede these Orders, or, by any act or
omission of his, invalidate a Mortgage
granted by his Predecessor in Office and confirmed
by his Sovereign - or whether, on the Contrary
is remained, notwithstanding any disobedience
of

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of his, a valid Mortgage upon the District until
the Sum Secured by it should be fully paid off.

I am further to request that you will
please to report to Government, from what
may have fallen within your own Knowledge
or observation, whether this Claim on the
Punga Mahl district appears to you to be a just
one, and whether a Mortgage of the Revenues of
a Talooka is, by the law or custom of the
Country, held to be as valid as Mortgages
of Grain.—

In making this Report to Government
you will oblige me by stating whether the
Receipts from the Punga Mahl since the
Assumption are equal to the balance
due on the Mortgage when you took possession
of that District on the part of the Company.—

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4th February 1792.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Benj.n Torin
(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. Webbe Secry.

Ordered

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The foregoing Letter from the Board of 26th inst. Received is on the Table —

Ordered to lie on the Table —

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

To W. C. Jackson Esqre.
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General & enclosing a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Rajah of Travancore with Translation thereof and of a Letter written to His Excellency's Dewan who had advanced to the Coorga Country with an Intention of joining the Army. —

I am directed by Earl Cornwallis to forward to you a Letter from his Lordship to the Travancore Rajah, in order that the Honorable President in Council may transmit it to its address an English Copy and a Persian one accompanies it for your Information of its Contents. —

The Dewan of the Travancore Rajah had Arrived as far as the Coorga Country in the hope of paying his Respects to his Lordship, for which purpose he demanded Permission — The accompanying Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to him will inform the Board of the Reply to his Application, and mentions that a Duplicate of the Letter to the Rajah is sent to his Charge to present to his Master. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) F. Cherry Dy. Fr.

Camp Seringapatam
26. March 1792. —

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To the Rajah of Travancore

Written 23d. March 1792

The definitive Treaty of Peace and Friendship having been mutually exchanged between the Allied Powers and Tippoo Sultaun, I have the Satisfaction of Notifying the re-establishment of Peace to you by virtue of this Treaty the Countries that are Ceded to the Company on the Frontiers of your Territories are so Situated as leave little Room to apprehend that your Possessions will hereafter be disturbed by Tippoo Sultaun; and the earnest desire of the Company is to preserve the Friendship subsisting with you inviolate. I have no doubt that you will meet their wishes on your part - The Return which you had made for the Protection and Support afforded you on the part of the Company by your Exertions since the Commencement of the War to Shew your Attachment, and your desire for the Successful Issue of the War, has given the Government of Madras and myself very great Satisfaction; and I shall not fail to

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to represent to the Company in England the
Sentiments which I have embibed of the Sincerity
of your Friendship.—

To the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore

Written 23d March 1792

I have received your Letter mentioning
your wish to come to the Army; for which
purpose the Rajah had directed you to accompany
General Abercrombie, who had however advanced
too far for you to join him.—

You will no doubt have heard that the
definitive Treaty of Peace and Friendship has
been mutually exchanged between the allied
Powers and Tippoo Sultaun; and that the
Allied Armies are in consequence preparing to
Return— On this account, however happy I might
be to see you, the Situation of Affairs will not
allow of Time sufficient for you to come to
this Army before it will begin its March from
hence. In consequence of the Re-establishment of
Peace, and the Satisfaction which the Countries
made

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made by the Rajah, in Return for the Protection and Support afforded him by the Company to prove his attachment and his desire for the Success of the War, have given me, I have written a Letter to him, which you will receive herewith, and I request you will deliver it to the Rajah.—

A True Copy

(Signed) G. F. Cherry Pr. Sr.

Read the following Letters from Major General Antier, Governor of Tranquebar.—

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt.
Acting Governor of
Fort St. George

Honored Sir,

From the Governor of Tranquebar stating that he has not received the smallest Assistance from Mr. Hope in obliging the Inhabitants to discharge the Bonds they have given for Grain sold to them by the Danish Government.—

Give me leave to mention a Circumstance, which I am sure you disapprove of, as it is contrary to an Order issued from your Board.— I did myself the Honor to represent last year, that several of the Inhabitants in the Districts

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Distructs of Chilambram had been sold a Quantity of
Grain to the Amount of near 6000 Star Pagodas,
for which their Bonds had been given. You was
so obliging to favor me with an Order to your
Collector in those Districts, that he should
give his Assistance to oblige the People to
pay their Bonds, a Copy of which I have
the honor to transmit. I sent my Vakeel to the
Collector with the Bonds. He attended him at
considerable Time without any Effect; for the
Collector took no Notice of the Orders he received.
After some months attendance I was obliged
to recall him, as I found it an Expence of no use,
as his Business was treated with Indifference.
I am told, that these Districts are now rented
to a Black, by the name Palatchepa, if so, give me
leave to request the favor of an Order to him, to
compel the Inhabitants to take up their Bonds,
which I know they are perfectly able to do, if
the Renter takes steps.—

I have the Honor to remain, with particular
Esteem &c &c

(Signed) Ric Ankter

Fort Dansborg
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The Honorable Sir Charles Rakeley Bart.

acting Governor of

Fort St. George

Honored Sir,

From the Governor of Tranquebar - opinion in regard to the Expediency of commencing a Process at Law in the Danish Court at Tranquebar to obtain a Payment of the Amount due to the English Company by Kistna Row -

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 13th. past on the Subject of the Demand of your Company on Kistna Row in Consequence of his Obligation to Mr. Johnston to be answerable for him to the Amount of 20,000 Star Pagodas, as stated in the Copy of the said Obligation -

Give me leave to assure you, that all the Assistance my public Situation will admit shall be devoted to the Interest of your Company for the Recovery of any legal Demand on Kistna Row, as long as he stays in this Settlement -

Although Contrary to the established Rule in the Courts of Justice in this Settlement to admit Claims which originates from Transactions passed under Laws and Regulations of an other Country; but, as it depends on me to order

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order the Courts to admit such Claims, and, as if
I find it is your Wish to commence a Process at
Law against Kistna Row, you may depend on
the same shall be fully attended to, as if it had
as been a Demand on him from this Government.—
And as far as my opinion can be of any
Service, I shall take the Liberty to offer it—

The Circumstance stated in your Letter,
that Mr. Johnston owes to the Company 19516
Star Pagodas. This being properly ascertained
in Court, there is not a Doubt but Kistna Row
will be sentenced to pay, agreeable to the Tenor
of his Obligation. But from the Answer he
gave me dated the 11th of January last, of
which I had the honor to transmit a Copy:
I find, he will not admit, that the Company
has any Demand on Mr. Johnston, but states,
that Mr. Johnston has a Demand on the
Company. This I imagine will be his Defence:
and if he should produce Documents in Support
of it, the Court cannot refuse receiving them. An
Investigation of Papers and Accounts will then
be the Consequence, which I shall submit to

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your Consideration, if proper for a foreign Court of Justice to inspect. —

Agreable to His Majesty's Regulations for the Conduct of the Judicial Department in this Settlement — a Decision of Government in Matters of Account is Subject to a legal & Investigation and Adjudication in case either Servant or any other Subject should find, that Government had been misled by an erroneous & Statement of Office —

There is at this Moment a Case of such Nature before the Lower Court, wherein some of the King's Renters have engaged to prove, that a Sum of Money they are ordered to refund by Government, is founded on an incorrect Statement of Office. — If they fail an additional Penalty will be the & Consequence, and, if a Sentence passes in their & favor, Government will have the Satisfaction of doing Justice to the Renters, and correct & where the Error originates. —

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To prevent that the Courts of Justice shall not in their turn be more arbitrary than just, it is regulated: That every Suit under Sentence in the lower Court is liable to an Appeal to the Upper Court, if it exceeds the Amount of 50 Pagodas: And every Suit in the high Court, which exceeds the Amount of 200 Pagodas is liable to an Appeal to the Supreme Court at Copenhagen. — Our Courts of Justice are also not final in Cases, which exceed the stated Amount

Thus far I have taken the Liberty to explain against Kistna Row may be sufficiently investigated before it is resolved on. —

The Mode of commencing a Prosecution is, to grant the usual Power to an Agent with it Orders to Demand the Payment of the 20000 Star Pagodas, and in Case of a Refusal to employ a Lawyer, who shall compel Kistna Row to appear in Court to receive Sentence. — The Agent must be

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be recommended to pay close Attention to the Proceedings of the Lawyer he employs, and to furnish him with such Papers as he shall require to prove the Legality of the Demand, and put it in the Power of the Court to pass Judgement.—

If I have been so fortunate to meet your Wishes in unfolding the Systeme of our Proceedings at Law, I shall esteem myself happy, and ready to enter into any particular Explanation, if you should be desirous of having it more fully illustrated.—

I have the Honor to remain

with particular Esteem

Fort Dansborg
23. March 1792

Honored Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) P. Anker

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Governor of Tranquebar

Agree that Mr. Charles Floyer be directed to explain why the Receipt of the Letter written to him on the 3. of May 1791 has not been acknowledged, and particularly why the instructions therein contained were not immediately complied with.—

Ordered

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Ordered that Mr. Floyer be directed to carry into full execution the intentions of Government with which he has already been made acquainted –

As a Process at Law in the Danish Court for the Recovery of the Sum due by Rissna Row to the Company might, from the Nature of the Circumstances mentioned by General Stuart be attended with considerable delay and expence, it is Resolved to relinquish that intention and to bring the Matter forward in another point of View – Rissna Row, there can be no doubt, took refuge at Tranquebar for the sole purpose of Evading the Consequences of the obligation he had given to be Answerable for the payment of any Sum, not exceeding twenty Thousand Pagodas, which his Master might be called upon to refund. His withdrawing himself & therefore, with his Family and property, from the

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from the authority of this Government, previous to the final Arrangement of Mr. Johnston's Accounts clearly evinces that he was not ignorant of & the just Claim the Board had upon him - Under these Circumstances they are led to believe that General Anker will not consider Kistna Row in the light of one who deserves his protection, as it is certainly for the Interest of both Governments that Native Debtors or Defaulters should be mutually delivered up, the facility of escape rendering Such accomodation & expedient - Agreed that the foregoing be communicated to General Anker, and that he be at the same time, informed, that, as the Board will be at all times be ready to deliver over to his Authority any of the Natives belonging to his Government who may be in a similar predicament with Kistna Row, they hope, upon the present occasion, he will feel no difficulty in complying with their request, either to compel Kistna Row's immediate payment of the Note, or to Surrender him up to that Authority from whence he has escaped -

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W.m H. Hawkins requests to be excused from the Temporary Appointment of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore.—

The Acting President proposes that as Mr. William Hawkins has requested to be excused from the Temporary Appointment of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore, Mr. Strange be directed to continue to hold it, provided it do not interfere with his other Duties—

Mr. Strange to be directed to continue to hold it, if it does not interfere with his other Duties

Chas. Oakeley.

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Diary

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Sect. 177.178.179.180.181.—

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly informing him that Captain Arthur Stuart has the Boards Permission to visit the Presidency.—

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.—

To the Military Board desiring them to lay before the Board as soon as possible a Report of the European Barracks in the Carnatic, and at the same communicate their Sentiments on the most convenient Distribution of the Army, in regard to Supplies and local Circumstances.—

To the Military Board.—

To D°. informing them that Instructions have been given to the Military Storekeeper to discontinue the Manufacture of Gunpowder until further Orders.—and desiring them to report whether it be necessary, under the present Circumstances, to make up any and what further Quantity.—

To D°.

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 25th. Instant.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

To the Secretary at Bombay enclosing a Letter to be forwarded to the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis by the first opportunity that offers.

To the Secretary at Bombay.—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. Sect. 182.183.—

From

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From the Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing a —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

Bill of Lading of sundry Military Stores laden on the Honorable Company's Ship Northumberland —

From the Commissary General of Grain and —

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

Provisions enclosing a further Indent for Rice to complete the Camp orders to Benjarries now at Pondamallee —

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as —

entered in Wh. Ltrs. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191.

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Poiyam District —

Poiyam District desiring him, without Loss of time, to transmit to the Board an account of his Proceedings, and in future not to fail regularly to report to the Governor in Council every material occurrence informing him that the Instructions which he has received from Mr. Snodgrass to confine his views simply to the — Protection of the Country against predatory Incursions have been approved, and are to be adhered to until — further Orders —

To the Resident at Poiyam approving his

To the Resident at Poiyam —

Requisition to Captain Little to confine himself — entirely to the Protection of the Country against predatory Incursions —

To the Commander of His Majesty's

To the Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Swan —

Sloop Swan informing him that Lord Cornwallis

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has expressed his Wish that the Swan may remain in these Roads until he has consulted with the Commodore — regarding the Period of her Departure for Europe. —

To the Military Board desiring them to —

To the Military Board

report their Opinion upon a Claim preferred by Mr. — Mackay. Deputy Chaplain to His Majestys 72d. — Regiment. for Gratuity from the Month of March — 1783. To the Month of April 1786 inclusive ..

To the Paymaster at Cuddalore informing him that

To the Paymaster at Cuddalore. —

the Officers belonging to the two Companies of the 2d. Battalion European Infantry and to the Detachment of Sepoys of the 12th. Battalion are to be allowed half Batta until further Orders. —

To the Commandant at Cuddalore informing him

To the Commandant at Cuddalore. —

that, for the reasons assigned by Lieutenant Beale. the Board approve his having detached a Jemidars Guard for the purpose of preventing the Escape of Ally Saheb in his Way to Tinnicotah. —

To the Collector in the Southern Division of

To the Collector in the Southern Division of the Arcot Province. —

the Arcot Province - desiring him to explain the Cause of his Inattention to the orders of Government conveyed to him under Date the 3rd. May 1791 regarding the Legui = dation of the Bonds granted by the Inhabitants of the Districts under his Management for Grain purchased from the Government of Tranquebar. —

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31st. To the Collector at Tanjore desiring him to —

To Mr. James Strange Collector at Tanjore.

continue to hold the Appointments of Paymaster and Store keeper at Tanjore provided it does not interfere with his other Duties.

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197.

From the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts.

From the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts requesting that an Assistant Surgeon may be appointed to do duty at Ongole.

From the Acting Resident at Hydrabad represent=

From the Acting Resident at Hydrabad.

=ing the Necessity of his being furnished with a small — guard to conduct Ally Saheb to Timmycottah.

From the Commander of the Dutton requesting Permission to land a Charter Party Passenger sent on board his Ship at Bengal, on account of his ill state of Health.

From the Commander of the Dutton.

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts recommending that the Officer Commanding at Shevalpittore be permitted to draw the same allowance on account of Garrison Charges, as is granted to the Officer Commanding at Caleand.

From the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts.

From Cornet Montgomery requesting to be allowed full Batta.

From Cornet — Montgomery.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal stating that Eighteen hundred Barrels of Gunpowder have been taken

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

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31. Supply of this Presidency.

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry.—

Received Letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry as entered in C.C. N°40. / requesting that he may now be put in Possession of the District of Conickgherry agreeably to a Promise formerly made him by Lord Macartney.—

April 1st Sent the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Tolson.

Commanding at Vellore.

Sir.

To the Commandant at Vellore—Ensign Ballard to be put under Arrest for Neglect of Duty and ungentleman-like Conduct.—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 27th. instant, and to desire that upon Ensign Ballard's return to Vellore, You will put him under Arrest upon the following charges—First—For neglect of Duty, and being absent from his Corps without leave—Second—For Ungentleman like Behaviour, in procuring Sundry articles from Mr. James Austin Merchant at Madras, and bringing forward the name of Mr. Nathaniel Edward Kindersley as Guarantie for the Payment, when he had no authority from that Gentleman to do so.—

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Signed W. C. Jackson Secy.

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To the Honorable Major General Anker.

Governor of Tranquebar.

Hon.ble Sir,

I have been honored by the receipt of your

To the Governor of Tranquebar in reply to his Letter regarding M.r Floyer's Inattention to the orders of the Board.—

letter of the 23.d instant, and beg leave to assure you that I feel sincere concern at the delay which has arisen with regard to the Drain transaction referred to in your letter.

M.r Floyer has been very remiss in the execution of the order sent to him, and I shall in consequence write to him again on the Subject immediately

I have the honor to be, with distin=

guished Consideration.—

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

Signed Charles Oakeley

To the Honorable Major General Anker.

Governor of Tanquebar.

Hon.ble Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter

To the Governor of Tanque= bar requiring that he write to the compleat Pistareen Rent immediate Pay= ment of the Amount due from him to the English Company, or surrender him up to their Authority.—

dated the 23.d instant.—

I am much obliged by the polite and friendly manner in which you have given your Opinion regarding the prosecution of Rissna row in the Danish Court for the recovery of the Sum due by him to the

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I. nature of the circumstances mentioned by you, be attended with considerable delay and expence, I have resolved to relinquish that intention, and to bring the matter before you in another point of view. - Kisna row, there can be no doubt, took refuge at Tranquebar for the sole purpose of evading the consequences of the obligation he had given to be answerable for the payment of any Sum, not exceeding twenty thousand Pagodas, which his master — might be called upon to refund. His withdrawing — himself therefore, with his Family and Property, from our authority, previous to the final Arrangement of Mr. Johnston's Accounts, clearly evinces that he was not ignorant of the just claim we had upon him. - Under these circumstances I am led to believe you will not consider Kisna Row in the light of one who deserves Your Protection, It is certainly for the Interest of both Governments that native Debtors or Defaulters should be mutually delivered up - The facility of escape renders such accommodation expedient, and you will permit me to add, that as I shall — always be ready to deliver over to your authority any of the natives belonging to your Government who may be in a similar Predicament with Kistna Row, I trust, upon the present occasion, you will feel no difficulty in complying with my request either to compel Kistnarow's

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1st. immediate Payment of the note he has given, or to surrender himself up to that Authority from whence he has escaped. —

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I have the honor to be,
with distinguished Consideration,
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Charles Oakeley

2d. Received the following Letters.

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

Honble Sir.

From the Deputy Comptroller General ordering required Remarks regarding sundry objectionable Charges made by Major Wynch, and admitted on the Accounts of the Paymaster on the Pantoor Circar. —

In remarking on the accounts of Mr. Samuel Young Paymaster at Angola, in the Guntoor Circar &c. The inclosed monthly Charges made by Major Wynch, while Commanding in the latter district, were objected to, not being authorized by the printed Regulations, nor General Orders of the Service: I have now the honor to lay them before Your Honorable Board, with Major Wynch's explanations annexed, and have respectfully to observe, That as the Commandant had no Staff of any any description he was from necessity obliged to employ a Writer, when the unsettled State of the Guntoor Circar is considered at the time Major Wynch made his Charge for Sircarrahs, it will appear obvious that some mode should be adopted for the preservation of a safe Communication between the Commandant and his Subordinate Garrisons and

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2. Posts; no better plan could have been fixed on, than the employing of Surcarrahs of approved fidelity and — a Character, Orderly Books having been very necessary to be kept, and monthly returns transmitted, his Charge for Stationary may be admitted, more especially when he declares that he disbursed more on this account — a than he has charged: where Rounds go in Garrison or Cantonments, Candles are generally allowed - I have further to inform Your Honorable Board, that it not appearing to me necessary that the reasons above stated should always remain in force, reductions have been ordered for some Considerable time past. -

I am most Respectfully

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

(Signed) J. Brunton

Depy. Compt. Genl.

Fort St. George

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To a Writer Pay. 10 — The Charge of a Writer is what I had understood was always allowed to a Commanding Officer of a district: but, in the present instance, was absolutely necessary, as I had not any Garrison Staff of Fort — as adjutant or Town Major to make out Returns of Troops and Stores, Copy Orders &c.a I therefore trust this Charge, from the necessity of it, will be allowed. —

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4 Hircarrahs Pagodas 8 — Four Hircarrahs I was under the necessity of keeping men that I could depend upon for the purpose of Conveying Letters to and from diffrent parts of the districts, to which Tappals did not reach, and in forwarding Express-es: This, in the unsettled State of the Country, could not be entrusted to any but Persons well Known — this Charge I hope will be allowed, as it is reasonable, and what I paid: and as I had been informed a certain number of this des-cription of men was always allowed —

Stationary Pagodas 4 — Stationary I never was supplied with, either from Madrass or Masulipatam, the Expenditure of which in Orderly Books, Returns of Troops and Stores to the President and Commander in Chief, was very great: this Charge is not adequate to the Sum I disbursed I therefore trust it will be allowed —

Candles Pagodas 2 — I was under the necessity to furnish the Officers on duty with Candles for the Rounds —

Signed J. Flynch Major —

From the adjutant General — His Account of Monies belonging to His Majesty's 52d Regiment at Vellore and the Garrisons thereof the 96th and 52d Regiments Net His Majesty to be ordered to be Remunerated —

To Wm C. Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department

Sir,

Having laid Your favor of the 13th instant, with its inclosure from Major Brodie, before Lord Cornwallis I

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2d. agreeably to the instructions of the Honorable Board — I have now the honor to report, that the Prisoners of War belonging to His Majestys 52d. Regiment mentioned by Major Brodie as being stationed at Ellore, are the Officers and Men of that Corps, who were Captured at Daraporam, and who, having Capitulated on condition of not Serving during the War, were, in consequence, ordered, with the rest of the Garrison, to Ellore, to continue there till a termination of Hostilities, should admit of their returning to do Duty with the Regiment; and that the Soldiers of the 36th and 52d. Regiments alluded by Major Brodie as being at Trichinopoly, were left Sick there, when the Army passed the Garrison in December 1790. on its way towards the Presidency: His — Lordship therefore has directed me to request, that you will intimate his wish to the Honorable Board, that the whole of the above Details, may be ordered to Poonamallie, with convenient expedition, agreeably to the — application, which Major Brodie had the honor to — forward to Government. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed By. Close.
Adjt. Genl. of the Army.

Head Quarters
Camp near Karricode.
29th. March 1792.

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

From the Commandant at Cuddalore — inclosing — Copies of Letters received from Captain Lieutenant Prudentall and recommending that the Officers now in Garrison at Cuddalore be moved to different Stations. —

Honble Sir,

Since I did myself the honor of addressing you

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2 You on the Subject of the Outrages Committed by Captain Lieutenant Prudentell, and his Companions, I have received the enclosed Letters from him, and also the accompanying Papers from Lieutenant Parris, which will Shew convince your Honor that some Speedy and Effectual means should be taken to break the Neck of such a dangerous and Scandalous Association, for I cannot but be of — Opinion that the whole of them should be removed from hence and sent to different Garrisons, as they are a terror to both Europeans and Natives, and beneath the attention and Expence of a Penal Court martial, which must unavoidably take Place, unless prevented by Removal out of motions of humanity. —

I have the honor to be,

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

Sigd.y John Dyhont.

Lieut.t Col.l Comm.t

Cuddalore
30.th March 1792

Number 8

The Deposition of the Servants of Mr.s Ranken

They declare that Fire Arms is kept ready loaded and in readiness in the house, against any Persons coming to their house, and if they should, and they should be — Killed, the well is near they shall be thrown into the well in order to conceal them and that they are now keeping a constant watch: —

Lieutenant

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2. Lieutenant Parris is ready to declare that the above, as far as his Memory will guide him, is the — Purport of the Paper Lieutenant Wright read to him some days ago at his Quarters. — But on requesting a Copy of it — he received the two notes herewith Inclosed. —

/ A true Copy /

Number 2.

Mr. Parris presents his Compliments to Mr. Wright, and will be glad if he can spare him a Copy of the Paper, that he was kind Enough to show him the other day. —

Cuddalore
27th March 1792

/ A true Copy /

Number 3.

Mr. Rd. Wright returns his Compliments to Mr. J. Parris, will be much Obliged to him, if he will particularly specify the Tenor of the said Paper, which he wishes to have a sight of, and he will Copyply with his request. —

March 27th
1792

/ A true Copy /

Number 4.

Mr. Rd. Wright returns his most Respect= =full Compliments to Lieutenant J. Parris, and begs leave to inform him, that he does not in the Smallest

Respect

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2d Respect, whatever, wish to trouble either his Head or his Pen; with the troubles of others; he being a peaceable man, unless he is Molested.- at the Same time, a Sincere Friend, and well wisher, to him, and Family.

A true Copy

No 3

To Colonel Dupont

Commanding the Garrison of Cuddalore

Sir,

I Naturaly concluded, that upon the Receipt of the Last Order, you would have delivered up my Sword to me, the neglect of which I suppose is owing to Your own Servants, - I have made many applications to you, - as well as Others none of which have been attended to, - I am now about to procede to the Presidency, and shall lay all your procedings, as well as the Residents before the Right Honorable Board, having Evidences enough, not only respecting myself, but others also - If your mind be Clear after the promises and Assurances - which you have made, I leave it in your Breast - I am Sorry that you have laid me under the necessity of writing such Letters, - had you acted with that friendship which you formerly did, all these things easily might have been accommodated

wishing you well, I have the honor to be &c &c

Cuddalore
26th March 1792

A true Copy

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To Colonel Dupont

Commanding the Garrison of Cuddalore.

Sir,

It is with the infinite regret I find myself under the necessity of representing to you, the numberless irregularities which has been Committed in your Garrison /inprisons/ You have neglected your Garrison; Sergeants — have Command-Officers have been Set Aside, Insults Unbounded have been Given to families; applications have been made both to you as Commandant, as well as to the Resident, yet no redrys has been granted to those applications. I must beg leave to Observe, that it is the first time in my life, that I ever knew a Commandant, and a Resident, to quite their Garrison, and leave it to the charge of Sergeants; every indignity and insult has been offered to Officers bearing the Commission of the Honorable Company as well as to their families. —

With due submission I speak, you have neglect-
=ed your duty so far as even to permit the Non Sergeants to deliver out Arms and Ammunition to assail the Officers and families of your Garrison: If this be the Conduct of a Commandant, I leave it in Your own Breast. But as a person oppressed I must apply to Superior Powers, I am thankfull for favours received, and wish I had not cause

to

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2.d to alter my opinion but such has been the negligence of your Conduct, that I find myself under the necessity to throw aside all those flattering Ideas. -

I am
&c.a &c.a

Signed G. Boudenel.

Cuddalore.
29.th March 1792

N.B. - It is true Sir that my Sword was taken from me in an irregular manner, and the irregular manner in which it was Returned bespeaks your misconduct - all the Copies of Letters whatever will go to the Presidency. →

A true Copy

At a Consultation

Present

Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t

Acting President

William Petrie Esq.r

The Honorable Major General Medows.

Tuesday
3.d April 1792. about upon Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read and

Approved.

A Letter to be written to the Honorable Court of Directors from the Political Department and forwarded in His Majesty's Ships

The Acting President acquaints the Board

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informed him of the Commodores intention to dispatch a Ship immediately to England and proposes in consequence that a short letter be written to the Honorable Court of Directors communicating the information received from Earl Cornwallis since the date of the last address.-

Ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly.-

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly enclosing Copy of orders received from the Adjutant General relative to the Removal of the Guns, Stores, and Provisions from the Fort of Caroor.-

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Honorable Board, a Copy of a Letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, by Order of Earl Cornwallis - I have, in consequence, given the necessary Orders to the Storekeeper, and hope every thing will be removed by the period specified.-

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Bridges.-

Trichinopoly
31st March 1792

To Colonel Bridges

Sir,

&c.

Herein I have the honor to transmit Copy of

&c

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an Order dispatched to Lieutenant Dyer, or officer Commanding at Caroor, directing him to deliver over the Fort to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun within Sixteen days after the Order is presented to him, retiring with his Garrison, and removing in the above period the Guns, Military Stores and Provisions in Caroor to Tichino-poly or some station within the Companys territory that you may find it expedient to appoint. —

His Lordship desires thereupon, that on receipt hereof, you will use all the means in your power, either by Land or Water conveyance, to withdraw the whole of the Ordnance, Stores and Provisions from Caroor within the period fixed for its restitution - sending them across the River to Major Cuppage, who has orders to take possession of the Salem and Ameul Countries, which are to be ceded to the Company, or removing them towards Tritinopoly if you can; by any means, procure the Cattle requisite for the purpose. —

Head Quarters
Camp near
Seringapatam
22d. March 1792

Signed W.F. Close.
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

A true Copy
Signed S. McKerras Secy.
to Col. Bridges

Minute thereon

The Board approve the orders given by Colonel Bridges to the Storekeeper in consequence of instructions received by him from Earl Cornwallis, regarding the delivery of Caroor to Tippoo Sultaun. —

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Letter from the Nabob desiring that 40,000 Pagodas may be advanced on account of his fifth taken into Consideration. —

The Board now take into consideration the Letter from his Highness the Nabob read at the last Consultation, desiring that a Set of Bills for 40,000 Pagodas may be granted on account of his fifth. —

Mr. Petrie begs leave to lay before the Board the following Statement from the Board of Assumed Revenue —

The Nabob has actually received in Cash and Bills paid to his order. —

Mr. Petrie lays before the Board a Statement of Cash advanced and Bills granted to the Nabob on account of his fifth. —

Paid to him as p. account brought up to the 30th November and sent to him	140.374.	20. 22
Paid to him in a Bill on Mr. Torin in January	30.000.	— —
Dº in a Bill — on Dº in February	30.000.	— —
Dº in a Bill on Dº in Dº	10.000.	— —
Dº in a Bill on Mr. Macleod in February	10.000.	— —
Cash paid to him at the Presidency in March	5.000.	— —
	225.374.	20. 22
Bills and orders in train of payment-cash to be paid the 1st April	5000.	— —
a Bill on Mr. Moyer payable the 30th March	40.000.	— —
These two are ordered by Torin-ment for Amdat ul Omra — a Bill to be paid by Mr. Torin in June	10.000.	— —
a Bill to be paid by Mr. Torin in June	15.000.	— —
an order to Mr. Benny	18.000.	— —
a Dº to Captain Benny	12.000.	— —
	100.000.	— —
	325.374.	20. 22.
to be debited for Arrack Farm	3000.	— —
	328.374.	20. 22
Deduct a Sum due to him at the close of last year accounts	11.940.	20. 38.
	316.433.	35. 64.
To pay the above 316433. to the Nabob	316.433.	35. 64.
There ought to be net revenue in June	15.82.165.	— —

The Net receipts at the close of the Fasly year 1200 or 12th July 1791. were 14.35.250 —

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Resolution of the Board upon the Nabobs — Application for a — further Advance on account of his Jaghire —

As it appears from the foregoing Statement that his Highness's full proportion of the Revenues for Fusly 1201 has been already rather exceeded upon a calculation of the net Receipts of the last year, it is agreed to inform him that no further Sums on Account of his Jaghire can immediately be advanced — but that, if the receipts should prove greater than the — Board expect, the advances to him will be in proportion

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. No. 41.

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

Dated 3d Shaubaun 1206 Hegery or 27th March 1792 Corresp. 3d Recd 3d —

From the Nabob claims a Balance on account of his Family Jaghires of upwards of one Lack and fifty Thousand Pagodas —

I have received your Letter of the 15th — a Rajab 1206 Hegery answering to the 9th March 1792 with the Waypal Bankie and Jamah Khurch accounts of the revenues of the Country. I understand the Contents and will reply to the several Items of those Accounts hereafter —

In my Letter of the 24th Rubbeessawny answering to the 25th December 1791 I wrote you that the Jaghire of my Family Amount according to the Fruity to the Sum of two Lacks, thirteen Thousand, four — hundred and Twenty one (2,13,421) Pagodas and that

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family received therefrom in four months amounted to Sixty Thousand Pagodas, and that they must receive the remainder of the Money.—

As my Family are labouring under the greatest Distress, and are very importunate with me to procure them the Balance of their Money.— I have to request you will be pleased to furnish me with Bills, upon the Collectors in the Countries, for the Sum of one Lack, fifty three Thousand four hundred and Twenty one /153421/ Pagodas the Balance due on Account of the Jaghire; this Money being the property of the Ladies of my family, it must be paid to them; for it does not belong to me.—

What can I say more?

A true Translation

Signed David Haliburton

P.r Jd.

Minute thereon

The Board have already given the Nabob credit in his Accounts with the Company for the nett Collections made in the — Jaghiris, from the Assumption, to their restoration; and, as it was at his Highness's express desire that they were delivered over to his — authority previous to the expiration of the Fasly Year, the Company cannot be answerable for any failure in the collections after the period of their delivery,— more especially, as the Board had agreed to make good the Sum stipulated by Treaty, if he had thought proper to have allowed the Jaghiris to remain with the Company.—

Resolved that the above be communicated to the Nabob in reply to his letter.—

The acting President delivers in the following Minute.——

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Lord Cornwallis having apprised me of his intention of appointing Captain Alexander Read, in the first Instance, to the Command of Kistnagherry &c. in the Baramaul, and having on this occasion, suggested the propriety of allowing that Officer to collect the Revenues of the Baramaul and Salem Districts during the few remaining months of the present year, I beg leave to recommend this measure to the Board according to

The acting President recommends, in consequence of the suggestions of Lord Cornwallis, that Captain Alexander Read be appointed to take Charge of the Revenues of the Baramaul & Salem Districts during the remainder of the present Revenue year.

Captain Reads' Services and talents are mentioned by Lord Cornwallis in terms of particular satisfaction, and his Lordship is of opinion that the knowledge which Captain Read possesses of the Country Languages, joined to an even temper and conciliating manners will be essential use in reconciling the Inhabitants of these Districts to their new Government.

Signed Charles Ruskeley

Resolved that Captain Alexander Read be appointed to take Charge of the Revenues of the Baramahaul and Salem Districts, and make the collections for the remainder of the present year, as the Board are persuaded that his ability & knowledge of Revenue Business will be of essential use in ascertaining and realizing the value of those Districts.

Minute of the Board thereon

Read the following Letter from the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations.

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley, Bt.

Acting Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

We have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary — Jacksons Letter of the 22nd ultimo, and are now enabled to lay before you in the form of "Heads for resolutions of Government" — what we conceive necessary to carry into immediate execution the instructions of the Supreme Government for the introduction of uniformity in Military Accounts, and have subjoined a General Order containing such heads as we deem necessary for the — information of the Army in general; and which we trust, will meet your approbation. — The forms therein alluded to, which are to be transmitted to the several Paymasters are now in the press. —

From the Committee for reporting upon the — Bengal Regulations enclosing some "Proposed "Heads for the Resolutions "of Government for carry= =ing into Execution the "Conformity in Military "Accounts" and a General Order to be published for the Information of the Army — Recommendation regarding the Depart= =ment of the Committee of Works the Payment of the Sibbendy Batta= =tions and the Revisal of the Books of Regulations,

In Consequence of the resolution of Government in regard to the Department of the Committee of Works. We beg leave to recommend that the Military Board be directed to report upon the several Debits and Credits Standing on the Books of the Committee on the 30th Instant, as also to cause a Survey and valuation to be made of Tools and Materials &c. in use on the Works. That the necessary Adjustments may be made on the 1st of may next, and the Balances of Cash in their hands paid to the Military Paymaster General. —

We beg leave to Suggest that instructions should be given to the Accountant General to Issue the necessary directions

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directions to the several Employs, particularly the Military Storekeeper, Garrison Storekeeper and Civil Paymaster. to distinguish the Disbursements in their Books, whether of a Civil or Military nature, by the year for which incurred.—

We further beg leave to recommend that the Sebbundy Battalions now paid and Charged in the Revenue Department be paid by the Paymasters of Stations, and included in their Accounts with the Military Paymaster General, as directed in the Letter of Instructions and forms to be sent them.— by which the whole Disbursements on account of Charges Collection, whether of the Company's, Nabobs, or Tanjore Revenue, will appear under their respective heads, and be transfered to the Revenue Department, at the close of each Year.—

Your Honorable Board will observe that we have adopted the mode prescribed in Bengal, for ascertaining the Annual Amount of Effectiveness of the Army.— which will be carried to the respective Heads, agreeably to the Division to be made of them.—

We Shall transmit Such of the original Papers Sent to us by your Honorable Board as Contain Forms and Arrangements in their Departments, to the Auditor General, and Military Paymaster General for their more particular information: but, we cannot close the address without taking the liberty of recommending an early

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revisal and Correction of the Books of Regulations, which Paymasters are directed to take for their guidance in making Payments.—

We have the honor to be,

Madras
2d April 1792.

Gr.a Gr.a Gr.a.

Dev.n Roebuck.

[Signed] George Moubray
Tho.s Cockburn.
J.s Brunton.

Resolutions of Government for carrying into Effect the — Conformity in Military Accounts —

The Honorable Governor in Council, taking into consideration the Recommendation of the Supreme Government for introducing uniformity of System in the Military Accounts of the three Presidencies, is pleased to direct, that the Offic. of Commissary General be henceforth discontinued, and — in future he be designed, —

Military Auditor General.

1st. . . . . All orders and regulations of Government or the Commander in Chief respecting the Military Departments, and involving in their consequences Military Charges, are to be regularly communicated to the Military Auditor General by the Secretaries of Government, or Adjutant General, by him to the Military Paymaster General, and by the — latter to Subordinate Paymasters. —

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2d Resolved that, as the Board have found the present mode of recovering Retrenchments, to be inadequate either for the Security of the Paymaster, or the Indemnification of the Company from unwarrantable Charges —

3d Ordered that Paymasters are, immediately upon the Receipt of the Auditor Generals Retrenchments, to furnish Copies of them, to those respectively concerned, Requiring them to — repay the amount. —

4th If this requisition has not been complied with, when the next Months allowances are issued, the Paymaster is hereby Authorized and Ordered to make Stoppages, from the Bill or Abstracts of that and the Succeeding Months Pay excepted, until the full amount of the Retrenchments is Liquidated —

5th ——— That in Case of the Death or Removal of any — Paymaster before the Retrenchments, from his Accounts, have been completely recovered, his Deputy, or the Succeeding Paymaster, to the Office or Station, is hereby directed to proceed, by the same means, for the recovery thereof.

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6th Injunctions to the Audit of the Paymasters — Accounts, Officers shall be removed to other Stations, and Retrenchments thereafter made against them, or before Retrenchments against Officers may have been received, such Officers shall have been removed to other Stations. the Paymaster is, in that Case, to make out Bills against them, and transmit them to the Paymaster of the Station to which the Officers have been — removed, Who is directed to proceed by the before mentioned

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Mode, to Compleat the Recovery thereof.—

7th . . . . . But, in every Instance, the Responsibility must rest with the Paymaster, in whose Disbursements the unautho=rized Charge has appeared; Retrenchments must be brought to account in three Months after they are made, or at the end of every official quarter.—

8th . . . . . As it is not intended by the mode here prescribed for recovering Retrenchments, to deprive the Officers against whom they are made of the speediest means of obtaining a Readit thereof, — Resolved —

9th . . . . . Whenever an Officer shall have further grounds to produce, in support of the Charges which have been Retrenched, he is to state them upon the Extract of the Retrenchments with which he has been furnished, and return it to the Auditor Jeneral, through the Channel of his Paymaster, within one month, accompanied with Copies of such Orders, Certificates, or other Authority as he may have to urge.—

10th . . . . . The Paymaster is directed to forward such Representation to the Auditor Jeneral within one Week, after he shall receive them, and the Auditor Jeneral is strictly enjoined to enter upon the Consideration of them without delay.—

11th . . . . . If the Auditor Jeneral shall, notwithstan=ding the reasons that may be so offered, think himself Obliged to Confirm the Retrenchments, he shall make immediate communication to the Paymaster, for the information of the Party concerned, of the Grounds upon which he adheres to his

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his former Opinion, to the End that, if an Appeal to the Board shall afterwards be demanded, the Plea upon which the Charge is attempted to be established and the reasons for its rejection, may come together, at one view, before Government.—

12th . . . . . Where appeals to the Board are afterwards demanded they are to be made through the Channel of the Paymasters and Auditor General, and the party Concerned is, in this last Resort, to be aware of the necessity of stating clearly and fully, every additional Argument which he may still have to Offer, as the decision of the Board will be final— but the parties must be very Careful not to trouble Government with appeals on insufficient Grounds.—

13th . . . . . The Auditor General is directed, whenever he makes a Reaudit of a Charge formerly Retrenched from any officer, to acquaint him therewith; the like communication is to be made by the Auditor General to Officers, who have drawn less than what they are entitled to; and which has been allowed by the Paymaster as a short [illegible] first Audit of his Disbursements.—

14th . . . . . If the Retrenchment is found to be well grounded, no hardship is suffered by any Party, and if there are reasons to be assigned, and Authorities to be produced, upon which the Retrenchment may be taken off, the mode now prescribed will most surely bring them speedily forth; and the Board are pleased to assure the Officers of the Army, that they will interpose their authority

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Authority, to prevents any improper delay in bringing Retrenchments which may be objected against, to an early decision.—

Military Paymaster General.

15th. . . . . It is likewise Resolved that the Office of — Military Paymaster General under this Presidency, shall in future be an Office of Accounts only, at which no detailed Bill of — Military Disbursement is ever to be paid: but, to which all Paymasters upon the Establishment are to send in their Monthly Estimates for Cash: they are likewise to send the Military Paymaster General their Monthly Accounts, as at present, and all orders from him, on the Business of the Department to the Several Subordinate Paymasters, are to be forthwith obeyed—

16th. . . . . In Consequence of this arrangement in the Pay Department Mr. Joseph Farrow is appointed Military Paymaster to the Garrison of Fort St. George and its immediate dependencies, to whom all Bills are to be presented from the 1st. Day of May 1792 and who, taking the two Books of — Regulations as his Guides, is to pay such Bills as are presented to him without the previous Signature of the Auditor General, in the same manner as is now observed by the Paymasters at the out Garrisons.—

17th. . . . . The Honorable the Governor in Council, conformably to the Requisition of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council respecting the Introduction of the new Mode of Keeping the Military Accounts, has been — pleased

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pleased to Resolve and Order that the following Regulations do take place on and after the 1st Day of May 1792.—

18th . . . . . That the Military Paymaster General— shall, on or before the 15th of every Month, Compile and— transmit to the Governor in Council, one General Estimate, wherein shall be pointed out the Arrears due upon the last day of the Month immediately preceding; and the— amount required for the payment of all the Military— Charges during the Current Month, specifying what part thereof is required in Cash at the Presidency; Such Estimate is to be compiled from the Estimates of the Sirkal Paymasters, and accompanied either with the Original, or an Authenticated Copy of each Paymasters Estimate.—

19th . . . . . The Paymaster General shall issue the necessary orders to the Sirkal Paymasters, enjoining them to forward their Estimates on the 1st day of each Month, so as to enable him to Comply with these Orders.—

20th . . . . . Upon the Estimate of every Paymaster— immediately under the Statement of arrears, he is to enter the amount of the Balance in his hands, and deduct it— from the Arrears.—

21st . . . . . The Paymaster General, is, in like— manner, to state the Balance Remaining in his hands, upon his General Estimate, which will then exhibit the

Arrears

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arrears that were due at the end of the last month, The Funds in the hands of all the Paymasters towards the discharge thereof, The Balance still due from Government, and the amount of what is becoming due for the Current Month.—

22d . . . . . The Secretary to the Government Shall transmit this Estimate to the Military Auditor General,—a who shall immediately Examine and Report thereon, to the end that Government may be, at all times, in possession of Sufficient materials to judge of the Probable demands—a before they pass orders upon the General Treasury, in favor of the Military Paymasters General.—

23d . . . . . The advances necessary for the Current Service to the Paymasters at the out Garrisons are to be supplied by Bills of Exchange, drawn by them, upon the Paymaster General, and for which Bills the Chiefs at the different Factories, The Collectors of the Revenue, and the Residents— are to advance Money.—

24th . . . . . all Paymasters Shall, on or before the 15th of every Month, transmit to the Military Auditor General an Abstract of their Receipts, and Disbursements, made up to the last day inclusive, of the Month immediately—a preceding; and the Paymaster General Shall, in the same manner, transmit to the Auditor General, a Copy of his Cash account Monthly.—

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25th ... A Bill of Exchange, upon the Paymaster General, being considered equal to payment in Money. All Paymasters are therefore Ordered to bring to account, immediately upon the Abstracts of their Receipts and Disbursements as above mentioned, such Bills of Exchange, Drafts Receipts or other Documents, as they draw, grant or pass, and whereby they receive into their possession either money or a Signed Voucher, capable of being entered upon their accounts of Disbursements, whether the Persons in whose favor such Bills of Exchange or other Writings, may have been granted, has endorsed the same in favor of the Collector or Resident, advancing the Money thereon, or not.

26th ... The Military Paymaster General, is to debit each Paymaster, to a Head of "Bills payable" for the Sums with which the Paymasters charge themselves for the Bills they draw, as these are drawn, and the Head of "Bills payable" to "General Books" for the Bills as they are discharged, by the Collectors of the Revenue, Chiefs of Factories, or Residents, and delivered up by the accountants General for the Military Paymaster General's Receipts.

27th ... The Military Paymaster General is to ascertain and include the Balance of "Bills payable" Debited and credited in the manner before directed, in the Quarterly Statements of Quick Stock, that the same may be included by

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included by the Accountant General in his Debits owing by the Honorable Company, and opposed to the whole of the Assets applicable to the discharge of these Debts.

28th. The Paymasters, having thus given Credit for all Bills of Exchange, or other Writings which they draw upon the Paymaster General, have no further connection therewith, nor are they to require information from the Party in whose favor Such Bills or other Writing was granted, when he endorses the Same to the Collector or Resident advancing the Money. Instr.

29th. The Collectors Chiefs and Residents, respectively shall, immediately, when they advance Money for the Bills of Exchange, Drafts, receipts or other writings of the Paymasters of the Army or Garrisons transmit to the Accountant General authenticated Copies in Duplicate of Such Bills of Exchange, Drafts, Receipts, or other Writings.

30th. The Necessary Materials having been furnished to the Accountant General, he shall on or before the 15th of every Month, make up an Account, for the Month immediately preceding, of the actual advances to the Military Department, including the certificates issued by the Paymaster General, which Account he is to transmit to the Paymaster General, who, after having examined it, is to Countersign, and forward the Same to the Auditor General.

31st. The Auditor General is ordered to examine the Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements of the Several Paymaster

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Paymasters, and to Compare them with the accounts of — actual advances, made up by the Accountant General; and if it Shall appear from the Dates of the Bills of Exchange, and the Dates when the Collectors advanced the money for them, or from any other circumstance, that a Paymaster has failed to debit himself, immediately upon drawing Such Bills of Exchange, or other Writing, for which the Paymaster receives either money or a Signed Voucher, Capable of becoming a charge upon his Account of Disbursements, according to the true intent and meaning of the 25th. article of these Regulations, Every Such Neglect, the auditor General is ordered to report to the Governor in Council, transmitting, at the Same time, a Copy of Such Report to the Paymaster Concerned. —

32d. . . . . And whenever it Shall happen, that the — advances of any Month, to the Military Department, / the account of which is to be made up as hereafter expressed / — exceed the Monthly Statement of the probable Monthly Expenditure, the Auditor General Shall immediately report the Same to the Governor in Council; he Shall not be permitted to use his own discretion, in any deviation from a Strict — obedience to this order, but is required, however, to accompany Such report, with a Statement of the Causes, which appear to have occasioned the excess, in the advance, to the end that Government may determine, whether an enquiry into the Extraordinary advance, be necessary or not. —

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33 . . . . . So Soon as the whole accounts of Disbursements of all the Paymasters for a Month, have been Examined by the Auditor General, he Shall make up, and transmit to the Governor in Council, a Report, which Shall exhibit the Grand Total admitted upon them, and the Amount of the advances to the Military Department during the Same Month, which — account of advances is to be stated thus. — To the Amount of the actual advances to the Military Paymaster General, is to be — added the amounts of the Bills of Exchange drawn by the — Subordinate Paymasters, but which do not appear to have been paid during that Month, and then, from the Total of both is to be deducted Such part of the actual Advances as was — applied to the discharge of Bills of Exchange, which had been brought to accounts as drawn, but not paid in the Report of the former Month, thereby clearly pointing out, the ways and — means, from which the disbursements of the Month, have been made. —

34 . . . . . The Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the mode now in use of arranging the Military Expenditure under various Heads, upon the Books of the Paymaster General, be discontinued, and that the Amounts admitted by the Auditor General, upon the first Audit of the Several Disbursements of the Paymaster, or afterwards admitted, upon — Readits, be carried to the Debit of Heads entitled "Charges Military" of the particular Year, to which the Sum So admitted may belong. —

35 . . . . . The Governor in Council, is also pleased to direct

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direct that a concise Set of Books shall be kept by the Auditor Jeneral, to accord with the Books of the Paymaster Jeneral, and mutually to check each other, So far as regards the Jeneral Expenditure in the Military Departments.—

36. . . . . The Set of Books to be kept by the Auditor Jeneral is to consist of a Journal and a Ledger, wherein is to be entered, first, the particulars of the Monthly Accounts of Advances to the Military Departments, the Amount of which is to be carried to the Debit of the Paymaster Jeneral; Declaring however at the Same time that this Entry Shall in no Shape be constructed to bring any new personal Responsibility upon the Paymaster Jeneral, either in making him Answerable for Retrenchments made for the Disbursements of other Paymasters, or in with holding from him Credit for all advances made for the Accountable Officers of Government, in his Department, agreable to the Regulations of the Service; 2nd So soon as the whole accounts of Disbursements of all the Paymasters for a Month, have been audited, the amounts admitted upon each is to be entered to the Debit of Charges Military of that Year to which it belongs, and the Total of the whole brought to the Credit of the Paymaster Jeneral 3rd In like manner all Remittances made in the Course of the Same month, to be carried to the Debit of the accounts of Charges Military, and to the Credit of the Paymaster Jeneral— 4th When the Paymaster Jeneral

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General makes any advances to his Majestys Paymaster, on
account of Kings Subsistence, payable by the Company, in —
Terms of Act of Parliament, an authenticated Voucher, Received for
such Advance, is to be transmitted to the Auditor General, who
Shall bring the same to Debit of "Account Current London" —
and to the Credit of the Paymaster General. 5.— That at the
end of the Year, the Total amounts of the Offreckonings of the
Army, to be ascertained as hereafter mentioned, be brought
to the Debit of Charges Military, and to the Credit of the
Offreckoning Funds; and Finally, when the Auditor General,
has completed the Books to be thus kept by him for one Year,
an authentic Copy of them, is to be furnished to the Accountant
General, who Shall bring to account the Entries made for the
Adjustments of the Military Paymaster Generals Books with the
General Books, in Such manner as to exhibit either their —
Correspondence or the Components parts of the difference. —
between the Books kept by the Military Auditor General,
and those kept by the Military Paymaster General, pointing
out the latter to both, that they may investigate the causes
of these differences, and make Such Adjustments as may be —
required on either or both of their Books to compleat their —
accordance with each other. —

37th. — — — — The Auditor General Shall, at all times, have
free access to inspect the Books kept by the Paymaster General —

38th — — — — — — The accounts Current with the Paymaster
General

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Journal, which the several Paymasters keep in their own Offices are to be correct Copies of those they transmit monthly to the Journal Pay Office, as well as of the Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements with which they are directed Regularly to furnish the Military Auditor General; But the Paymasters are informed, that tho' these Accounts will, upon a final adjustment agree with their Accounts upon the Books of the Paymaster General, yet the Component parts of them will frequently differ, because

3dly. . . . . It is ordered that the Paymaster General carry no Sum to the Debit of Charges Military, and to the Credit of a Paymaster's Account but the Actual amount transmitted by the Auditor General either upon the first Audit of his accounts of Disbursements, or afterwards upon Remodel and as by these Regulations, every Charge must be finally audited, and passed before it is brought upon the Books, It is further ordered, that when the Paymaster General is directed by the Governor in Council to make advances upon Accounts of any Service, which is performing, or any in which have been Contracted for, upon Estimate or otherwise, he is to take Receipts for these advances, the amount of which are to be Charged upon the Books of his Office, to the Debit of the Persons who have Contracted for, or undertaken such occasional Services, until the Service or Work is performed; after which, these Accounts are to receive credit, by the Particular Paymaster whose duty it is to pay the Contract, to whom the amount of the Advance for the particular Service is to be Charged; and the Complete expense thereof be entered upon his Disbursements, accompanied with

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with it's proper Voucher, nothing however in this Clause is to be understood to Extend to the advances to be made to the Officers Commanding Detachments Employed upon Foreign Service.—

40. . . . . The additions and Calculations in the — Paymasters Disbursements, are to be checked by the Auditor General —

41. . . . . When the Disbursements of a Paymaster have been Audited by the Auditor General, he Shall pass the — account for the just amount admitted thereon, and advise the Paymaster General thereof, acquainting him, that the same has been carried to his Credit, and for which Sum he will Credit the Paymaster accordingly. The like — Communication to be made, when Sums are admitted upon Reaudit.—

42. . . . . The Auditor General Shall also advise the Paymasters when their accounts of Disbursements are Audited, or when Sums are admitted upon Reaudit, informing them, that the Paymaster General has been directed to give them Credit for the amounts Admitted.—

43. . . . . When Retrenchments happen to be made, the account thereof is to be prepared in detail, and transmitted both to the Paymaster General, and Paymasters from whose Disbursements they are made, to the end that the Parties concerned therein may be informed of the particulars of such Retrenchments: but the Retrenchment Accounts will not

not appear upon the Accounts Current of the Divisional Paymasters, as intered upon the Books of the Paymaster General; They will only appear, upon the Accounts Current kept by, except when it may happen that Sums are Retrenched upon Reaudit; in which case the Auditor General, shall transmit the Account thereof to the Paymaster General, who shall carry it to the Debit of the Paymaster from whose disbursements it is made, and to the Credit of Charges Military, and the like communication Shall be made to the Paymaster by the Auditor General.

46. ..... The Accounts of the Reaudits are to be made up in detail, by the Auditor General and transmitted in the Same manner as the Accounts of Retrenchments.—

45. ..... In Consideration of these Regulations, and in Order to Render the Paymasters Accounts of Disbursements more Plain and Connected, The Governor in Council is pleased to direct, that the present Form in which these accounts are made out be altered, and that they be made to resemble, as nearly as may be, the Book of Military Statements, ordered to be prepared Annually for Parliament, exhibiting, in a plain Detail, and under the Same head, the Pay and allowances Issued to each Corps Company, Establishment or Individual

46. ..... For this purpose Resolved, from the 1st. of May 1792, That all the Accounts of the Subordinate Paymasters be Kept conformably to a Letter and Book of Forms which will be transmitted to them by the Military Paymaster General: The Book contains the Forms of all Abstracts of Pay

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Rolls and Muster Rolls - All Officers and Muster Masters - a-
belonging both to his Majesty's and the Honorable Company's
Troops are hereby required to apply to the Paymasters, and take
from them Copies of the Abstracts and Muster Rolls requisite
for the Payments of the Troops under their respective Commands;
and are Strictly injoined, in every respect, to Comply with the
Forms and Regulations Transmitted to the Paymasters. -

4th. . . . . In case an Officer is Removed from one Corps to
another, the Certificate of the Paymaster of the Station from a-
whence removed is necessary, and he is to be drawn for in the
abstract of the Corps to which Removed, from the date of the
order of Removal: the Certificate is to accompany the latter abstra-

4th. . . . . Upon this Regulation the Governor in Council
Commits to the Auditor General, and Paymaster General, to
correct, as occasion may require, the form of the Paymaster's
Disbursements, having always in view that these Accounts
will be expected to exhibit a Clear State of the actual - a-
Strength and said allowances, fixed to each Corps, Company,
Establishment or Individual; and that where occasional
Extra Expence is incurred over and above the said allow-
=ances of the Stations, or from Supernumeraries to the Establish
=ments, Such Extra Charge Shall appear detailed after the
said allowances and Establishments of each Corps, but not
upon a Seperate part of the Disbursement. -

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Offreckonings of the army

49 ... Resolved that from the 1st of May 1792 the Offreckonings of Native Corps be credited to the Offreckoning Funds for the said Establishments at the end of the year; and, with Respect to the Corps of Europeans, that the Offreckoning be computed for the Effectives only on the 30th April Yearly, thereby saving the trouble of a monthly computation and substituting an annual one in lieu of it.—

50 ..... The Rule now prescribed for ascertaining the Offreckonings due to the Effective Europeans is to be adopted also for the Offreckonings due to the European Invalids —

51 ..... With Respect to the Native Invalids the Yearly Amounts of their Offreckonings is to be calculated from the Returns of their Effective Strength on the 1st of January

52d ... The Adjutant General is to furnish the Auditor General yearly with the Necessary Returns to enable him to ascertain the Offreckoning agreeably to the above.

Department of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

53d ... Resolved that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions shall in his Books distinguish the Heads of Disbursements by the Year for which incurred, in the Same manner as Directed to be done by

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by the Military Paymaster General: he will transmit his Estimate to the Governor in Council agreably to the form prescribed for the Military Paymaster General; and be guided, in regard to entering the Several accounts in his Books, by the Rules laid down for his [the Military Paymaster Generals] Guidance, after audit.

54. . . . The Paymasters at out Garrisons act as Commissary of Grain and Provisions at the Several Stations and are to transmit Estimates of their Monthly Disbursements, in that Capacity, to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions at Madras, in the same manner as to the Military Paymaster General for Military Payments; and, for the Amount advanced in their Capacity of Paymaster, They, as Commissaries of Grain and Provisions, must draw a Bill on the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions in favor of the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency; the Bill to be delivered to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, for which he will pass his Receipts.

Committee of Works.

55. . . . . Resolved that the Committee of Works be abolished, as a separate Establishment for Disbursement; but the Military Board, as a Committee of Works, are to decide as usual upon all Estimates for Repairs,

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and all disbursements heretofore made in this Department are, from the 1st. of May 1792, to be made by the Military Paymaster, if of a Military Nature, by the Civil Paymaster, if of a Civil nature; the Bills being first passed by the Military Board and Countersigned by the auditor General

Company's Allowances to His Majesty's Troops

56. . . . . In Conformity to the Bengal Usage the Paymaster General is ordered to take upon himself, from the 1st of May 1792, the Payment of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops on the Coast, and the Subsistance to the new Raised Regiments: The Paymasters to his Majesty's Regiments are to account with him in the same manner as they have heretofore done with the King's Paymaster General; and to apply to the Paymasters of [illegible] Garrisons or Cantonments for the forms in which their Abstracts are to be drawn after the 1st. of May 1792

57. . . . . As by these Regulations, a Complete Check is Established in the Auditor General, over all the Military Disbursements of this Establishment, whether of the King's or Company's Troops, and as it is the principle of the System laid down, that no Officer of Government Should be left to Check the allowances drawn by himself, it is directed that the Military Auditor General's personal allowances as well as the Sums drawn by him for the Establishments and

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and Contingent Charges of his Office, shall come under the immediate Review and Controul of the Board. To which end the detail, and amounts of whatever may be drawn by him, is to be reported every Month to the Governor in Council by the Paymaster who disburses them. —

Resolved and ordered that Copies of these Resolu=tions be Sent to the Auditor General, Paymaster General, — Accountant General, and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and that the following General Orders be published for the information and guidance of the Army. —

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The Honorable the President in Council, taking into Consideration the Recommendation of the Supreme — Government for introducing uniformity of System in the Military Accounts of the three Presidencies, is pleased to direct, that the Office of Commissary General be hence-forth discontinued, and that in future he be designed. —

Military Auditor General.

All orders and regulations of Government or the Commander in Chief respecting the Military Depart=ment, and involving in their consequences Military — Charges, are to be regularly communicated to the Military Auditor General by the Secretaries of Government, or Adjutant General, by him to the Military Paymaster General, and by the latter to Subordinate Paymasters. —

Resolved

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Resolved that as the Board have found the present mode of recovering Retrenchments to be inadequate either for the Security of the Paymaster, or the Indemnification of the Company from unwarrantable Charges.—

Ordered that Paymasters are, immediately upon the receipt of the Auditor Generals Retrenchments, to furnish Copies of them to those Respectively concerned,— requiring them to repay the Amount.—

If this Requisition has not been complied with, when the next months allowances are issued, the Paymaster is hereby authorized and ordered to make Stoppages from the Bill or abstracts of that and the Succeeding months Pay excepted, until the full Amount of the Retrenchments is liquidated.—

That in Case of the Death or Removal of any Paymaster before the Retrenchments from his accounts have been completely recovered, his Deputy or the Succeeding Paymaster to the Office or Station, is hereby directed to procure by the Same means for the recovery thereof.—

If previous to the Audit of the Paymasters accounts, Officers shall be removed to other Stations, and Retrenchments thereafter made against them, or before Retrenchments against Officers may have been recovered, such Officers shall have been removed to—

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to other stations, the Paymaster is in that Case to make out Bills against them, and transmit them to the Paymaster of the Station to which the Officers have been removed, who is directed to pro-=ceed by the before mentioned mode to Compleat the Recovery thereof.

But, in every Instance, the responsibility must Rest with the Paymaster in whose Disbursements the unauthor=rized Charge has appeared—Retrenchments must be brought to accounts in three months after they are made, or at the end of every Official quarter.—

As it is not intended by the mode here pres=cribed for recovering Retrenchments, to deprive the Officers against whom they are made of the speediest means of—a obtaining a reaudit thereof.—

Whenever an Officer shall have further grounds to produce in support of the Charge which has been retrench=ed, he is to state them upon the Extract of the retrench=ments with which he has been furnished, and return it to the Auditor General, through the Channel of his Pay=master, within one month, accompanied with Copies of such Orders Certificates, or other authority as he may have to urge.—

The Paymaster is directed to forward such Representation to the Auditor General within one Week after he shall receive them, and the Auditor General is strictly enjoined to enter upon the Consideration of them

them without delay.—

If the Auditor General shall, notwithstanding the reasons that may be so offered, think himself obliged to Confirm the Retrenchments, he shall make immediate communication to the Paymaster, for the information of the Party concerned, of the Grounds upon which he adheres to his former Opinion, to the End that, if an appeal to the Board, shall afterwards be demanded, the Pleas upon which the Charge is attempted to be Established and the Reasons for its Rejection, may come together, as one view, before Government.

When appeals to the Board are afterwards demanded, they are to be made through the Channel of the Paymasters and Auditor General, and the party Concerned is, in this last Resort, to be aware of the necessity of stating clearly and fully, every additional Ground which he may still have to Offer, at the decision of the Board will be final: but the parties must be very careful not to trouble Government with appeals on insufficient Grounds.

The Auditor General is directed, whenever he makes a Recandit of a Charge formerly retrenched from any Officer, to acquaint him therewith; the like Communication is to be made by the Auditor General to Officers who have drawn Less than what they are entitled to and which has been Allowed by the Paymaster as a short drawing, upon the first audit of his Disburse-

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If the Retrenchment is found to be well grounded
no hardship is suffered by any party, and if there are Reason
to be assigned, and authorities to be produced, upon which
Retrenchment may be taken off, the mode now prescribed
will necessarily bring them Speedily forth; and the Board a
pleased to assure the Officers of the Army that they will inter
their authority, to prevent any improper delay in bringing Re
=trenchments which may be objected against, to an early deci

Military Paymaster General.

It is likewise Resolved that the Office of Military
Paymaster General under this Presidency, shall in future be an
Office of Accounts only; at which no detailed Bill of Milita
Disbursement is ever to be paid; but to which all Paymasters of
the Establishment are to send in their Monthly Estimates for
Cash; they are likewise to send the Military Paymaster Gen
their monthly Accounts, as at present; and all orders from him, o
the business of the Department to the several Subordinate
Paymasters, are to be forthwith obeyed.

In Consequence of this Arrangement in the Pay
Department Mr. J. Farrow is appointed Military Paymaste
to the Garrison of Fort St. George and its immediate dependen
=cies to whom all Bills are to be presented from the 1st day o
May 1792; and who, taking the two Books of Regulations
as his Guides, is to pay such Bills as are presented to him
without the previous Signature of the Auditor General,
or

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in the same manner as is now observed by the Paymasters at the Out Garrisons.

Resolved from the 1st of May 1792 that all the Accounts of the Subordinate Paymasters be kept Conformable to a Letter and Book of Forms which will be transmitted to them by the Military Paymaster General. The Book Contains the Forms of all Abstracts of Pay Rolls and Muster Rolls - all Officers and Muster Masters belonging both to his Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Troops are hereby required to apply to the Paymasters, and take from them Copies of the Abstracts and Muster Rolls requisite for the Payment of the Troops under their respective Commands, and are strictly injoined, in every respect, to comply with the Forms and Regulations transmitted to the Paymasters

In case an Officer is Removed from one Corps to another, the Certificate of the Paymaster of the Station from whence removed is necessary; and he is to be drawn for in the Abstract of the Corps to which removed, from the date of the order of removal, the Certificate is to accompany the Latter Abstract.

Offreckonings of the Army.

Resolved that from the 1st of May 1792 the Offreckonings of Native Corps be credited to the Offreckoning funds for the said Establishment at the end of the Year, and as with respect to the Corps of Europeans, that the

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the Offreckoning be computed for the Effectives only, on the 30.th April yearly, thereby saving the Trouble of a monthly computation and substituting an annual one in lieu of it.—

The Rule now prescribed for ascertaining the Offreckonings due to the Effective Europeans is to be Adopted also for the Offreckonings due to the European Invalids.—

With Respect to the Native Invalids, the yearly amounts of their Offreckonings is to be calculated from the Returns of their Effective strength on the 1.st of January.—

The Adjutant General is to furnish the Auditor General yearly with the necessary Returns to enable him to ascertain the Offreckonings agreeably to the above.

Department of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

Resolved that the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions shall, in his Books, Distinguish the Heads of Disbursements by the year for which incurred—in the same manner as Directed to be done by the Military Paymaster General: he will transmit his Estimate to the Governor in Council agreably to the form prescribed for the Military Paymaster General; and, be guided, in regard to entering the Several Accounts in his Books, by the Rules laid down for his (the Military Paymaster Generals') Guidance, after Audit.—

The Paymasters at out Garrisons are to act—

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as Commissaries of Grain and Provisions at the several Stations and are to transmit Abstracts of their monthly Disburse-ments in that Capacity to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions at Madras, in the same manner as to the Military Paymaster General for Military Payments; and for the Amounts advanced in their Capacity of Paymasters they as Commissaries of Grain and Provisions must draw a Bill on the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions in favor of the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency the Bill to be delivered to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions upon his receipts.

Company's Allowances to His Majesty's Troops.

In Conformity to the Bengal Usage the Paymaster General is ordered to take upon himself from the 1. of May 1792 the Payment of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops on the Coast and the Subsistance to the new raised Regiments. The Paymasters to His Majesty's Regiments are to keep their Accounts with them in the same manner as they have heretofore done with the Kings Paymaster General, and to apply to the Paymasters of Garrison or Cantonments for the Forms in which their abstracts are to be drawn after the 1. May 1792.

The advances necessary for the current Service to

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to the Paymasters at the Out Garrisons are to be supplied by B
of Exchange drawn by them upon the Paymaster General, and
which Bills the Chiefs at the different Factories, the Collectors
the Revenue, and the Residents are to advance Money.—

The Chiefs, Collectors and Residents, respectiv
shall, immediately when they advance Money, for the Bills
Exchange, Drafts, Receipts or other writings of the Paymaster
of the Army or Garrisons transmit to the Accountant General
authenticated Copies, in Duplicate, of such Bills of Exchang
Drafts, Receipts or other Writings.—

By order of the Honorable the Presiden
in Council.—

Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

The Board entirely approve the Resolution
and General Order which the Committee have deemed necessary
for carrying into execution the Bengal Plan for an uniformity of System in Military Accounts. Ordered that the
latter be published to the army.—

Minutes of the Board upon the foregoing Letter & from the Committee for reporting upon the Bengal Regulations

Ordered that the Military Board be advised
of the Change in the Departments of Works and that Copies of
the Resolutions be sent to the Accountant General the
Comptroller General, and the Military Paymaster General

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing Papers
be sent to Bengal.—

Read the following Letter from the Honble
Basil Cochrane.—

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To the Honble. Major General William Medows

Governor in Council Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

Mr. Roebuck, my Attorney, forwarded to me at Puntoor, Copy of your Secretarys Letter of the 7th June last, requiring of me to take my oath to the Actual Disbursements of the money for the purchase of the Grain which would enable you to come to a determination about my claim on the Company. —

As all the Accounts were left Madras, I had it not in my power to draw up the necessary Declaration, I was therefore Obliged to postpone it until my return to the Presidency. —

I now take no time in laying before you the requisite Affidavits, and am to request your Honorable — Board will order the Balance of my accounts to be — discharged. —

My appointment of Collector of Grain took place in September 1775. three years before Mr. Sullivans appointment to Tanjore, and ceased immediately after. — He therefore left to me the Settling of my own Accounts with Government and only received from me the Vouchers for the Grain delivered to the Military, to enable him in his capacity of Paymaster, to make the necessary Stoppages. This is not the only instance of his considering me

Your Honorable Basil Cochrane incloses a Statement of his Account Current with the Company in his — Capacity of Collector of Grain in the Tanjore — Country: and an — Affidavit regarding the Justness of his — claims. —

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me as being responsible for Accounts independants of him: for when I delivered to him the accounts of the Supplies sent to the Grand army at Cuddalore, in 1783. he declined receiving them, remarking, that the orders for providing such Supplies had not come through him, but direct from Government to me; and that I therefore was to render to them my accounts for the same.—

The only accounts that Mr. Sulivan received from me, were those belonging to the Revenue of the Nagore, Karical and Negapatam Districts, which were put under his charge, and the money received and expended by me as acting Paymaster for him.

From this you will perceive that Mr. Sulivan did not chuse to receive or audit any Accounts that he conceived were not connected with the business of the Revenue or Paymaster line, both of which he was at the Head of, and left to me to adjust with Government my accounts as Grand Collector, and of the Supplies sent to the Grand Army, which he conceived as not coming under him—This being the case, I could not have considered it at all necessary to procure from Mr. Sulivan any Testimony regarding the equity of my demands, which ought and would have been liquidated many years ago, had not Mr. Sulivan, by mistake, carried to the Head of Negapatam all the Supplies of money &c. sent from madras for the use of the Southern Army, and received from the Captors &c. instead of Crediting Pay-master General, in all, Amounting to about Star Pagodas 170.000.

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170000 and as it was known that I acted at Negapatam during the war, the Paymaster General declined certifying my accounts, until the above error was adjusted to the satisfaction of Government, and which only took place last year, while I was absent from Madras on the Public Service. —

You will please to observe that from the above unlucky mistake on the part of Mr. Sullivan, and from the long time it took before the Paymaster General's Books were adjusted, my claim has stood over, which after the loss sustained by me from assisting the Company in time of their greatest distress as taken notice of in my Letter to your Honor of the 12th may 1790 Copy of which I now inclose, I cannot but feel as a very Singular hardship, and as falling too heavy upon me. ——————

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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
Signed B. Cochrane.

The.

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D.r The Honorable Company in Account Current with

			£	P.s	Fs	Cs
1782						
May	31st	To Paymaster of Tanjore Paid him			400	" "
		To Paddy and Rice Purchased as p.r account Particulars	3529	33	60	
		From which deduct Amount Paddy not paid for as per Account Particulars	634	2	"	
			2895	33	60	
		To Sundry Charges admitted of by the Commissary General	5457	29	"	
		Star Pagodas	8783	20	60	
1782						
May	31st	To Balance due me as per above Account	6333	40	60	
1792						
March	23rd	To Interest due on S.t Pagodas 6333.40.60. for 9 Years 9 Months & 28 Days at 8 per Cent Interest and 4 per Cent Premium per Annum is Star Pagodas	7526			36 77
		Star Pagodas	13360			25 57

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Basil Cochrane Collector of Grain in Tanjore and Districts &c.

1783			
May 31	By Paddy Sold as Per Accounts Particulars		Star Pagodas 1783 20. 60.
	By Rice D° D° D°		1002. 38. "
	By Balance due me		1446. 26. "
			6333 Star 60.

1784.			
April 3d.	By Bills of Exchange drawn on the Residency of Tanjore agreeable to order of Council dated 12th May 1784 in favor of Mr Pringle for Star Pagodas 158. 4. Payable with 12 Per Cent from the 3d April 1784	158. 4. "	
22d	By D°. in favor of Mr Hallar for P. P. Pagodas 1939. 4. 33 at 9½ Per Cent Batta makes Star Pagodas 1816. 21. 5. Payable with 12 Per Cent from the 22d April 1784	1816. 21. 5	
24th	By D°. in favor of Mr Lyche for Star Pagodas 597. 33. with 12 Per Cent from the 24th April 1784	597. 33	
21	By Intirst account on the above Sums till the 21st June 1784 the date when the Resident at Tanjore remitted Star Pagodas 1826. 23. to the Paymaster at Negapatam for the Liquidation in Part of the above Bills drawn by Mr Cochrane at 8 Per Cent Intirst & 4 per Cent premium	75. 10. 36.	
	Pagodas 158 4 for 74 days at 12 Pr Cent	28. 15.	
	1816. 21. 5. for 60. D°. D°.	35. 34. 75	
	597. 33. for 58. D°. D°.	11. 77. 464.	
	From which Deduct amount brought to the Credit of the Honorable Company as Per my Account with the Tanjore Residency dated the 31st December 1783 for 2000 P. P. Pagodas remitted by the Resident at Tanjore to Mr Henry Taylor acting Resident at Nagore for the discharge of debts due by me at 9½ Per Cent Batta in Star Pagodas	1826. 23.	
	Balance due by me to the Honorable Company which Sum they must have disc[ount]able, the vouchers are not to be found in the Pay master Generals office which Bala[nce] bearing at 8 Per Cent Intirst & 4 Per Cent premium from the 21st June 1784.	1815. 3. 59.	
24	By Interest on Star Pagodas 1826. 23. for 9 Months at 12 Per Cent Intirst and premium for the same is	169. 15. 6	
	By Balance due me	10.353. 16. 72	
		Star Pagodas 13860. 35 Fr.	

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Minute upon the foregoing Letter from the Honorable Basil Cochrane.

Mr. Cochrane having declared upon Oath that the Balance Shewn in the above Account Current is justly due to him, Resolved that the Military Paymaster General be directed to discharge the same, and carry the Amount to the Head of Second War with Hyder Ally.

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr. Swartz.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c.

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz the Rajah renews his Application for Leave to visit the Pagoda at Swingam.

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

When His Excellency, some months ago, intreated the Honorable Board to allow Him to go to Swingam, the Honorable Board did not think it advisable at that time to give their Consent. His Excellency therefore acquiesced in their determination.

His Excellency has now a new reason, for a repetition of His former request.

One of His married Ladies died a fortnight ago, who was the Younger Sister of His Excellency second Consort who is still alive.

His Excellency is concerned to see the Survivor in distress on account of Her Younger Sister's death, and wishes therefore to take a Journey with her to Swingam to alleviate Her distressed mind.

He therefore requests the Honorable Board to consent to it, begging, at the same time, to acquaint His Highness the Nabob with his Intention, and to procure His Highness Orders to His Sons at Tschinopoly concerning a respectful reception, suitable to his Rank.

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As His Excellency wishes to make that Journey soon, He requests a speedy Answer. —

Tanjore.

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I have the honor to be,

Sirs & Gentlemen

Yr. &c. &c.

Signed C. F. Swartz

Minute thereon. — Agreed to communicate the Rajahs wish to the Nabob, and to know from His Highness whether there be any objection to his Excellency's proceeding to Seringham. —

Read the following Letter from Major General Medows. —

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Senior Member of the Presidency, and the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George. Madras. &c. &c.

From Major General Medows approves the Appointment of Colonel Collins to the Command of the Black Town. —

Hon.ble Sir & Gentlemen,

I had this day the honour of yours of the twentieth, acquainting me with the appointment of Colonel Collins as Senior Officer of the Brigade, to the Command of the Black Town, in the room of Colonel De Wangenheim embarked for Europe. — approving extremely of the said appointment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir & Gentlemen,

with the highest respect, esteem and truth.

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Signed Wm. Medows.

Camp between Pascottah and Colar.

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Common &c. &c. &c. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Drake.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Hon^ble Sir.

From Mr. Drake applies for a further Advance of Cash and for an order to be received on board the Steamship as Passenger for England.

I have now to return my best acknowledge=ments for the supply of Cash you were pleased to direct the Military Paymaster to advance me, which Sum I have received - and, after a due observance of economy on my part, have expended it in providing myself with a few Cloaths, but still finding myself much distressed, I trust and hope your Honorable Board will be pleased to direct the Paymaster to advance me a further supply of Cash not only for the purpose of purchasing a few other necessary Articles, but also to enable me to visit my Relations on my arrival in England, and I hope, in consideration of my present situation and the many difficulties I have experienced during ten Years imprison=ments in India, that Your Honor in Council will be pleased to order me a Passage on board of the Hon^ble Company's Ship Steamship Captain Lloyd, now under dispatch for England. -

I have the honor to be,

&c^a &c^a &c^a

(Signed) Wm. Drake.

Madras

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Agreed that the further Sum of 100 Pagodas be advanced to Mr. Drake, and that his receipt in Duplicate be taken as before. -

Minute thereon -

Agreed.

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Agreed that Captain Lloyd of the Manship Minute thereon be directed to accommodate Mr. Drake with a Passage to Europe; and that the Sum of Eighty Pounds be advanced from the Treasury on account of his Passage.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Ramnadporam entered also in C. C. No 42.

Arzee From the Rajah of Ramnad to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Not dated Received 29th March 1792.

From the Rajah of Ramnadporam requesting that Government will oblige his Servants at Madras to deliver out the Property now in their hands to the Persons he has authorized to receive it.

During the time that Muttoo pilla was employed as my Rohcar, I had a writer, a Shroff and a Daroga or Superintendant, at Madras, to manage the trade carried on thither for my benefit - To these three men I gave directions, after having displaced Muttoo pilla for his bad conduct and his enormous embezzlements - that they should, after delivering their accounts and what money of mine was in their hands to my Vakeel Soubramoney pilla, repair to this place: one of them viz. the writer, accordingly did so - but the Shroff and Daroga for these 12 months past make many pretexts for evading the execution of my orders: My Vakeel being under the necessity of complaining of this to Mr. Petrie, that Gentleman gave these two men orders to lodge the Money and goods in their hands, with a Soucar resident at Madras, and to lay their accounts before my Vakeel. -

Gracious Sir - the placing the money and goods which are my property into the hands of a Soucar, is -

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is not consistent with propriety, and I hope that you will be graciously pleased to order that they be made over to my aforesaid Vakeel Soubramanny pilla.—

A true translation

Signed David Haliburton

Pr. Tr.

Mr. Petrie delivers in the following Minute

In consequence of the Letter from the Rajah of Rammadaporam it is necessary for Mr. Petrie to inform the Board that the Rajahs Gomastah about a fortnight or three Weeks ago complained to him, as acting Justice of the peace, that his Master had thought proper to change his Commercial agents at this place and to appoint others; but that they refused to deliver over the Goods which were in their Charge. Upon enquiry Mr. Petrie found that the Rajah had revoked his former appointment of agents, and had nominated new ones, but that the former refused to deliver up the goods which had been consigned to them from Rammadaporam alledging they were the property of Mootoo Irre Pillah his former Dewan, and that, as they had received them from him, they could not give them up without his order.— Like all disputes among the natives there was much contradictory testimony; and, before the point of right could be clearly ascertained, it is necessary to make a reference to Rammadaporam and in the meantime Mr. Petrie ordered the former Agents to give an Account of the management.

Mr. Petrie's Minute regarding the Transaction alluded to by the Rajah of Rammadaporam which has already come under the Cognizance in his Capacity of Justice of Peace.

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management of the Rajahs concerns to his Jomautah or Vakeel and to place the goods in dispute in charge of a reputable native Merchant of this place, whom both parties should agree to appoint until the real property could be determined. This decision appeared to be perfectly agreeable to the Rajahs Vakeel. Mr. Petrie has since been informed, and he has reason to believe, that the goods are actually the property of the Rajah, and agreeable to his orders ought to be delivered up to his Jomautah or agents which Mr. Petrie would have done in his capacity as Justice of Peace, but, now that the matter has come before the Board, it may be more regular this this should be done by an order from the Secretary.

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Signed William Petrie

Resolution of the Board upon the Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

The Board desire Mr. Petrie will be pleased, in his Capacity of Justice of Peace, to settle the matter, in the way he may judge most proper.

Read the following Letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis.

To the Honorable The Governor in Council at Madras

From Commodore Cornwallis requesting that a Deserter from the Marines who has enlisted in the Company's Service may be delivered up.

Sir,

Lieutenant Liardet of the Marines, having informed me, that he has discovered a deserter from His Majesty's Corps of Marines named Richard Cartwright. If he can make it appear to your satisfaction, that the Man

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Nan, is a Deserter from the Marines I request that You will be pleased to Order him, to be delivered up to Lieutenant — a Leardet, who will receive direction to see him returned to the Division to which He may belong. —

Minerva Madras Road 3d April 1792.

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c &c

Signed Wm Cornwallis.

Agreed that the Town Major be directed to deliver up Richard Cartwright, provided it be proved by an Affidavit that he is a Deserter from his Majestys — a Service. —

Memo thereon

Read the following Letter from the — a Military Board. —

To Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Acting President in Council.

Sir,

We have been honored with your Commands of the 30th Instant and having immediately upon its receipt, called upon the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for a Return of the quantities thereof — in the Several Garrisons We beg leave to transmit, for your Information, Copy of his reply and its Enclosures, together with Copies of Returns, submitted to us by Major Maule, of Quarters in Fort St. George, in the Garrisons of Tanjore, and Trichinopoly, and at Warriore; not including the Artillery Cantonment at the Mount, — a

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— the Military — a Board — inclosing tions of the Barracks the Carnatic and of ain in Store in the front Garrisons — a inion regarding the ost convenient Dis= sition of the Army Point of Supplies d Local Circum= stances. —

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which has Barracks intended for four hundred men, that are in tolerable good repair, at this Quarter for the Officers are wanting. The Public Buildings at that place are the Hospital, the Gun Shed and the main Guard.—

We have also received from the Barrack-masters in the Centre Division a return of the different quarters therein, copy of which we Enclose.— He informs us that as the Gun Shed at Malajabad has of late been appropriated to the purpose of a Barrack, he has returned it as capable of containing 250 men. The addition since made he has considered as set off has for the purpose of securing the stores from the damage they would receive by being Exposed to the Weather. He has at the same time reported to us that the whole of the Barracks in the Garrison of Vellore require immediate and through repair.—

He having also requested that, as it will demand a Considerable time to enable him to provide the necessary articles for the Troops coming into quarters, he may receive the Earliest Intimation of their Destination; We beg leave in consequence to recommend the propriety of his request to your Consideration.—

With regard to the most convenient Disposition of the Troops in point of Supplies and other local Circumstances— We are only enabled to judge from the Return received from Mr. Cockburn, from which

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You will perceive that the Garrisons of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, are, from the quantity of provision in Store, the most preferable situations, as well on this account, as from their possessing means of more adequate supplies than other Garrisons: But We are of opinion that Government are in possession of the best Information respecting the State of the Countries, which is to be looked to for the supply of the Troops independent of the Grain in Store.

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Edward Collins.

Signed George Maule.

George Hall.

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Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter with the papers referred to therein, be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis, and that it be observed to his Lordship that the Board concur entirely in opinion with the Military Board that the Garrisons of Tanjore and Trichinopoly are at present the most eligible Situations, from their possessing more adequate means of supply for the Natives than other Garrisons.

Transmit thence

The Attorneys of Lieutenant Symes to be called upon to discharge the Amount for which they have made themselves answerable to the Company, on account of their Constituent.

as the Sum of Pagodas 4743-42 owing to the Company on Bond by Lieutenant Michael Symes, and for the payment of which Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. have made themselves answerable, became due on the 31st.

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At ultimo it is resolved to call upon them for payment Accordingly.

Colonel Bruce to be allowed full Batta.

Colonel Bruce having been called to the Presidency on Service. Resolved that he be allowed to draw full Batta.

Chas. Oakeley.

George Parry Esqr