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The Honble Company's orders in regard to the Nabob.-

Gen.l Letter 23.d March 1759. par. 28 — As the Nabob has found it necessary to take up his residence at Madras, we would have you, so long as he continues there, to make it as agreeable to him as you can. par. 29. We find likewise that Dimpatchrow his minister lives under our protection at the same place; we would have him also treated in a friendly and kind manner suitable to his station; and let both the Nabob and Dimpatchrow be informed of these our directions. —

Gen.l Letter 25.th March 1772. par. 72. — We have considered the Complaints of the Sheriff of the Mayor's Court on the subject of arrests, and we by no means approve of force being employed in securing the person of any Officer, Servant, or Defendant of the Nabob, who may have any action commenced against him in the Mayor's Court. We think, from his high Station, those immediately employed under him are intitled to such protection and priviledge in Civil Actions - But then it should be requested of him to —

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transmit the names, and qualities of his
Defendants and Domesticks, for whom
he claims this priviledge, to the Mayor's
Court, in order that a proper regard may
be shewn them on this respect, —
par. 73 — you are therefore to refrain from
all Compulsory means to bring them
to justice, and to apply in all such cases
to the Nabob, in order to prevail on him
to surrender such persons into the power
of the Mayor's Court, which we cannot
think he will shew any unwillingness to
do, if it shall appear that the debts of
those employed under him are just, and
contracted without fraud, or circumvention.

Genl. Letter 15.th June 1773 — par. 29. — As we wish, by every
possible means, to conciliate the mind of
our Friend and ally the Nabob of Arcot,
apparently disturbed by the late transactions,
we have here-with inclosed a letter
to his Highness in answer to several
which we have received from him at
different times; and we strictly enjoin
and commend you, our President and

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Council, to treat his Highness with the greatest respect, and with every mark of regard and attention; and to be particularly careful on no account, or pretence, to infringe any of his rights privileges, or immunities. —

Extract from the act of 13th Geo. 3d Chap. 63. —

Sect. 24. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the 1st day of August 1774, no person holding or exercising any civil or military Office under the Crown or under the said united Company in the East Indies shall accept receive or take, directly or indirectly, by himself or any other person or persons on his behalf, or for his use or benefit, of and from any of the Indian Princes or Powers, or their ministers or Agents, or any of the Natives of Asia, any present, gift, donation, gratuity, or reward, pecuniary or otherwise, upon any account or upon any pretence whatsoever; or any promise or engagement for any present, gift, donation, gratuity or reward; And if any person, holding or exercising

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exercising any such Civil or Military Office
shall be guilty of any such offence, and
shall be there-of legally convicted in such
supreme Court at Calcutta, or in the Mayor's
Court in any other of the said united
Company's Settlements, where such offence
shall have been committed; Every such
person, so convicted shall forfeit double
the value of such present, gift, donation
gratuity, or reward so taken and received;
one moiety of which forfeiture shall be
to the said united Company, and the
other moiety to him or them who shall
inform or prosecute for the same; and
also shall and may be sent to England
by order of the Governor and Councils of
the Presidency or Settlement where the
Offender shall be convicted, unless, such
person, so convicted, shall give sufficient
security to remove him or themselves within
12 Months after such conviction. —

25 — Provided always, and be it further
enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that
nothing herein contained shall extend or

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be construed to extend to prohibit or prevent any Person or persons who shall carry on or exercise the profession of a Counsellor at Law, a Physician or a Surgeon, or being a Chaplain, from accepting, taking, or receiving any fees, gratuities, or rewards in the way of their profession. —

26 — And it is hereby further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That every such Present, Gift, gratuity, donation or reward, accepted, taken, or received, and all such dealings and transactions by way of Traffick or Commerce, of any kind whatsoever, carried on [by the Governor General Council and Judges of Bengal. see Sect 23] contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, shall be deemed and construed to have been received, taken, had, and done, to and for the sole use of the said united Company; and that the said united Company, upon waiving all penalties and forfeitures, shall and may sue and prosecute for the recovery of the same, or the full value of such present or Gift, or the profits of such trade &

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respectively, together with interest at the rate of 5 p.cent p.annum from the time of such present Gift gratuity donation or reward being received, or of such dealing or Transaction by way of Traffick or Commerce as aforesaid, by Action for money had and received to the use of the said Company. —

Extract from the Act of 24th Geo. 3d. Chap. 25.

Sect. 45 — And be it further enacted that the demanding or receiving of any Sum of or Money, or other valuable thing, as a Gift or Present, or under colour thereof, whether it be for the use of the party receiving the same, or for, or pretended to be for, the use of the said Company, or of any other person whomsoever, by any British Subject holding or exercising any Office or employment under his Majesty, or the said united Company in the East Indies, shall be deemed, and taken to be, extortion, and shall be proceeded against, and punished as such, under, and by virtue of, this Act; and the Offender shall also forfeit to the Majesty ..... King's Majesty, his Heirs

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and Successors the whole gift or present so received, or the full value thereof. —

46 — Provided always, and be it further enacted, that the Court or Jurisdiction before whom every such offence shall be tried, shall have full power and Authority to direct the said present or gift, or the value thereof, to be restored to the party who gave the same, or to order the whole, or any part thereof, or of any fine which the Court shall set on the offender, to be paid or given to the Prosecutor or Informer, as such Court in its discretion shall think fit. —

47 — And be it further enacted that so much of the aforesaid act of the 13th year of the Kings Majestys reign, as subjects any person receiving or accepting Gifts or presents to any penalty or forfeiture for so doing. — or as directs that such Gifts presents penalty or forfeitures shall belong to the said Company, shall be repealed from and after the 1st day of January 1785: provided that no prosecutions or other suits, already commenced, or to be commenced

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commenced before the 1st day of January 1785, upon the said act, shall be affected by such repeal. —

48 — Provided always, and be it enacted, — That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prohibit or prevent any person exercising the — profession of Counsellor at Law, Physician, or Surgeon, or any Chaplain, from accepting, taking or receiving fees, Gratuities or Rewards, (bonâ fide) in the way of his profession only. —.

Benjamin Sullivan Esqr. Counsellor at Law came this day before me, and made oath, that when he agreed to assist the Nabob of Arcot with his professional advice, it was with the knowledge of the then Government of Madras, who expressed no disapprobation thereat; and that no disapprobation was expressed thereat by any of the succeeding Governments, nor by any individual member of such — Governments, from thence forward to the 19th September 1785 when his connection and intercourse with the Nabob ceased.

Sworn

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This deponent saith he never thought of applying for a written permission to wait on the Nabob as often as he should require his attendance, because the act of the 13.th Geo. 3: Ch. 65, which permitted his receiving rewards for his Services, necessarily implied the permission of occasional intercourse, as without such intercourse the law would have become nugatory; in as much as the Princes of India would be thereby deprived of that assistance with which the Legislature meant to arm them against insult and oppression. —

This deponent nevertheless saith he would have applied for such written permission had he at any time imagined that an application for that purpose was expected; but he always understood and believed that Government looked upon the Counsellors as Law, Physicians, Surgeons and Chaplains as men privileged, under the above act, to attend his Highness or any other Prince of India whenever their professional assistance was wanted. —

And this Deponent saith that of Government

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Government had at any time indicated a wish that he should decline going to the Durbar, which they well knew he frequently did, he would, notwithstanding his priviledge have immediately complied - but saith that Government, knowing he did attend his Highness, and not giving him some how to understand it was, desired, he considered their silence as a mark of their consent and approbation.

This Deponent saith that during the eight years he assisted the Nabob with his professional advice he never interfered nor advised in any matter of Contest between him and the Company or in any matter wherein the honor or Interest of the Company was concerned where the authority of this Government was questioned - but, during the said period and since, has conducted himself as an honest and faithful Servant of the Company: And he will here do the Nabob the justice to say that in the above cases, if any such there were, his Highness never called upon him for assistance. -

[signed] Benj.n Sullivan

Sworn before me
this 7.th April 1792. [signed] Wm Petrie
Justice of the Peace.

Agreed

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Minutes upon the foregoing Letter from Mr. Benjamin Sullivan.—

Agreed to inform Mr. Sullivan that the orders of the Company militate so expressly against a compliance with his requisition, that the Board cannot consent to the application of so large a Sum to other purposes than those for which the Management of the Revenues of the Carnatic was assumed, without a previous reference to the Honorable Court of Directors.

That the outstanding Balances of Fusly 1199, upon which he claims, can never, in the opinion of the Board, be considered as the right of Individuals, when it is remembered that his Highness the Nabob was indebted to the Public, at the time of the Assumption, in the full amount of his engagements, settled by a solemn Treaty, for the preceding Year; and consequently the Company's resources for the prosecution of the War then pending, were proportionally lessened — That — to secure the Arrears then due was, in fact, not less the object of the Assumption than to guard against future disappointment,

for,

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for, if his Highness had been p[unctual] in the performance of his publ[ic] engagements, he would have conti[nued] in possession of the management of his Revenues - and most probably [there] would not have been any interf[erence] on the part of the Company[?] as the transaction was unknown to them, the mode which his Highness had adopted, for the liquidation of the Arrears due to him, (Mr Sullivan).-

That the Board do not [think] to call in question, the Justness of [the] Demand on the Nabob they conten[d] only for the Company's right to the exclusive disposal of the revenue collected under the Assumption - and whether this were on account of [the] outstanding, or of Debts falling [due] there could be no distinction, since the former as well as the latter had been appropriated to the exigencies of the Service - and that, with respect to the cases mentioned in his letter, the Board remark, that they do not suppose similar

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to the circumstances attending his claims.

Agreed also to inform Mr. Sullivan that the Honorable Court of Directors have clearly and explicitly enjoined this Government not to shew any countenance or protection whatsoever to any Sums due by his Highness to British Subjects not comprehended in the three or 6 Classes of Debts for which an arrangement was made in the year 1784, until the Debt had been fully investigated, the nature of it reported home, and the Court's special instructions received upon it. — That, in conformity to those Orders the Board will bring the Subject before the Court in the next dispatch - and that it will be satisfactory to them if the Grounds on which it will be stated, shall induce the Honorable Court to a favorable consideration of his Claim.

Vide 101st Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court dated 9th December 1784.

Ordered that Copies of Mr Sullivan's Letters be sent Numbers on the Packet of the next Dispatch.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board. —

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To Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
Acting President in Council

Sir,

From the Military Board - enclosing sundry Statements shewing the Amount due to the former Inhabitants of Hog Hill on account of the 40 p Cent Compensation and the Quantity of Ground still to be provided for the accomodation of the unsatisfied or claimants: and re- representing their Inability to procure the Information as required by Government relative to the alienation of Claims to Compensation by Sale or otherwise.

Having, in consequence of your Instructions of the 21st Ultimo, published an Advertisement, requiring all Persons possessing Claims upon the Honorable Company on Account of Hog Hill, that as the original Possessors of the Houses destroyed, their Heirs, Executors or Assignees, by Purchase, or otherwise to attend at the Engineer's Office, in order that the Superintendant of the Company's Lands and our Secretary might ascertain from such Persons the Particular State of their Claims at this time, they have reported to us that a considerable Number of the Claimants attended accordingly on several succeeding Days, from whom however they could not discover that any Compensation had been sold or bought, excepting a Purchase made by the late Mr Francis Sourdon, the particulars of which are inserted in a separate

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Coleman of the Account which we have
sincerely the Honor to submit: With res=
pect to the Consideration which may
have been given as Purchase Money by
M.r Jordan We find that it is not
practicable to ascertain it, as many of
the principals are dead, and the Agent
for the Executor is not in possession of
any Documents that can shew the par=
ticulars of such Consideration. —

You will perceive a Difference
between the Amount for Compensation
with Interest, mentioned in our Letter
of the 10.th Ultimo, and that now sub=
mitted, which we beg leave to explain
to you has arisen from the Interest Ac=
count of the former having been calcu=
lated in the aggregate, from the date
of a letter from M.r Maxwell to the
late Committee of Works on that Sub=
ject, instead of the Period when the
Houses on Hog Hill were actually re=
moved — Viz.t 1.st March 1781, which we
have assumed as the proper period whence
the Interest should in justice commence.
On this Occasion we think it also necessary

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to inform you that in order to Execute Strict Justice, as far as Possible, We so propose that the Two Head Persons of each Street, who signed, in the first Instance, to the Agreement made between themselves for their Caste, and Government, together with Irranpute Mastry, who made the valuations under Mr. Maxwell and is well acquainted with the Parties, shall attend and Secretary at the delivery of the Certificates to identify the Rightful Claimants.

Agreeably to your Orders, the Superintendant of the Company's Lands, is now marking out the Grounds in the Black Town for Distribution, and We have directed very research be be made by him of the Ground therein belonging to the Company, the Result of which we shall lay before you shortly.

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

Fort S.t George
11.th January 1792.

Thos. Musgrave

[Signed] " Geo. Maule

George Hall

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that the Honorable Basil Cochrane Majr.o Colt and Imce be appointed a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining whether any and if any what part of the 40 per Cent compensation agreed to be given to the Inhabitants of Hog, whose Houses were demolished in the Year 1781, has been disposed of by the Original Claimants and by whom, and for what consideration purchased. —

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board. —

From the Hospital Board - recommending that Mr. MacMahon be stationed at Ongole - that Mr. Fleming be appointed Medical Storekeeper at Masulipatam - vice M.cMahon and Mr. Ainslie attached to the 18.th Battalion Native Infantry vice Fleming. —

Hospital Board
23.d April 1792. —

Mr. MacMahon, Medical Storekeeper at Masulipatam, having represented to the Hospital Board that his health has been impaired since his residence there, and having solicited permission to resign his appointment of Storekeeper. —

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- The Board recommend that Mr. Charles Fleming Senior Assistant at present doing duty in the Carnatic with the 18.th Battalion of Native Infantry be appointed in his room, with that Mr. Whitelaw Ainslie Assistant at Ganjam be appointed to the 18.th Battalion

Read a Letter from the Military Secretary enclosing a Request to Government from the Collector of the Ongole and Palnaud Countries, that an Assistant Surgeon may be Stationed there. -

- as Government are pleased to intimate their wish that an Assistant Surgeon be recommended, if it can be done without detriment to the Service in general. The Hospital Board beg leave to nominate Mr. Macmahon for that Duty. -

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) W. Raine acting Chief Surgeon

Read

Mr. Fitz Gerald - Assistant Surgeon, to be Medical Storekeeper at Masoolipatam - vice Mr. Macmahon permitted to resign.

Approved

The Hospital Board to give the necessary directions to Mr. Macmahon. -

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

To the Hon.ble Major General Medows

Governor in Council

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From the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam are of opinion that the March of the Bengal Detachment through the Vizagapatam Districts would very materially increase the present Distress of the Inhabitants

Hon.ble Sir,

We have been honored with the receipt of the Letter from Government under date the 29.th Ultimo, advising us of the probability of the Bengal Detachment's proceeding to the Northward, and desiring our opinion, whether the Troops will suffer any serious distress, or occasion any additional misery to the Inhabitants, if the former were supplied with Rice in sufficient quantity, for their consumption, and for all descriptions of Followers &c.a &c.a

We can, without the least hesitation, assure the Honorable Board, that in the present state of this District, we are totally unable, to provide for the Demands of any body of men passing through it, even if they, and all

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all their followers, were abundantly supplied with Rice — There is great difficulty, in procuring Sheep Fowls &c. &c. for the consumption of the present inhabitants, and all the trifling articles usually purchased in the Bazars are produced in such small quantities, as to be scarcely sufficient for daily consumption. —

It will require many months after a very favorable season, before these Districts can be in a situation, without much distressing the Inhabitants, to supply the wants of so numerous a body of men as, including followers, composes the Bengal Detachment.

We have the honor to be with respect. —

Vizagapatam
9th April 1792.

Yr. Yr. Yr.

(Signed) John Chanmier
A.W.m Gregory

Minute thereon

The President recommends that a Copy of the foregoing Letter and of that received in five days ago from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis.

approved

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Approved and Ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President &c. Council
at Fort St George.

From the Resident at Ganjam - representing the Insufficiency of the present Force in the District for the Maintenance of good order: and enclosing a Bill for Intelligence.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have received your Secretary's letter of the 25th Ultimo, with its Enclosures; and have furnished translations of the latter to the Committee of Stores here.

In my letter of the 16th ult Ultimo I had the honor to Detail to you the operations of the Detachment, which, under the Command of Captain Little, I employed to reduce Mummedoo to obedience.

My address of the 9th February informed you, that the motives to this Expedition were, Mummedoo's total renunciation of obedience to the Company - The support and Encouragement which he notoriously furnished to Samadoo - and the increasing bad Impression which his Example and long Impunity made

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made upon all the Zemindars of the Dis=
trict — These urgently demanded an im=
mediate and vigorous Exertion of such
Powers as could be brought to act against
him, which, though not successful in
the first instant, might be expected to
have a monitory Influence upon him,
and upon all such whose disaffection
had betrayed them into the same mea=
sures of Covert Enmity to the Company,
not less prejudicial to its Interests, in
the Case of Manmidoo, than the most
avowed opposition of Arms — For it is to
be remembered, that he paid no Revenue,
and, not being acted against as a
Publick Enemy, was left at full liberty
to Indulge his Disposition to Hostility
by furnishing Peons and Money to
Samadee occasionally to keep all the Troops
in the District in the field upon Balta
for Contingencies.

To employ your Troops
against him was therefore not to in=
crease Expence, nor to accommodate Enc=
mies, but only to change the object of
from

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from the Subordinate Instrument to the
principal Instigator of all the last
troubles of the District; and to convince
him, that, however secure he might have
thought himself in the continuance forbear=
ance of Government, that at length he
must become chiefly responsible for a
Conduct which had not Escaped De=
tection, nor failed to incur severe Judgment.

Upon these principles Captain
Little was detached with what I thought,
and he acknowledged, to be a sufficient
Force; and set out with every good Pros=
pect in the alliance of Inggannaudoo
the irreconcileable Enemy of Mummidoo,
whose Zemindary he formerly Governed,
and on which his own now Borders. —

That Captain Little rejected
Inggannaudoo's assistance, that he En=
tered into any Parley with Mummidoo,
that he remained so long inactive in
Vizeanagur, or, having remained so long,
did not remain longer there, are Circum=
stances to be lamented in the degree that
they influenced to the failure of this Ex=
pedition. —

But

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But, for the general State of the District, I have as yet no reason to think that it has suffered any alteration for the worse by reason of the Expedition - though the scarcity of food and the want of Employment has added greatly to the Number of Banditte, who plunder in separate Bodies, or, as they find it Convenient, list themselves under the Banners of Sanadoo and Mammedoo: -

One Certain good Effect this Service has had by inducing mistrust between Sanadoo and Mammedoo, the former suspects that the latter wishes to make of him a Peace offering with the Company, and therefore refuses to trust his [illegible] in Vizianagur, and the latter, either defeated in such a scheme, or disappointed of the assistance he hoped from Sanadoo, is too late convinced of the Imprudence and Impolicy of his past Conduct. -

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that 300 of Mammedoo's People have quitted him and taken Cowle with the Company; and that himself is greatly distressed

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distressed for Provisions at Vizianagur.

In my letter of the 16.th Instant

I suggested the Expediency of your order=
ing further an early and respectable ad=
dition of Force, and this I should have
done immediately on the Conclusion of
Peace with Tippoo Sultaun, even though
Mommidee had previously become your
Prisoner; because, of the twenty Zemin=
darries under my administration, I can
scarcely reckon Six which have not
for these three years and an half
past exhibited various acts of avowed
or less ostensible disaffection, in coun=
tenancing Dacoites, in destroying the
Company's Havellies, and in withhold=
=ing their Rents on every occasion which
presented itself - The Board of Revenue
also have had it in Contemplation to
levy a more equitable Assessment of
Peishcabundy throughout this District,
which, until Tranquility is restored, will
not be practicable; nor then but in the
presence of a strong Military Force, to
compel the first operation of these Ordonnances.

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The stronger and more im-
mediately applicable such a force may be
the less, as I observed before, will be the
Expence and defalcation of Revenue for
which I am concerned to say are now
so great, that, / combined with the in
discredit in which the Arms and
Government of the Company are In-
-volved by the Continuance of these
Disturbances / they render the tenure
of the District scarcely worth preserving.

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I have troubled you with
these Explanations in Consequence
of your Letters to the Board at
Vizagapatam dated the 20th March
and to me of the 25th March from
which I apprehended, that your
Judgment of the late Service in this
District was more unfavourable than
for my own particular, I am conscious
it deserves.

Enclosed I have the
honor to transmit to you a Bill
for Intelligence and Hircarahs &
received

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received from Captain Liddle and sub-
mitted to your approbation. —

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect. &c.a &c.a

Ganjam
y.e 4.th April 1792 (Signed) Thomas Snodgrass

Minute thereon

As it is highly proper that Lord
Cornwallis should be informed of the recent
Transactions in the Ganjam District, it is
resolved to state to his Lordship the substance
of the Resident's late communications on
the subject of reducing the Zemindar of
Vizianagur to obedience - and to request his
Lordship's attention to the weak state of the
Company's force in that quarter. —

Ordered that Captain Liddle's
Bill for Intelligence and Hircarrahs be
signed for Payment, —

Read the following Letter from
Mess.rs Michell, Ince, and Baker.

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department of Government

From Mess.rs Michell Ince and Baker re-commending that the Person of Venkata-chellum Chitty be secured. —

Sir,

Judging it essentially necessary
to Examine a person, named Venkatachellum,
Chitty,

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Chitty, who, in the course of our enquiry, appears to have taken a very active part in effecting the removal of Mr Halibuton. We have, with great difficulty, by means of Peons, procured his attendance before us this Morning, but, having reason to apprehend from certain circumstances respecting him, and the peculiar Situation, in which he is placed, by an existing order of Government, being, we understand, a proscribed man, and one whose nefarious practises have rendered him an object of presentment by the Grand Jury of Madrasspatnam more than once, that he will find means to make his Escape and abscond, and Mr Michell having been waited on this Morning by an attorney at law in his behalf, Mr James Stuart Hall, we are reduced to the necessity of requesting you will make these circumstances known to Government, in order that we may be immediately furnished with

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with the means of securing Vencatachellums attendance when required. —

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

H.G Michell
Dan.l Ince
Cha. Baker.

Fort S.t George
22.d April 1792.

[Signed]

As Vencatachellum Chitty has presumed to return to the Presidency without any permission from the Board, altho' he was banished from hence by an order of Government, it is agreed to direct the Town Major to secure his Person and keep him in confinement in the main guard until further orders. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Petition from five Seamen formerly belonging to his Majestys Ship, Hannibal, and who lately escaped from Confinement in the Mysore Country. —

To the Honble Major General Medows Governor in Council &c.a &c.a &c.a

Fort S.t George

The Petition of John Wood
John Jordan
Thomas Jones
Wm Richardson and
James Curry.

Petition of five Seamen who have lately escaped from Confinement in the Mysore Country - praying that they may be provided with a small supply of Money to purchase Cloathing for their Voyage to Europe.

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners belonged to His Majestys Ship the Hannibal which was Captured by the French in the year 1782, and was, by Admiral de Suffrein, delivered over to Tippoo, where your Petitioners remained in Confinement until July last, at which time they were lucky Enough to effect their escape; your &c.a

Petitioners

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Petitioners think it needless to trouble your Excellency with a narrative of their sufferings during a Captivity of Nine years and seven months, as they are well known already. —

Your Petitioners beg leave to state that they are to proceed to England on the Duchess, and as it will be at a very cold season of the year, when your Petitioners will arrive in Europe, they humbly request that your Excellency will take their destitute condition for Cloaths suitable for a cold Climate, into your kind consideration, and so be pleased to order, to be advanced, to them a small sum sufficient to purchase those necessary Articles, as it is a very weighty matter in your Petitioners minds, to think that they have still no great hardships to undergo, in being removed from this, into a severe Climate, without the means of helping themselves. —

Your Petitioners beg leave further to state, that Lord Cornwallis ordered that every assistance should be given them, and that your Petitioners have received 5 £ each: but that sum has gone but a very small way in purchasing in Europe Cloathing, where they are so dear — Besides which we receive 3 Single fanams per Day as subsistance, and which proves but a very scanty allowance, the price of provisions being so high. —

Your Excellency, taking our case into consideration, and relieving us, your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that the additional Sum of five Pagodas be paid to each of the Petitioners to enable them to purchase Cloathing

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Cloathing for their Voyage to Europe. —

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General in Camp.

W.m C. Jackson Esq.r

Secretary in the Military Department

From the Deputy adjutant General desiring that the Hospitals at the Presidency and Poonamallee may be prepared for the Reception of a considerable number of European Sick. —

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to request that you will intimate to Government his Lordships wish, that Orders may be given to prepare the Hospitals at the Presidency and at Poonamallee, for the reception of a considerable number of European Sick from the Army.

The Hospital at Vellore it is supposed, will not afford accommodation for a larger proportion of the Sick than have already been sent to that Garrison; The dooleys meat to be dispatched will therefore be ordered to proceed to the Presidency, where Lord Cornwallis hopes every preparation will have been made for the accommodation of the Sick previous to their arrival. —

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

Head quarters
Camp 24.th April 1792.

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Dep.y adj.t Gen.l

Agnew

Agreed that the Hospital Board be directed to prepare the Hospitals at Poonamallee and

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and at the Presidency, without loss of time, for the reception of a considerable number of European Sick of the Army - and to report upon the present State of the Hospitals - the Numbers of Patients they can accommodate - and the quantity of Cloathing &c.a which it may be necessary to provide. —

Chas Oakeley

Ol Wallscott

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

25th Received the following Letters

Memorandum for Mr. Jackson

Memorandum from the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - recommending that Grain be laid up at Nellore for the use of the Bengal Detachment —

In consequence of Lord Cornwallis's intimation that the Bengal Detachment will Canton at or near Nellore, it will be necessary to send information to Mr. Digilton to make every preparation in his power for their reception —

The Number of Men / Fighting men and Followers / may be Estimated at 20.000 —

The daily Consumption may be Estimated at Four Madras Garce 66 Marcalls & Seers the monthly at 126 1/2 Garce and for Six Months, the probable period of the Detachment's halt, 757 Garce or 49800 Bags of Six Marcalls. —

halt

The Nellore Country cannot of Course Supply so large a quantity - and Mr. Digilton should be directed to form an estimate of what aid he thinks will be requisite from hence - that a part of the 100,000 Bags coming from Bombay, may be sent to the Port nearer Nellore, or, in the event of the greatest part of the Supply being required from hence, it may be thought

advisable

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advisable that the Detachment should move nearer to the Coast than Nellore which is distant about 15 to 20 Miles from the Nearest port. —

The Detachment may be expected at Nellore by the 15th of June or 20th at farthest. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary Military Department.

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Chandernagherry. Steps taken to procure the Restoration of Ram Pursaud's Property. Timma Nair. Easily employed in collecting Peons and Horses. Requests permission to visit the Presidency — and proposes Calling at Calastry if the Board judge it Necessary

I had the Honor to address Government thro' you the 20th ultimo since, when, agreeably to the pleasure of the Honorable Board, I have taken every means in my power to procure justice for the Brahmin Petitioner, Ram Pursaut, but am sorry to say with — little success. the Small portion of his property I may procure from Calastry the Rajah seems to offer rather in Compliance with my demand of it, than any idea of the Call on him being just, while independance on him is assumed by his Son Timma Nair, who alone he thinks is therefore responsible — The real amount of the — Petitioners' loss I however find to have been in his complaint much exaggerated: it proves, on examination, to exceed little more than one third, and so, far appears

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to me strictly just, nothing against it being offered, opposed to the Petitioners Solemn Oath, and other evidence excepting Timmanaiks Word, and some receipts which palpably seem newly forged for the purpose this dishonest exaggeration of the Petitioners however unwarrantable yet impelled by the perturbation of mind he evinces, I cannot but very much attribute to ignorance, and to his extreme anxiety at the idea of eventually being deceived, oppressed, and in fact ruined by a master whom, for near three years, he seems to have continued attached to with the most unlimitted confidence — Independent of what might be restored by the Rajah, having thus corrected the demand on Timma Nair, sent a writing of it to him, desiring, if he had still objections, to state them, otherwise to Requesting he would pay it off But with an accusation of partiality and further injustice, he sends me back the statement observing, that were not partial I should certainly, finding so much of the complaint false, have adjudged the remainder likewise so, and therefore he resolves, however Ram Purraut may be patronised, not to pay a Fanam more than he himself deems due — Timmanaiks with his accustomed prevarication evades giving his father or me a meeting, notwithstanding all I can say, for his Satisfaction: I have therefore by Letter and message

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Strictly cautioned him regarding his conduct, and warned him of the consequence, particularly the displeasure of Government, and loss of his Sagheir, should he not immediately abstain — He replies he is conscious of no fault: that, particularly, raising troops cannot be proved against him: but tired of being threatened with the Loss of his Sagheir is ready to resign it when thought fit. These are Words of course: for I am sorry to say, from long Connection that words have no weight with him. I have lately detected, and I hope disappointed, a recruiting Scheme of his in this Neighbourhood — a Subahs disbanded Cavalry Jemidar having been employed by him at Chittoor to entertain some Horse, wrote to that effect to his acquaintance, a Moorman, here, inviting him to collect and join him with what men and Horse he could: that he had Tim Naiks Cowl and would furnish any necessary expence: the man brought me the letter to ask my advice, I consequently took the Necessary Steps; wrote to the Sagheirdar's Manager at Chittoor likewise particular Cautions from myself to two or three of the Poligars, whom I had known concerned with Tim Nair in the Affair of last year; and learn'd that lately, being applied to, they had sent, or were about to send, some Peons again to him: We therefore I hope, have

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little to expect from this quarter, whatever his views —
may be: which towards his Father I am thoroughly convin-
=ced are inimical whenever opportunity may serve; and
I am not without strong suspicion that he looks much for
support from the Westward, under favor of the Nizam's
Son, among the tributary Poligars there; towards which
his man Cuncil soo brow is, I am told, now employed —

The enclosed is copy of a Passport for Timmi Nair under the
title of Rajah of Calastry to the Nizam's Camp, procured
three months ago from his Excellency Lord Cornwallis —
Timmi Nair has now about him between 3 and 400 Coorgs

Having particular occasion at
the Presidency, I request the indulgence of permission to
come down for a few days which, should the Honble Board
be pleased to grant and deem my going to Calastry material, pleased
I would make that my way; and also see Timmi Nair, if
Necessary, even at his Zaghire —

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant.
[Signed] Maisey Capt.

Chundregiry
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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry - hope to dispatch about 50000 Bags of Rice for Madras by the end of this month.

Your Letter of the 27th ultimo reached us Yesterday: We had previously received Orders from Major General Abercromby to take up Tonnage for Sixty or Fifty thousand Bags of rice, and had in Consequence engaged for nearly the whole quantity deliverable at Madras: but we shall use our endeavour with the different Commanders to transport the Rice to the places You direct, should You chuse it. We expect that Vessels with the above quantity of Rice will have left this port by the end of this Month at Farthest; by which you may form a judgment when they may be expected to arrive. —

We have also written to Bombay, stating the above Circumstance as to the quantity We could procure tonnage for, and doubt not that Government there, will take up the additional quantity Required.

We have the Honor to be

Y.r Ca.s &c.a

Robert Taylor

(Signed) Laurence Sulivan

Saml. Sneyd —

Tellicherry

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P.S.

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25th P.S. We expect the Mary Captain Watson will be the first ship with rice, and we request he may be dispatched as soon as possible; it being the Condition of his Agreement that he may not lose his passage to China. —

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor and President in Council,

Fort St. George,

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to Submit to you

From the Military Board recommending that the allowances hitherto drawn by the Serjeant Major of Invalids and the Drum & Fife Major at Tanjore be continued — enclosing Comparative Statements of the Provision of Stores by the former and present Military Storekeeper for one year and Sundry Reports of the State of the Barracks in the Bonatic - Arsenal & Laboratory Books duly brought up. Stores — received from the Military Storekeeper. —

Copy of a Letter from the Fort adjutant at Tanjore, referred to us by the Commandant at that Garrison, requesting that the allowances hitherto drawn by the Serjeant Major of — Invalids and Pensioners, and Drum and Fife Major may be continued. —

As this Staff appears to us necessary for the Performance of the Duties detailed in Ensign Butlers Letter, We beg leave to recommend the Propriety of its being continued. —

Being desirous of making such an arrangement of the Godowns or Casemates under the Fortifications as shall afford more space, which is now very inadequate, for the Stowage of the Gun Carriages in this Garrison — We have to this End called for a return of those

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those allotted to the Engineer Department, to the Commis=sary General of Stores, Town Major, and acting Barrack Master of Fort St. George — and beg leave to request you will also give Directions for our being furnished with a List of those under charge of the Board of Trade — specifying the purposes to which they are appropriated.

Herewith we have the Honor to lay before you Copy of a Statement of the quantity and Amount of Military Stores provided by the former Military Storekeeper and the present agents respectively in one year, shewing the Price and amount of each article — as likewise the Reports of the Barrack Masters in the Center and Southern Divisions upon the present State of the Quarters therein, which We deemed it Necessary to require in consequence of your Letter of 30th ultimo; and request to be honored with your Commands thereon. —

We have Examined the Books of the Arsenal and Laboratory, and found them regularly brought up to the End of the preceding Month — and the musters of the Articles specified in the Enclosed List of Stores Received from the Military Storekeeper having also been approved upon Examination, We directed them to be

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Received upon the Company's Books.—

We have the Honor to be with Respect

Yr. Yr.

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(Signed) " Edw.d Collins

" Geo: Maule,

" Robt. Tait,

" George Hall.

To Captain Glendoning

Commanding

Tanjore,

Sir,

I am informed by Mr. Strange, Military Paymaster of the Garrison, that he cannot longer pay the allowance of four Pagodas P Month to the Sergeant Major of Invalids and Pensioners, nor the allowance of Three Pagodas fourteen Fanams P.r Month to the Drum and Fife Major of the Garrison, without orders from the Military Board. —

There are in this Garrison 526 Invalids and Pensioners, which you will observe by the enclosed Return, to so many People it is necessary to have a person to take particular Charge of them, make out their pay and muster Rolls, and know their places of Residence; or

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how can they be assembled to be Mustered agreeably to the orders of Government?—

The Drummond Fyfe Major &c the Duties of the Garrison, such as marching off the Guards daily, regulating the Beats, attending Garrison Punishments &c. These appointments have been established in the Garrison for many years.—

I have to request you will be pleased to lay this before the Military Board with your opinion of the propriety of a further continuance of those allowances.—

Tanjore
3d April 1792

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Butler Town Adjt

A true Copy (Signed) Danl Ince
Lieut M. B.

Return of the Invalids and Pensioners Tanjore 3 April 1792.

	European Sergeants	Drummers	Privates	Native Officers	Sergeants	Drummers	Privates
Invalids	1	1	2	3	1	1	1
Pensioners			3	3	1	2	122
Total	1	1	5	6	2	3	123

N.B. The above European Sergeant is a Lunatick

(Signed) J. Butler Town Adjt

A true Copy (Signed) Danl Ince
Lieut M. B.

Sir,

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Sir Charles Oakeley & Bart.

acting President &c. in Council

Sir,

From the Commandant at Tiagar enclosing a Report of the Stores &c. found in the Fort of Attore —

I have the Honor of Sending here- =with a List of what Stores the Officer in Charge of the Fort of Attore could find, for which he has given a receipt to the person left by the Killedar, —

One of the Bastions on the South side was thrown down by the river during the late heavy rains, and continues in that Situation, —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signed / W. Flint
Capt. Comg. Tiagar

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List of Ordnance & Stores received in the Fort of Attore April 17th 1792.

			Fit for Service	unfit for Service
Iron Guns	6	Pdr.	2	
Do.	Do.	3 Do.	1	
Do.	Do.	2 Do.	1	
Do.	Do.	1 Do.	8	
Do.	Malabar	"	9	1
Do.	Mat.	4 Do.	1763	
Do.	Do.	1 Do.	725	

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	Fit for Service	Unfit for Service
Hammers	1.	
Blue Lights		Do.
Lint Stocks	2.	
Triangle	1.	
A large quantity of Old Iron		
Powder Bags filled of diffr. Sizes	350.	—
Do. Do. Do. Set Conical pieces	600	

1 Cistern 5. Feet by 6 containing loose Powder 2. Feet in depth

1 Cistern 10. Feet square containing loose powder 3. Feet in depth. 11 Baskets and 3 Pots filled with powder.

/Signed/ Richard Downs
Lieut 3d Battn N.I.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mem. Nos. 120. 121 122 123 124 125 126. 127. —

To Majr. Cochrane Qrt and Ince

Appointing them a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining whether any and if any what part of the Sum due by the Company for the 40 P.r Cent Compensation granted to the Inhabitants of Hog Hill has been disposed of by the original

Majr. Cochrane Qrt and Ince

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Original Claimants, and by whom and for what Preside=
=ration — enclosing sundry Documents to assist their
Enquiries and desiring them to report the Result as
early as possible to Government. —

To the Hospital Board. desiring
To the Hospital Board — them to prepare the Hospitals at the Presidency and
Pondamallee for the Reception of a considerable Number
of European Sick; and to report the present State of the
Hospitals, the Number of patients they can accomodate
and what Quantity of Cloathing &c. it may be necessary
to provide. —

To the Secretary at Bengal. stating
To the Secretary at Bengal — the Amount of Cash advanced to Mr. Tytler Assistant
Surgeon, and for which the Bengal Presidency has been
debited. —

To the Board of Revenue. desiring
To the Board of Revenue — them to send positive orders to the Collectors in the
Sagheire to be careful that no Taxes of any Description be
levied on those who are employed in bringing Articles
of Provisions to the Presidency for Sale. —

To Messrs. Mitchell Swee and
To Messrs. Mitchell Swee & Baker — Baker informing them that the Person of Venkata=
=chellum Chitty is under Restraint in the Main Guard
for presuming to return to Madras without permission
after

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after he had been banished from thence by order of Government

To Ensign Vevion informing him

To Ensign Vevion of the 9th Battalion Native Infantry

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

To the President at Ganjam returning

To the President at Ganjam

Captain Little's Bill for Intelligence and Mircarrahs signed for Payment.—

To the Paymaster at Ongole informing

To the Paymaster at Ongole

him that he has the Board's Permission to visit the Presidency—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mem. Nos 128. 129 130.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly

advising of his having been under the Necessity of sending the Assistant Surgeon attached to the 25th Battalion Native Infantry to Dindegul.—

From Mr. Alexander Watson repeating

From Mr. Alr. Watson Assistant Surgeon at Palamcotah—

his Claim to Reimbursement of Money actually disbursed in consequence of his Attendance on the Revenue Corps stationed at Tinnevelly.

From Colonel Floyd representing

From the Officer Commanding his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons

the Difficulty of furnishing correct Statements of the Number of Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters that were Retained by and deserted from the different Regiments of Cavalry.

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Sent Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry / as entered in C C N° 59 / desiring them not to allow any Customs to be exacted from People passing through their Country with articles of Provision for the Presidency.—

Substance of Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry & Vencatagerry

Sent the following Letters.—

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr.

Sir,

Sam directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 7th instant, and to inform you that the orders of the Company militate so expressly against a compliance with your requisition, that he cannot consent to the application of so large a Sum to other purposes than those for which the management of the revenues of the Carnatic was assumed, without a previous reference to the Honble Court of Directors.—

To Mr. Benjamin Sullivan stating the Circumstances which precipitate the Board to refer his Claim on the Collections of the Purrage Middl. district to the Honble Court of Directors —

The outstanding Balances of

You

Fusly 1199, upon which your claim, can never in the opinion of the Board, be considered as the right of Individuals, when it is remembered that his Highness the

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Nabob was indebted to the Public at the time of the assumption in the full amount of his engagements settled by a Solemn Treaty for the preceding Year, and consequently the Company's Resources for the prosecution of the War then pending, were proportionally lessened: to Secure the arrears there due, was, in fact, not less the object of the Assumption than to guard against future disappointment - for if his Highness had been punctual in the performance of his public engagements he would have continued in possession of the management of his Revenues, and most probably there would not have been any interference on the part of the Company / as the transaction was unknown to them / in the mode which his Highness had adopted for the liquidation of the arrears due to you. —

The Board do not mean to call in question the justness of your demand on the Nabob; they contend only for the Company's right to the exclusive disposal of the Revenue collected under the Assumption; and whether this were on account of Balances outstanding, or of Sicca falling due, there could be no distinction, since the former as well as the latter were appropriated to the exigencies of the Service - with respect to the cases you mention - I am directed by the Board to remark that they do not appear to them similar to the circumstances attending

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attending your Claims.—

It has been stated, in the former part of this Letter, that the Board could not comply with your Request consistently with the orders of the Company which clearly and explicitly direct that "if there be any Sums "due by his Highness to British Subjects not comprehended "in the three Clafses of Debts" for which an arrangement was made in the year 1784 / "no countenance or protection "whatever be given to them until the Debt has been "fully investigated, the nature of it reported home, and the "Courts special instructions received upon it.—

In conformity to those orders the President in Council will bring the Subject before the Court in the next dispatches; and it will be satisfactory to him if the grounds on which it will be stated, shall induce the Honble Court to a favorable consideration of your claims.—

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I have &c.
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Esqr

To

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship having intimated

Lord Cornwallis enclosing Copies of Letters from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam regarding the March of the Bengal Detachment through the Circars reporting the particulars of Captain Little's late Expedition against Munnadgoe & representing the Insufficiency of the present Grain in the Ganjam Magazine for the preservation of Good Order.

in your Letter to Sir Charles Oakely dated the 26th ultimo, that it was probable the Bengal Detachment would cross the Kristnah previous to the approaching Rains, we directed the Chief and Council at Masulipatam and at Vizagapatam to state their opinion whether the Troops would suffer any serious inconvenience during their stay in the Circars, or occasion any additional distress to the Inhabitants, if means were taken by us to supply rice in sufficient quantity for the Consumption of the Detachment, including Followers, until it reached the Bengal provinces.—

Your Lordship will observe by their answers, Copies of which we have the honor to enclose, that, in consequence of the dreadful Famine which prevails in the Circars, the March of Troops into those desolate districts, at this time, could not fail of adding to the distresses of the remaining Inhabitants, and most probably communicate to the Detachment a portion of the general Calamity in that quarter: the Gentlemen at

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Masulipatam have suggested the expediency of cantoning the Troops at Nellore until the rains are over, a situation where the excessive Drought has not extended, and — where, consequently, the wants of the Detachment could be more easily supplied. —

We think it necessary to inform your Lordship that Some time ago the Resident at Ganjam and the Board of Revenue reported to us the absolute — Necessity of sending the Company's Troops against munnadoo the Zemindar of Vizianagur, whose refractory and disobedient Conduct had excited Serious apprehension — of a general revolt of the Zemindars in that District, most of whom, taking advantage of the weak state of our force in their Neighbourhood, had acted in open — defiance of the Company's authority: as munnadoo was the principal mover in this resistance, and as Captain Little, the Commanding Officer, had expressed his full confidence that there was force sufficient in the District for the purpose of compelling the Zemindar to obedience, we — acquiesced in the measure upon the grounds above — stated. —

We were concerned to learn, by a Subsequent report from the Resident, that Captain Little had been diverted from his purpose, under deceitful promises.

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promises of Atonement by Munnadoo. That the troops had been drawn into a close country, from whence they had some difficulty in extricating themselves, and were finally obliged to return, without effecting the purpose for which they were detached, —

The Resident however informs us that the movement of the detachment has produced some essential advantages: but, as this force is too small to keep the Zemindars in Subjection, we have directed Captain Little to confine himself to the protection of the revenue, and not to act offensively upon any account whosoever, —

In your Lordship's Arrangements for the distribution of the Troops, you will perhaps deem it Necessary, for the preservation of good order in the distant Provice of Ganjam, to send thither such Reinforcement as may be effectual to the attainment of this desirable purpose — the Force stationed there at present consists only of one Battalion of Sepoys, which, we understand from the Resident, is by no means competent to the protection of the district from the numerous Banditti which have long infested it with impunity. —

We have the Honor to be, with great Respect & Esteem, — Yr. Lps. Mo. Obt. Servts.

[Signed] William Medows
Vice Council

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 131 132.—

To the Collector at Tinnevelly.

To the Collector at Tinnevelly enclosing a Letter addressed to the Right Honble Commodore Cornwallis.—

To the Collector at Nellore.

To the Collector at Nellore communicating the Board's Resolution that the Bengal Detachment shall canton at or near Nellore during the approaching Rains—stating the Quantity of Rice that will be required for their Subsistence, and desiring him to report the Proportion thereof which it will be necessary to send from the Presidency and to give his opinion regarding the best Situation for a Cantonment between Nellore and the Sea Coast.—

Received a Petition from the Parriahs residing at Madras as entered in M.B. No. 133 representing the Length of Time they have held their present Habitations in the Parcherry, and praying that they may not be removed.—

Substance of a Petition from the Parriahs residing at Madras.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. No. 134. 135.—

From the Resident at Travancore enclosing a Letter from the Rajah addressed to Lord Cornwallis.—

From the Resident at Travancore.

From

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From the Commissary General of Grain

From the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions.

and Provisions — recommending that the Rice which has been removed from Carroor to Poodacottah be there sold for whatever it will fetch — and that the Collector at Trichinopoly be instructed to exert himself in facilitating its Sale. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Major General Medows

Governor President

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Friday 27th April 1792. William Petrie & E. W. Fallofield Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C6 N° 69/

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Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Walla Jah to Major General Medows Governor of Fort St. George. —

From the Nabob expressing his doubts in regard to the Accuracy of the Board's Estimate of the Collections from his Country to the Close of the Fasly year 1200 - and requesting that the Bills he has applied for in favor of Vencatah Subah on account of his Pish, may be granted.

Dated 1st Rumzaun 1206 Hegery

or

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Received 25th Do. —

My surprise has been very great to have been

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been informed from Sir Charles Oakeley, when I applied for Bills in favour of Vencatah Soubah, on account of my fifth share of the Revenues of my Country, that I had already received what was due to me on this account — and to shew this, he sent me a Statement of the Receipts of Revenues, and the Sums that had been advanced to me: for the sake of the Company, as well as myself, I hope this statement will be found to be erroneous; for, if the Country produces no more this year than he has estimated, there must be said mismanagement some where; as it is well known that the crops are uncommonly plentiful; and, by the blessing of God and the Victories of my Lord Cornwallis Bahauder, the Dominions of the Carnatic have been preserved from the invasions and devastations of the Enemy —

The small sum which is carried to my Credit on account of my Jamelies Jaghires, while under the Company's management, is also matter of Great Concern and surprise to me: on this, and on the other — accounts which have been sent to me, I have many observations to make, but, at present, I have only to — request that at least a part of the Sums which I have solicited may be advanced to me in Bills upon your collectors in favor of Vencatah Soubah, agreeable to my former

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former application; and it is my desire that my applica-
=tions in favour of this man may be first complied
with, as the money I am indebted to him has been actually
advanced for the payment of my Sepoys and Servants; and
at a time when I was in the greatest distress — after he
has been repaid, it is my desire that the others, to whom
I have given Letters to my friend, may be next considered

What can I say More?

A true translation

[Signed] David Haliburton
Persian Translator

Agreed to inform the Nabob that the
Statement of the probable receipts of Revenue to the end
of the year which Sir Charles Oakeley sent to his
Highness on the 5th instant, was taken from the accounts
of the produce of the last season; and that, considering all
circumstances, it would not have prudent at that time
to have formed it on any other ground — that it is —
probable, however, if nothing extraordinary happen, that the
Revenue of the present year may be more favorable than
is stated in that account; and that, if it prove so, his —
Highness may be assured strict Justice will be done
to him; and every Pagoda due on his Sixth most punctually
paid. —

Read

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=tions in favour of this man may be first complied
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is stated in that account; and that, if it prove so, his —
Highness may be assured strict Justice will be done
to him; and every Pagoda due on his Sixth most punctually
paid. —

Read

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With respect to the People of Dot being incommoded by the vicinity of the Parcherry We are well assured that it is a source of much — Inconvenience to them and of which they have frequently complained, besides which we beg leave to suggest to you the Notoriety of their being seperated throughout India, —

We herewith transmit Major Maule's Estimate of the Expence of removing the Parcherry, and have the Honor to be, with respect. —

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servants,

Fort St. George
22d April 1792

" Edwd. Collins

" Geo. Maule.

" George Hall,

Estimate,

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board, —

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor and President in Council

Fort Saint George.

From the Military Board opinion regarding the Removal of the Parriahs from the Great Parcherry - enclosing an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Carriage &c. of the Houses and Mutts to Perriahs Ground -

Honble Sir,

We were duly honored with your Commands under date the 7th Instant, and, having taken into mature consideration the Expediency of removing the Parriahs from the Great Parcherry, We are induced to Submit it as our opinion, that equally from the Scarcity of Ground remaining to the Company in the Black Town, as from the better accommodation of the Hog Mile Claimants to Ground, as Explained by Major Maule, the Removal of those People is an Eligible object; and the more particularly, as the Proposition to give the Parriahs a Property in the Ground intended for them, seems equitable and advantageous to themselves, and an Indulgence which, we believe, does not exist in Precedent - The only objection which presents itself to the measure is, their Riotous and intemperate dispositions, which may lead them to improper

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Estimate of the Expence of Removing the Barrack Houses and Mills from the Great Parkerry to Budriard's Ground. —

	To Moving 38 Brick Houses 45 Cart's per each House at 10 Panams ₱ Cart									380	—
	To	D°	50	Mudwall	D°	12	D°	per	D°	@ 10 Pant	pr D° — 200 —
	To	D°	50	D°		13½	D°	per	D°	at 10	pr D° — 150 —
										Pagodas	730 — —

Attest Copy,
/Signed/ Dan[l] Ince,
Lieu[t] M. B[d]

/Signed/ George Maule
Lieu[t] Comp[y] & Engineer

Estimate Expence Removing Barrack Houses & Mills from Great Parkerry to Budriard's Ground 1810

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Minute thereon

It appears that the Pariahs are not be prevailed upon to quit the great Parcherry, and that their removal could not be effected but by force of arms, the Board are more inclined to forego the advantages that would be derived from the resumption of the Ground, as explained by Major Moule, than to have recourse to coercion, unless the necessity were more urgent than it seems to be; Resolved therefore, that the Pariahs be allowed to remain, for the present, in possession of Parcherry. —

The President, in his Character of Commander in Chief, recommends that the following be published in G. O. —

G. O.

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Lieutenant Colonel Tolson of the 3d Battalion of European Infantry appointed to the Command of the Troops in the Ganjam District, Vice Lieutenant Colonel Trent — permitted to resign &c. —

Lieutenant Henry Evans appointed to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Ajjakmundry Vice Stuart. —

Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham Succeeds to the Vacancy in that Rank on the Establishment occasioned

Lieutenant Colonel Tolson to Command the Troops in the Ganjam District - Vice Trent permitted to resign - Lieutenant Henry Evans to Command at Ajjakmundry Vice - Stuart - Lieutenant Colonel Conyngham to succeed the Vacancy in that Rank occasioned by the death of Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery —

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Occasioned by the Decease of Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery. —

By order of the Honble the President in Council,

[Signed] W.C Jackson
Secy

Approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam, —

To the Honorable Major General William Medows
Governor in Council
&c Fort St. George —

Hon'ble Sir,

In consequence of your Secretary's Letter of the 7th ultimo, and of Instructions received at the same time from the Board of Revenue, I should ere this have dispatched Juggannautdas, late Zemindar of Kimedy, to Vizagapatam, But for the Irruption of a large party of Peons which, as I informed the Board of Revenue, had, at that Crisis, taken post in Beroudie, a very strong and Extensive Jungle in the Vicinity of Ganjam — whether they had frequently before

From the Resident at Ganjam stating that the Zamindar placed by him in Charge of — Juggannautdas has been relieved without his Knowledge; and complaining of the constant Intoxication of the European Troops in that Garrison —

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before resorted with impunity — and were thence, I imagine, "
encouraged to come with increased Numbers on this occasion

Desirous that this diversion might
have as little Influence upon the operations in mohevy
and Vizianagur as possible, I detached from hence all
of the Garrison but such Guards as were indispensable —
and thence was deprived of the means of furnishing
such an Escort for Juggannaut doss as the present state
of the District required to ensure his safety on the
Road — not unmindful however of your orders, — "
I suggested to Mr. Chamier the expediency of his detaching
from Chicacole a sufficient escort to receive Charge
of Juggannaut doss —

I have the pleasure to acquaint
you that Ensign Charles Moodie with the Grenadier
Companies of the 1st Battalion joined the parties detached
from this Garrison, and, assuming the Command of the
whole, dislodged the Insurgents from Beroudie held
them in pursuit through the Palcor and Calicoote Jungles,
and in several skirmishes, augmented their list of
Killed to the Number of fifty or Sixty: he is still
prosecuting the Service with that ability, Zeal, and
actively, which has ever distinguished and recommended

him

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him: and I trust that such of the Insurgents as may eventually regain their Haunts in the Mokerry and Vizianagur Hills will carry back with them an Impression that will in future deter from such near Inroads upon Ganjam as have heretofore been suffered.

Informed as you are of the amicable and Parole terms on which Jugganaut doo late Zemindar of Kemmedy surrendered himself at Ganjam, you will doubtless approve of my having treated him with mildness, and with that respect which is due to his misfortunes, to his high rank, and to his ancient Family: from these motives I allowed him to Choose his own Residence in the Town, and to retain his own Servants about his Person — an Havildar's Guard of Sepoys, furnishing four Centries mounted over him, but were instructed to treat him with respect and Dignity, at the same time that they were watchful of his Safety. —

These were my original Instructions to the first Havildar who did duty over him; and I was therefore much Concerned to receive a Complaint from him / Jugganautdoo / two days since, of some Personal Insults which he had suffered from a

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New Havildar, who had nine days before succeeded to the Charge of the Guard, without my Concurrence or Knowledge; and was even more surprised to learn from the Commanding officer of the Troops in Garrison, that the Relief had taken place also unknown to him. —

This appeared to me so very extraordinary and reprehensible a Circumstance, that I addressed a letter to the Commanding officer, Transcript of which is Enclosed, accompanied by a Copy of his answer, which, not appearing to me to be satisfactory on this Point, is submitted to your Judgement. —

The other Subject mentioned in these Letters has been of daily occurrence to my observation for many months, and finding the Scandal was rather increasing than abating, notwithstanding that by beat of Tom Tom I had forbid and, I believe succeeded in preventing, the Sale of Spirits to the Soldiery in this and in all the neighbouring Villages, I felt that the European Character which, in these remote Parts where so few are settled, should be up held as respectably as possible, required the adoption of some more efficient measure; and therefore, upon Complaint from Ensign Samuel Pippet, Commanding the European Invalids

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in this Garrison that the Agents arrack was selling in the Barracks / outside the Fort / without limitation of Quantity or restriction to Persons, I requested of the Commanding Officer to put an Immediate stop to the Practice, and to confine the sale of the Agents arrack to the Fort, and to provide that no European was suffered to buy more in one day than the regulations Prescribed, —

The Commanding Officer's answer to this point does not seem to Invalidate the Grounds on which Ensign Pippet made his Complaint, and is therefore Communicated to you, —

I beg leave further to offer to your Consideration the Execution of a Plan for the Erection of European Barracks within the Fort of Gingeram which has been many Years designed, and is, I believe, to be found in the Chief Engineers' office at Fort Saint George; were that adopted, the national Character would suffer less, even though the Europeans were more indulged to Drunkeness; but, at present, instead of deriving from them any addition of strength and Security, they expose our Weakness and betray us to Contempt. —

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

(Signed) Thomas Snadgrass

Gingeram
12th April 1792

To.

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To Lieutenant William Orrok —

Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison

at Ganjam,

Sir,

The Havildar of the Guard with —

Suggamaut Doss in the Town having been changed some days

since without my previous sanction, and without any

Subsequent report thereof being made to me, although the

former Havildar of that Guard had received his Instructions

from me for the Conduct he was to observe towards his

Charge, and the first knowledge of this relief having

been conveyed to me by a Complaint from Suggamaut Doss

of some personal Insults received by him from the new

Havildar, and you having acquainted me that this

Relief took place without your directions, I have to

Request that you will discover and inform me who

the person was that, in contempt of both our authorities,

was guilty of so great a Violation of Military

discipline. —

It has not Escaped my notice, and

it has been frequently pressed upon my attention by

the Officer Commanding them, that the European Invalids

in Garrison are seldom any of them to be seen but in a

State

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State of great Intoxication, notwithstanding the Precaution=
=ons which I have taken to prevent their buying any Spirits
in the Villages this is so serious an Evil that I have taken
some trouble to inform myself of the means by which they
have been Enabled to defeat my Wishes; and I am concerned
to have discovered that the agents' arrack is sold to them,
in unlimited quantities, even in their Barracks: a
Practice to which I request you will put an Immediate
Stop, and that you will limit the Sale of the agents'
arrack to the Walls of the Fort, and restrict the quantity
to the proportions prescribed by the Regulations of Govern=
=ment for each Person. —

I have the pleasure to be,

Gen.n & Hon.ble Sir

Your most obed.t Hum.ble Serv.t

[Sign'd] Thomas Snodgrass.

Ganjam
11th April 1792

To Thomas Snodgrass Esquire
Resident

Sir,

Ganjam

I am favored with Yours of this
day's date, and, in Consequence, have Confined the Bearer
dar.

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Havildar of Jagannaut doss Guard, and the Naigue likewise, who it seems was sent by the Havildar to report him sick, but made no such report to me; on the Contrary he advised the Subedar of the Main Guard, who told him his Complaint was Trivial & and desired him to remain on Duty: after which he says he reported to Lieutenant Hall, who has no Recollection of such intimation: at any rate, they were both guilty in not coming to me, in the first instance, and for this Crime they are Confined. —

I am much concerned to find you should have noticed Intoxication among the European Soldiery, and that you should listen to any Complaint from any Subordinate officer, when you know it was only a few days ago I mentioned to you the facility with which the men were supplied with Bazar Arrack: the late intemperence has been among the men newly arrived from Madras; and the easy access they have, by means of their women and Servants, to the Bazar Arrack Shops, is the means of their being often disorderly. —

The Fort is so small, and the Arrack Godown being close to the main Guard I gave orders

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Orders for the men's Drams to be drawn in the morning from the Fort and Served in the Barracks, which Seem a more proper place than the Guard Room of a Small Fort — I shall however order this to be discontinued and only grant indulgencies to those I deem worthy of them —

I have to acquaint you that a Shop for the sale of Arrack is kept in the Coffree Village, where most of the Soldiers' Families reside, and have to beg You to order the Sale of Arrack there to be discontinued, as the Inhabitants never frequent this — Village it cannot interfere with the sale of arrack for their use, —

I have the Honor to Remain

Dr Sr Yr

Yr. Most Obt Hble Servt

Wm Orrak

Panjam

11th April 1792

A true Copy

Signed Thomas Snodgrass

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Resident at Panjam —

Agreed to inform Mr Snodgrass that it is not consistent with the authority meant to be exercised by the Resident that he should enter into any Military detail whatever — That the Necessary Escort for Jaggannaut dos should have been required from the — Commanding Officer, by Letter, explaining the Object and

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and leaving the execution entirely to him, — and that he / the Commanding Officer / is also accountable for the Sobriety and good Conduct of the men under his Command. —

Agreed to direct Lieutenant Errol to be cautious that the Sale of Arrack to the European Soldiery be conformable to the existing Regulations. —

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

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

Honble Sir,

To the Board of Assumed Revenue enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Strange regarding Remissions claimed by the Puttachears and Suncum Renters in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country. —

We do ourselves the honor of laying before You Copy of a Letter which we have just received from Mr. Strange: we take the liberty of intruding it upon you as the Subject remains to be explained by Mr. Fallofield with whom we have no immediate communication — on this occasion we think it necessary to remark, that this is the first mention we have heard of the probability of so large a deficiency in the revenues of the Eastern division

So

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of Tanjour, —

We have the honor to be,

Y.rs &c.

Fort St. George,
26th April 1792

(Signed) Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

To
William Petrie Esquire,
President and the Members of the Board of
Assumed Revenue,
Fort St. George,

Gentlemen,

During the management of my
Predecessor in office a general representation was
Made to him from the different Districts of the
Eastern Division, setting forth the great loss that has
been sustained to the Crop by the unusual drought of
the Season in the Months of August September
and part of October, and what afterwards was
no less injurious and destructive in its effects,
the long continuance of the heaviest Moonsoon that
had fallen for many years, which drowned, in some

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places, and swept away in others, every vestige of
Cultivation; and from the particularly Low Situation of
the Districts in the Eastern division, was of course much
more prejudicial than in any other part of the Coast. —

The amount at which the Inhabitants
estimated their total Loss was Seventeen Lacks and Seventy
Thousand Cullums of Paddy. —

Mr. Fallofield, who was too well
acquainted with the trickish and knavish disposition of
the Natives of the Tanjore Country, to admit as truth
any representation coming from them, without first duly
investigating the same, took therefore a very circumspect and
exact account of the damage really sustained and satisfied
himself that it amounted to no less a quantity than
Eleven Lacks and Sixty two thousand four hundred —
Cullums. —

Of this Quantity the proportion of the
Circar Share amounts to Six Lacks Forty five thousand three
hundred and thirty nine Cullums. —

The Puttahadars and Amuldars
of amani Lave, on this Subject, now delivered to me a
Petition, which I have the honor herewith to transmit to you,
and Request your early Consideration of the same. —

From every Information which it
has

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has fallen in my way to collect, I am well satisfied that these People have a claim to your kind Indulgence to the full amount of what Mr. Talbot's Estimate states their loss to be, and which, coming from a Servant of the Company's so established in Character, will of Course be entitled to your fullest confidence, —

I the price of the Grain which the Collectors lately affixed for the payments from the Inhabitants had not been so advantageous to the Circar, I should have thought it my Duty to have recommended to you to agree only to a partial remission on account of their Losses; but as I do not find that the price of Grain has risen, or that it is likely to be much Lighter, I therefore recommend their case to your Indulgent Consideration and determination. —

The orders which the exigence of the public Service required you to issue for suspending the payment of Duties on Grain and various other Articles Naturally subjected your Suncum Renters to consequent Losses, and they accordingly submitted an Account thereof to Mr. Talbot, which amounted to ten thousand Two hundred (10200) Chuckrums — The same case which had directed his former Scrutiny made him, after due Enquiry, consent to recommend to you a Remission

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Remission to the amount of Six Thousand / 6000 / Chuck-
=rums. —

The annai Suncums are likely to fall
considerably under the amount of their Estimated Value,
and from the same Causes: to the End of March they were
only productive to the amount of Seven Thousand Four
Hundred and one Chuckrums. —

But these failures of Revenue
/ which no human foresight or management could —
avert / will be considerably lessened by the advantages
that will arise from the difference of Price on the
Grain. — and the Gain on Batta, —

I have the Honor to be, with Respect.
Y.r Ca & Ca.

/ Signed / Ja.s Strange
Collector

Tanjore
25th April 1792

A true Copy
/ Signed / J. Webbe Jr.

Mr. Tallofield begs leave to enter the
following Minute, —

Mr. Tallofield's Minute shewing the Justness of the Remissions claimed by the Puttachadars and Suncum Renters in the Eastern division of the Tanjore Country, and the Amount to which he considers them entitled.

Minute

In consequence of the foregoing Letter
from the Board of Revenue, and that addressed to them
by

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by the Collector in the Eastern Division of Tanjore, my Successor in the Employ — I beg leave to observe, that, as the Cultivation and Fertility of the Tanjore Country depends entirely on the Cavery, which generally rises about the middle of June and continues sufficiently full till the Month of October to afford an ample supply of Water for the whole Country, any material failure in the — Freshes of this River is invariably attended with a Loss in the Crop. — In the middle of august last the River sunk so low that the Cultivation of this part of the Country could no longer be Carried on - and the Supply of Water from that time till the setting in of the monsoon in the Middle of October, was so scanty, that the greatest part of those lands which were still untilled, including all the Higher grounds, could derive no advantage from it: many of the Husbandmen having thus lost the occasion of transplanting the young Paddy, were obliged, a second time, to sow their seed Grain; and some of them even three times; as, after a Certain age, it becomes unfit for transplantation: and had it not been for some timely, tho' partial showers, in September, the drought would have been more severe & the loss considerably greater. Even the Monsoon so anxiously expected began and continued with such Violence as to overflow

and

and break the Banks of the Rivers and principal Nullers, thereby covering the Fields in the Vicinity with Sand, and destroying the Paddy: the inundation was no less destructive to the Sumbah and Peishanum Paddy by the Water remaining on the fields: for in the Course of a few days if the young Paddy is entirely covered by Water, a great part of it perishes. In many parts of Skyaveram, so great a quantity of Water lay on the Grounds that the Inhabitants were obliged to make use of Cattamarans to gather in the *Cavu Crop — a Circumstance scarcely remembered by the Oldest Inhabitants, —

The whole of the Puttahadars, foreseeing the losses they were likely to sustain, gave early intimation that they should petition for a remission to be made them proportionate thereto; this induced me to take the precaution of sending People of the most experience, and those on whom I could best depend, into the different parts of the Country, in order to ascertain the extent of the Loss — it being very difficult to discover the truth after the Crops are Cut, and the Grain removed: from their Report, from the most particular investigation of the Subject, and the best information I could obtain, I beg leave to assure your Honor, that I have not the smallest doubt that the deficiency in the whole quantity of Grain in the eastern division, owing

to

* This was transplanted between the middle of June and the Commencement of the Drought in August —

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to the abovementioned Causes, at the most moderate Computation, Amounts to Eleven Lacs sixty two thousand and four hundred Pullums / 11,62,400 / the Circar's proportion whereof, being Six Lacs forty five thousand three hundred and thirty Nine Dlls / 6,45,339 / I would humbly and most earnestly recommend might be remitted to the Pullahadars &c. as the insisting on a strict adherence to their Engagements would, I am well Convinced, prove a Source of extreme Distress to all the poorer Class of Inhabitants, who, tho' less able to Support it than the principal Pulla-hadars, would participate in the Calamity, and, possessing Scarcely any property or resource, might be Necessitated to dispose of their Cattle. the Grain they had reserved for Seed — and the little Stock they had laid up for the Subsistance of their families and the Effects of this might be felt as a Check on the Cultivation of the ensuing Year. —

I must here take the Liberty to remark, that the Pullahadars did not actually give in any Formal Representation, begging for an Indulgence, previous to my quitting the Country; altho' they had long determined on such a Step — but, even if they had done so, my Intention was not to have Solicited the Board of

Adjourned.

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Assumed Revenue on their behalf so long as there appeared any prospect that, by the Encreased Price of Grain / which was Expected to rise high in the Months of June and July / they might have gained sufficiently, on the price settled by the Collectors at the end of March, to have reimbursed — themselves for their Losses — the termination of the War has prevented any alteration in the price of Grain in the Tanjore Country; which, as Mr. Strange observes in his Letter, is nearly the same at present as it was in March, without any probability of its rising: and this, tho' fortunate for the Inhabitants, will deprive the Puttahadars of the only chance left them of being enabled, in any degree, to support their Losses. —

The Suncum Renters having been Subjected to a Loss by the suspension of Duties on Grain and Provisions, estimated the amount at 10200 Chuckrams; but, on a Careful Examination, I was of opinion their Claim to Remission might be reduced to 6000 Chuckrams, which Circumstance I communicated to Mr. Strange on my leaving Tanjore - as the being suddenly called down to the Presiden- -cy, prevented me from addressing the Board of Assumed Revenue particularly on this Subject. —

/ Signed / E. M. Tallofield

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Resolution of the Board upon the foregoing Subject, —

Resolved that the Claims of the Pattahadars and Suncum Renters to Remissions be admitted, to the extent recommended by Mr. Fallofield — and that a Mandate to this effect be sent to the Board of Assumed Revenue, —

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

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

From the Board of Assumed Revenue recommending that exemplary Punishment be inflicted on Regis Serma for his Perfidy, and aggravated Conduct —

Honble Sir,

Upon Receipt of your orders under date 31st Ultimo we immediately sent instructions to Mr. Landon to forward the Sum of Pagodas 60,00. to the acting — Resident at Cuddalore: in answer Mr. Landon informed us that the state of his treasury did not then admit of so — large a disbursement: As you had particularly guarded as against any delay in the payment of this money, we immediately sent directions to Mr. Strange, who was — in sufficient cash, to forward the amount to Cuddalore, which we have since received information of his having done. Mr. Landon has now acquainted us with his having dispatched a like Sum to Mr. Dashwood, who, by this

means

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Means, has received Pagodas 14.000 more than I have been authorized by the Honble Board, —

Upon taking possession of the assumed countries we found a dispossessed Zemindar in Palnaud who had pretensions to certain Villages in that country: but, as he had been ejected by the Nabob so far back as the Year 1765 we did not think it right to admit his claim — the Collector however represented that it would be expedient to make him a Small allowance of Pagodas 100 ℔ Month, in order to prevent the incursions of certain Banditti of whom he was supposed to be the principal leader: in this recommendation the Honble Board were pleased to acquiesce — We have since had occasion to report how undeserving of this indulgence Rajisheravaru has proved: the depredations which he then commenced have been carried on with the most unceasing activity; in so much as to keep a body of 800 Peons, besides the garrison at Timmericotah, in constant motion — The capture of his principal partizan has however dispirited him; and the conclusion of peace has induced him to make offers of Submission to Mr. Erskine upon receiving another Order from the Company: To this we have directed the Collector by no means to consent; on the contrary we beg leave to recommend that such measures may be taken for Punishing his insolence

and

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and treachery as will deter other refractory Polygars from Similar attempts. —

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George,
26th April 1792

Gr. Gr.

Wm. Petrie

[Signed] David Haliburton

Wm. Balfour

Agreed to inform the Board of Revenue that, in addition to the orders they have sent to the Collector in the Ongole and Palnaud Districts, it will be proper to Suggest to him the expediency of Securing the Person of Rajahevaroo, if an opportunity should offer — a measure which the Board would prefer to any other that could be adopted regarding him. —

Minute thereon —

Read the following Letter from Major Maule. —

To the Honble Major General Medows

Gr. Gr.

Pt. Gr. President in Council. —

Sir,

From the Chief Engineer at the Presidency inclosing an Estimate of the Repairs requested to the Military Secretary's Quarters in the Fort Square

I have the Honor to lay before you, in consequence of your orders to that Effect, an Estimate of the Expence of Repairs wanted to the Military Secretary's Apartments.

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Apartments amounting to Pagodas 213. 13. 57.

I have the honor to be,

Y.ca y.ca

Y.r y.r

Signed / Geo: Maule

C. Engr.

Fort St. George

27th April 1792

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Repairs be executed.—

Read the following Letter from the Commanding

Officer at Trichinopoly.—

W.C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly advising of his having given consequence of the extreme want of Medical Assistance, accepted of an offer made by Mr. Pultney Meinto do Duty at Dindigul.—

In my Letter of the 25th Instant I mentioned my having ordered the Surgeon's Assistant of the 25th Native Battalion to Dindigul; he was, in consequence thereof, proceeding to that Garrison this morning, when he was prevented by a fall from his Horse.—

I have now the honor to enclose, for the information of the Honble the President in Council, a Letter from the Head Surgeon, with my reply.—the preseng manner in which the Commanding Officer of Dindigul has applied for Medical Assistance made me not hesitate to accept Mr. Meins Offer for the present; which I hope will meet with His Approbation.—

I have the Honor to be,

Y.r ca y.r ca

/Signed/ Thos Bridges.—

Trichinopoly,
23d April 1792

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Nicol Stein Esqre

Head Surgeon

Sir,

I am directed by Colonel Bridges to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter, and to inform You that he is much concerned to hear of the accident which has happened to Mr. McMorries; and that, as being an act of Necessity, he can have no objection to Mr Patteny Stein's proceeding to Dindigal, till the pleasure of Government is known: to whom he will transmit your Letter without delay. —

Trichinopoly
23d April 1792

(Signed) J. M. Kerras
Lieut to Col Bridges

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Colonel Bridges that in consequence of the urgency of the occasion, the Board approve his having accepted the Services of Mr Patteny Stein, who may continue to do duty at Dindigul upon the Pay of an Assistant Surgeon, until he is relieved by one of the Medical Servants of the Establishment. —

Chas. Oakeley.

D. Hallowell

Geo. Parry Esqr

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Diary

27th Sent Letter to the Nabob / as entered in C. C. № 61 / expressing the Board's Hope that the Revenues of his Country for the present year will exceed the Amount stated in the probable Estimate with which he has been furnished, and assuring him that every Pagoda due on His Highness's Jistbe shall be punctually paid . —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. № 136. 137. —

To the Commandant at Ganjam. desiring him to pay strict attention to the Sobriety of the European Soldiery under his Command, and to be very careful that the Sale of Arrack to them be conformable to the existing Regulations. —

To the Officer commanding the Troops in Garrison at Ganjam

To the Resident at Ganjam. communicating the Orders given to the Commanding Officer of the Garrison. and informing him, in reply to his Complaint respecting the Guard placed over Jaggnautdoo, that it was entirely

To the Resident at Ganjam

inconsistent

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inconsistent with the Authority vested in him to enter into any Military Detail whatsoever . .

28. Received a Letter from Mr. Strange /as entered in M. B. No. 138./ acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Orders for delivering over to Mr. Pearce the Charge of the Offices of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore . .

From Mr. James Strange at Tanjore

29 . Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M B No 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. .

To Mr. Alex.r Watson Surgeon at Palamcotah

To the Surgeon at Palamcotah informing him that his application for an additional Allowance in consequence of his Attendance on the Revenue Corps stationed at Tinnevelly cannot be complied with . .

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly informing him that Mr. Puttenay Mein may continue to do Duty at Dindegul upon the Pay of an Assistant Surgeon until he is relieved by one of the Medical Servants of the Establishment . .

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To the Collector at Trichinopoly - desiring him

To the Collector at Trichinopoly

to afford every Assistance to Mr. Garrow in the Sale

of the Company's Grain removed from Caroor and

now at Poodacottah . —

To the Commissary General of Grain

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions —

and Provisions - informing him of the Orders given

to the Collector at Trichinopoly . —

To the Military Board - informing

To the Military Board . —

them that Government have resolved to allow the —

Pariahs to remain, for the present, in Possession of the

Pancherry - and to continue the allowances formerly

drawn by the Serjeant Major of Invaleds and —

Pensioners and the Drum and fife Major at Tanjore

and that they have instructed the Board of Trade to furnish

a List of the Godowns or Casemates under the Fortifica-

tions allotted to their Department - desiring them to —

procure and lay before Government Estimates of the

Expence that will attend the Execution of the Repairs

required to the Quarters in the Centre and Southern

Divisions . —

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To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General - enclosing a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore addressed to Lord Cornwallis. -

To the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General. -

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry informing him that he has the Board's Permission to visit the Presidency; and that they have no objection to his calling at Calastry or Tremma Nairs Jaghire, provided he be of opinion that it would answer any good Purpose. -

To the Commandant at Chandernagherry

To the Board of Assumed Revenue informing them that Government are desirous of securing the Person of Rajeshwarow if an Opportunity should offer. -

To the Board of Assumed Revenue

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 147. 148. 149. -

From the Commandant at Arnee requesting Permission to proceed to the Presidency for the Benefit of his Health. -

From the commandant at Arnee. -

From the Contractor for Cloathing requesting that orders may be sent to the Military to issue to him the Number of Caps lately arrived from

From the contractor for cloathing the Army. -

Bod

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from Bengal that he may require.—

From the Acting Paymaster at Tanjore acknowledging Receipt of the Board's orders for furnishing Artificers on the Requisition of the Commanding Officer.—

From the Acting Paymaster at Tanjore.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Major General Medows

Governor. President

Tuesday 1st May 1792. Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Mr. Petrie absent indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam.—

To the Honorable Major General Wm. Medows

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

From the Resident at Ganjam representing that the Company's Tributary Tributaries still meet with Encouragement from the Rajahs of Nowagudda & and Bonapour and enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Cattack on the Subject

Honble Sir,

I have received your Secretary's Letter

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Letter of the 31st ultimo, and have the honor to acquaint you, that the Defensive System which you have approved has been strictly adhered to, at the same time that the scarcity which obtains in a greater degree in Vezianagur than in any other Part of the District, and the Situation of the Pretapaghurry and Mohurry Countries Embracing those two sides of Vizianagur by which supplies of Provisions must be chiefly derived to Munnidoo's adherents, enables us even by a defensive System — considerably to straiten his Quarters, which, added to the severe Check they lately suffered at Perawdie / the only one which has occurred since the Existence of the troubles in this District / on which occasion they could not altogether have lost less than / 200 / two Hundred Men, will, I am induced to hope cause a great Defection from Munnidoo —

Subsequently

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Subsequently to my Letter of the 12.th

Instant Ensign Moodie has returned with

the flank Companies of the 1B.n 1st Battalion to

Captain Pittis Camp - but I am concerned

to acquaint you, that I have this day been

under the necessity of requesting Captain Pittis

to make another Detachment of a Company

of Sepoys to the Calicoote Zemindary; to intimi-

-date from, or eventually to repel, an Invasi-

on which is threatened from the Mahrattah

Provinces. -

In my Letter of the 26.th Decemb.r

last I complained to you, and transmit-

-ted a Copy of that Letter to the Government -

General at at Bengal, that the Zemindars

tributary to Cuttack were constantly stimula-

-ting to Incursions upon the Company's

Territories, and were then in particular furnish-

-ing Assistance to Cameralocka Saint a

Calicoote

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Calicoote Boyapow, for an inroad upon that part of this District. —

That Inroad was repelled, and having the satisfaction to hear, that the Government General at Bengal had requir:ed of the Rajaho of Nagpour and Cuttack to adopt means for the prevention of any cause for such a Complaint in future, I had hoped that I should not have occasion again to trouble you on that Subject. —

From my Correspondence with the Cuttack Rajah, and from all the Information which I can acquire, the Disposition of the Nagpour Government is friendly to the British Interests, but other occupation, or a real deficiency in its powers of Coercion, should seem to Encourage its Tributaries of Nowaguddah and Bonapour to the utmost disregard of its Injunctions —

but

Hence

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Hence I have just received Intelli-
-gence, that the same Camerdocka Sunt has
assembled at Nowaguddah about five hundred
Armed Men with which he had planned to
join the Party of seven Hundred of our own —
Insurgents lately dislodged from Berandie, and
to lay waste the Jumendary of Calicoote. —

I hope that the discomfiture of the
Berandie Party and the presence of our Sepoys in
Calicoote may Intimidate from this Invasion,
which, however successfully repelled, would, at
this Crisis, be attended with serious Injury
to the Company's Interests, by interrupting the
Operations of the Plough, and to the general
Welfare of the District at large by obstructing
those Supplies of Grain which come by that
Channel over the Chitka Lake. —

I have the honor to forward to you
transcript of a Letter which I have received from
the Rajah of Cattah, from which, and from

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the Messenger who brought it I understand, that he is very desirous of the Countenance of the Company's Arms to facilitate his own Exertions for reducing the Bonapour and Nowaguddah Rajahs to a more perfect obedience to his Orders

How much soever such a Measure were were to be desired. the force of this District will not admit of any early Experiment, but as the degree of Independence which those Rajahs now enjoy and abuse. is of serious Inconvenience to the Company's Affairs. it is proper that I should make this Communication to you, that you may have an Opportunity of taking the Subject into your Consideration, and of authorizing such measures as may induce in them a greater respect for the Company's Government; to which I have little doubt they would pay due Deference, were they made to apprehend a Probability that your Arms would be combined with those of their immediate Superiors in their Chastisement, more than which, good Policy would perhaps forbid to attempt

Ganjam
16th April 1792

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect
&c &c
/ Signed / Tho.s Snodgrass

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Translate of a Letter from Rajah Ram Pundit at Callack to Thomas Snodgrass Esqr. Resident of Ganjam Dated 10th April 1792.

I am favored with your Letter: you write to me, that Camalalochana is still making Disturbances in the Callicoote Zemindary. When I was informed by your former Letter, that he was assisted by the Nowgaddah Rajah, I sent immediately some Troops with strict orders to warn the latter to desist from giving any assistance, and to drive Camalalochana from Nowgaddah, to watch the Conduct of the Nowgaddah Rajah, and to prevent him from assisting the other in future: these Circumstances you are I doubt not acquainted with.

When Narsanawanjee was passing to Juggannaut, Royagroo the Nowgaddah Pauter spoke to him about some allowance for the maintenance of Camalalochana, whether it was effected or not I have not since learnt.

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I have since wrote to Doonbasing — Rajah of Baunpoor / whose Peons are said to have — assisted Camala lochana / to warn and prevent him from affording any aid in future, and on the contrary to expel Camalalochana from his Territory - Nevertheless I shall soon send a proper person to confer — with you about the means to be taken to bring the Baunpoor Rajah to a proper Conduct —

I am happy to hear, that the War with Tippoo is terminated by a Peace, and of the good success of the Company's Arms - and I ardently wish that they may always prove — prosperous in all Enterprises. I hope you will not fail to communicate to me every good news that occurs, that I may, as I wish to cultivate the friendship of the Company, take part in it.

What can I say more?

A true Copy of the Translate

[Signed] Thomas Snodgrass

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the President of Ganjam. —

As the Board apprehend that much mischief may arise to the Company's Interests in the Ganjam District if speedy means be not taken to prevent the neighbouring Zemeendars from co-operating with, or giving assistance to, the Company's refractory Tributaries in that quarter; and as they think the latter would be less inclined to disaffection, if they were once convinced that they could have no hope of support from the former, it is agreed to transmit a Copy of Mr. Snodgrass's Letter to the Bengal Government, and to recommend that the Rajahs of Nagpour and Cuttack be again written to regarding the Zemeendars of Nowaguddah and Bonapour. —

The President lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Mr. Snodgrass. —

Major

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Major General Medows

&c — &c — &c

Sir,

From the Resident at Ganjam enclosing a Bill for Intelligence and Presents. —

During your absence from Madras, I had occasion to refer a Bill similar to that which I have now the honor to enclose to you, to Sir Charles Oakeley; who it was intimated to me by the Secretary obtained for it the sanction of the Council which authorized its Payment here. —

I therefore submit the Enclosed to your Inspection and approval accompanying it by a necessary Assurance: that it is a Bona fide Charge for Services actually performed. —

It may be proper to explain that the Batta and Presents to the Zemindary Peons and Pauters which would otherwise appear Extraordinary were disbursed for the double

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Purpose of a sort of retaining Fee to prevent —
their joining either openly or Covertly with the
Insurgents whose numbers might have —
Encouraged or Intimidated to such a —
Measure and to conciliate the assistance of
those Natives of the Jungles in which the
Service was to be performed without which
the Company's Troops might have been
bewildered in them and Baffled by a foe in
every other respect, but for a Capacity of —
availing themselves of such advantages,
perfectly contemptible. —

I have the Honor to be,

Ganjam
8th
18. April 1792

&c — &c

/Signd/ Thomas Snodgrass

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The Honble Company ..... Dr.

To Intelligence from 20th Febry to 16th April 1792 — To four Bramins employed in the Mahratta Zemindaries of Nowagueddah and Bonapour their Pay and Expences for two Months	280 — —
To Seven Byraggies Employed on the Frontiers of our own Zemindaries of Goomsur Hauntgur & Calecoote	70 — —
To the Hire of Hircarrahs for the Conveyance of Letters to Cuttack Manickapatam Bonapour and Nowagudda	90 — —
To the Hire of fifty Boats on the Eastern Shore of the Chelka as a Compensation for the Embargo laid on them to prevent the Escape of the Berundie Party by that route for ten days	150 — —
To Batta for five Days to fifty Paloon Peons for watching the Roads and for Intelligence of the above Party	50 — —
To a Pair of Chank Shauls presented to the Paloon Painter as a Compliment for his Zeal and fidelity in tracing the above Party	9½ — —
To Batta to 200 Calecoote Peons Employed for ten days to watch and in pursuit of the above Party	600 — —
To Do to 60 Berundie Peons Do Do	120 — —
To Guides and Hircarrahs employed in this Service	43 — —
To Broad Cloth presented to the Calecoote and Berundie Painters for their Services on this occasion	205 — —
To Coolies Employed to dismantle the Berundie Fort and to open Avenues through the Jungle to it, to prevent its being again seized upon and occupied by the Insurgents being within five or Six Miles of Ganjam	434 — —
	Rupees 1941 —

Ganjam 16th April 1792 —

/ Signed / Thomas Snodgrass

Resident —

agreed

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Agreed to inform Mr. Snodgrass that as he had no authority whatsoever for making the Disbursements stated in the Bill, and as they relate principally to Military Matters entirely foreign to his Department, the Board cannot admit the charges.—

Minute thereon

Resolved, at the Recommendation of Lord Cornwallis, that the following Proclamation regarding the renewal of a Commercial intercourse between the Carnatic and Mysore Countries, be inserted in the next Courier, and Copy transmitted to the Board of Revenue for the information and guidance of the Collectors of Revenue.—

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Proclamation by Government

Proclamation to be circulated regarding the Renewal of a Commercial Intercourse between the Carnatic and Mysore Countries.

The late Treaty of Peace concluded with Tippoo Sultaun having reestablished the friendship formerly subsisting between the Carnatic and Mysore Countries, and both states being desirous of improving this happy Event to the renewal of a commercial intercourse, which cannot fail of contributing essentially to their mutual advantage, the Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that Bengaries, Bejaurees and

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and Merchants of all discriptions belonging to the Mysore Country, shall henceforward be permitted to enter the Carnatic and to carry on their dealings with this settlement or with any part of the territory of the Company or their Allies, under the same privileges which they enjoyed before the late War, and all Collectors of Revenue depen-dant on the Company are hereby strictly enjoined to aid and protect the said Merchants in their lawful commerce, taking especial care to remove every impedi-ment to which they may be liable on passing their Merchandize through the Country, and to inflict exemplary punishment on Renters or other subordi-nate Officers who shall presume to demand from them more than the established duties, or to molest their persons or property, on any pretext whatsoever.—

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.—

To

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Resident at Travancore advising of the final Adjustment of the Dispute between the Dutch Government and the Rajah of Cochin

I have it, at last, in my power to report to the Honorable Board, that the Dispute between the Government at Cochin and the Rajah of Cochin has been adjusted — It would be too much trespassing upon your time, and indeed unnecessary, to enter into a detail of all the circumstances which arose during the conferences between the Dutch Commissioner and the Rajah. I shall therefore only confine myself to a general report of them —

During the two first conferences between the Rajah and Mr. Van Spall, who was the first nominated Commissioner on the part of the Dutch, scarcely any thing passed but recriminations; and the little that was discussed and agreed to, was afterwards disavowed by the Dutch Government, after which I received a letter from it advising me that Mr. Vanspall was indisposed and that they had been under the

necessity

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necessity to appoint another Gentleman, Commissioner in his stead. —

Much deleberation on the part of the Dutch Government, and many discussions took place respecting Cause and origin of the dispute between the parties, who at Length agreed to the following Terms. —

That the Canara Merchants are considered as Subjects to the Rajah of Cochin, under certain Conditions stipulated in former Treaties and agreements entered into by the Governments of the respective Parties. —

That the Dutch Government is to afford no further Protection to the Canarins, that they are to return to their former Habitations in the Rajah of Cochins Territory, and that the Rajah is not to harass or oppress them on account of what has happened, but to observe a general amnesty towards them. —

That the Malabar Christians are to remain in the same relation towards the Dutch Government as stipulated in former Treaties and

Conventions

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Conventions and the Rajah having made requisitions from them of certain Taxes levied from his other subjects, and which are not inserted in the Treaties and Conventions; that these are to be settled by the Governor and the Rajah.—

That the Dutch are to restore to the Rajah his Palace with all the Effects found in it agreeably to an Inventory made out by the Dutch Commissioners when it was taken possession of; likewise the Territory possessed by the Dutch Troops and the Revenue collected from it, since it was in their Hands.—

That the Rajah is to restore to the Temple of the Canarees all the Effects and Articles taken from it by the Rajah's People.—

That all Treaties and Conventions entered into by the Rajah's Predecessors and himself with the Dutch Company are to be religiously observed hereafter by both parties.—

After having examined with much attention all the Treaties and Conventions entered into between the Dutch Company and the Cochin Rajah, and likewise investigated the cause of the dispute, it is impossible to pronounce which has been the aggressor; it appears to me that both parties

have

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have been in the habit of not attending to the Terms of the Treaties which subsist between them, and that the Gentlemen of the Council here, in the absence of Mr. Van Angelbeck, for want of a little forbearance, aggravated matters which brought the dispute to such disagreeable lengths. The Rajah of Cochin has expressed himself concerned that it happened, and has promised me to keep on terms of Friendship with the Dutch. —

I trust, Honorable Sir, the Terms entered into by the respective Parties, and which I recommended, will meet with your Sanction and approval, they appeared to me to be equitable and reasonable, and I believe they are to the satisfaction of the Cochin Rajah. —

I have the Honor to be most respectfully. —

Cochin
21st. April 1792

&c — &c

I signed George Powney

President —

agent

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Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis. —

Read the following Letter from the Revd Mr Swartz. —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council &c

Honble Sir, and Sirs,

From the Revd Mr Swartz advising of a Dispute having taken Place in regard to the intended Marriage of a Girl who has been brought up by the Sister in Law of the late Rajah against her Fathers Consent —

I am again under the disagreable necessity of troubling the Honorable Board with an account of a dangerous Contention in the palace — The 3 enclosed Letters will fully explain the matter. —

As soon as His Excellency sent me the first Letter, I sent immediately a Message to the Ladies, to defer the marriage, which accordingly was done. —

His Excellency desired me to take care that the Girl might be sent to the Father. To this I replied, that it was beyond my Power and that I would refer the whole Account to the Honble Board

As the Ladies deferred the Marriage I heartily wish that the Girl may not be taken out

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of the Apartment of the Widows by force, which in all human probability would cause bloodshed if not murder —

I have hitherto endiavoured to keep things — quiet, at least in some degree. But should men rush into the Apartment of those Ladies, I shudder at the consequences which none but the Honorable Board can prevent. —

I have thought it therefore my duty to represent this Affair as it is, and to intreat the Honble Board to preserve the privilidge of the Ladies. —

I have the Honor to be respectfully

Tanjore
15th April 1792

&c — &c

/ Signed / C. F. Swartz

1st Letter —

Sent by Ameer Sing Maha Rajah to Mr Swartz

My Intention is to go to Serengapatam you have mentioned in your letter to the Governor and received an answer, with this I am acquainted — & according to the will of the Governor I defer my Journey 'till the Army returns from Serengapatam; after that I hope the Governor will not hinder my Journey. but send me with a large Detachment. —

Keremma Bosle one of my Friends stays with me — He has a daughter — When Keremma Bosle

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Bonsela Wife, died the infant was left with Mohona Bai Saheb - The Child visited the Father every months for 3. 4 Days - This being the Case, Mohona Bai Saheb — intends to marry that Girl to the Son Sada Severaw - and that without the consent of the Father - Within 2 days they intend to ascertain the Marriage and to send Betel - When Kerenna Bosle Bonsela heard this he said, as I am father to the Girl she ought to be married with my Consent - But without my — Consent how can you / speaking to the Boy's Father / marry my daughter to your Son - I hear that to — morrow you intend to make the Affair certain - If you do so I shall publicly protest against it - The Boy's Father replied - What have I to do with you. I will not hearken to what you say - If you protest I shall treat you accordingly - Kerenna Bosle came to me / the Rajah / and complained of Sada Seviraw's Behaviour - saying - As I am Father I cannot see that my 6 Daughter be given to another - I shall go and hinder it —

This is the Reason that induces me to acquaint you with it - / Sig / Kerenna Bosle stays with

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with me - His daughter lives with Mohoma Bau Saheb the late Rajah's Widow - It is said that they will make over the promise of Marriage this Day - I never saw or heard that the Daughter was given to any person without the Consent of the father - They intend to do it by force - If they do Kerenna & Bosle will gather his people and go to the Door of Sada Shiveraw's house and hinder it - I dont know what may happen. -

As you are our Mediator I thought it necessary to acquaint you with it - you will therefore send a Message to Mohoma Bai Saheb and Sada Sivieraw to defer the Wedding - If you should be a little remiss in this Business the Father of the Girl will hinder it - What them may happen - I do not know - I write this to you that no Blame may fallon me - you may send to whom you think proper injoining them to send the Girl to the Father - If she is not sent great Evil may follow. -

April 18th 1792 - I have written this to you as a Friend

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2d Letter

Sent by Amersing Maharajah to Mr Swartz.

Mohona Bai Sahed has determined to give Kerenna Bosle's Daughter to the Son of Sada Shevrow in marriage. To marry the Daughter without the Consent of the Father is not right — you are therefore to take care, that the Girl be not married; nay, to send her to her Father. These were the Contents of a Letter which I sent you yesterday. I rejoiced when I heard that you had desired the parties to defer the Wedding — Is it proper to give one's Daughter in marriage to another without the Consent of the Father? — you are therefore strictly to enjoyn that the Girl be not married and that she be sent to the Father. If any thing in this matter should be done by force it might cause great Evil — I tell you this that no Blame may be laid on me

Some of our Relations, who formerly were united to Serfoge, have quitted him, as they did not like to stay with him — as long as they stood with him they ought to get their Pay: in the beginning they stood with me, and afterwards went over to him —

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They

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They have not yet received that which was due to them and which you, in one of our Conversations, owned that it should be paid - you will therefore order the Balance to be paid or to pay it yourself - you will not be remiss in procuring the Payment. -

I have one point more to write (Viz) + That I am Master of the Tanjore Country and none besides me - As I am Master I have established the Payment of my Servants so as to give them 6 & Months pay in a year - As this is the case, it is said, that Serfogee pays to his Servants 10 may 11 Month's Pay - It is improper that in our Country two different methods should be used; as I pay to my Servants; in the same manner Serfogee's Servants should be paid - If his Servants are better paid he suffers damage by it - It is not agreeable to your mind, that he should suffer Damage - you are therefore to admonish him to pay his Servants as I do and to lay up the Remainder of Money in his treasure to make useless expence is impro=per - He must pay them as we do - To give more is not proper - This I have written to you -

April 19th. 1792. -

Translation

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Translation of a Letter Sent by the late Rajah's Mother to Mr. Swartz.

My Daughter in law, Mohona Baj Sahib, has brought up a Girl. As this Girl is now to be married, Amer Sing M. R. says that the father intends to hinder the Marriage. I therefore will acquaint you with the whole business that you may lay it before the Governor and Council.

The Mother of the young Girl was Mohona Baj Sahibs Sister, three Months after the birth of this Girl the Mother died. The father of the Girl Veremna Bonsela delivered this his daughter to Mohona Baj Sahib to bring her up and to marry her to a decent man, and to bear all the Expences. That the father said all these words can be proved by Witnesses. When the Child was delivered to Mohona Baj Sahib the late Rajah was acquainted with this.

The father of the Girl incurred the displeasure of Tulja Maha Rajah and lost his Monthly Allowance; upon which he went into

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Fondeman's Country. At that time Mohona Baj Saheb pitied him and provided for him. —

When Amerding M. R. came to the throne he wished that some should join him as relatives. This man therefore was called by him 6 years ago. —

From that time the father never called for the Child but, as he had delivered her to the care of Mohona Baj Saheb, he was perfectly easy. —

Seven Months ago this Girl was promised to Sada Severow's Son — the Contract was made; Cloths, Jewels and all other preparations were made. —

When some Relations told the father that his Daughter was to be married to the Son of Sada Severow, he said, I have delivered my Daughter to the care of Mohona Baj Saheb, I have nothing to say in that business. There are Witnesses who will testify all this. —

Even now the father of the Girl is not in reality against the Marriage. But he says that if he doth not protest against it, he shall lose his Monthly Allowance, and that he will not protest

at

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at all if Mohona Baj Saheb will make him the same Allowance. All this he has declared before Witnesses.—

And why should he protest as the Girl is to be married to his Sister's Son?—

When you consider this whole business you will perceive that Annersing M. R. has done all this to vex us.—

Moreover Annersing writes in his Letter, that to some Relations, who went over to him, some Pay is still due to them.—And again he writes that having paid them 10. 11. Months, we have given them too much, so that, according to his Letter, they ought to restore some money to us: for, according to his method of praying, they ought to have had 6 Months only.—

In short he endeavors to grieve our hearts by all possible means.—

Let the Governor and Council judge.—whether we are in the Right or Annersing; they are to decide it; if he does, he is undone. You know what has happened to the Brammy who

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who spoke in the Rajah's and your presence a Word for us - He lost his pension and his cast. who then will speak for us - I beg that the Governor and Council may charge Amer Sing M. R. to trouble us no more -

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Revd Mr Swartz

Agreed to inform Mr Swartz that if Herenna Bonsela refuse his consent to the Marriage of his Daughter, such refusal must be binding upon the Latter. Upon the other hand, his acquiescence be obtained the Rajah ought not to interfere in any respect - and that he is to communicate this opinion to his Excellency and to the Ladies of the Palace -

The Board observe with great concern that the Misunderstanding which has so long subsisted between his Excellency and the Family of his late Brother still continues - they had entertained hopes that the advice so often given from hence, would have had the effect of producing harmony among them, instead of which, nothing but dissension seems to prevail -

Agreed also to inform Mr Swartz that as the Marriage has been deferred at his requisition

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requisition, it must not be concluded without the Sanction of the Father; and that, in stating this to His Excellency he is to add, that the Board will be exceedingly displeased if the young Woman be removed, by force, from her present Residence, or that the apartments of the Mother and three Widows of the late Rajah be, in any respect, disturbed by his Excellency's Servants. —

Read the following Letter from the Officers attached to Native Corps doing duty at the Presidency

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

Honorable Sir,

From the Officers attached to Native Corps doing Duty at the Presidency complaining of the Inadequacy of the Allowance granted them on account of House Rent. —

We should not presume to address your Honorable Board on the Subject of House Rent, lately reduced by Order of the Honorable Court of Directors, were we not of Opinion that nothing but their being unacquainted with the high Rent of Houses at Madras could have directed a measure so very distressing to their Officers serving at the Presidency. You, Honble Sir, knowing our Situation, must be sensible

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sensible how inadequate our Allowances are to supply-
-ing ourselves with Quarters and the impossibility of
procuring an House fit for any one in the Character
of a Gentleman to inhabit, for the Sum now fixed
indiscriminately for every Military Rank. At no
Period when every Article of Expence was two hundred
per Cent cheaper than at present was five Pagodas
per Month adequate to the Rent of a decent House
and we presume the strong conviction of the necessity
of the Measure induced Sir A. Campbell and his
Council to increase the Allowance in proportion
to the different Ranks, we therefore hope and entreat
your Honorable Board will be pleased to take the
Subject into your consideration, and order such
Quarters or Barracks for the Officers stationed in
Black Town at St Thomas's Mount &c as are suited
to our several Ranks, and continue the House
Rent as settled by Sir A. Campbell 'till such time as
Quarters are provided. This we hope will not be
considered as an unreasonable request, as Officers
in every Military Service are provided with Quarters
without

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without Expence to themselves — X

We have the Honor to be

&c — &c

Madras
April 1792 —

/ Signed / John Durand
Lieut. Colonel.

" George Roberts
Major

" William Bruce
Capt.n 24th Batt.n N. I

" Tho Halcott
Capt.n 30th Batt.n N. I

" I. Durand
Lieut. 24th Batt.n N. I

" John M.Intosh
Lieut 24th Batt.n N. I

" Robt. Munro
Lieut & Adjt 24th Batt.n N. I.

" C. Blount
Lieut. 24th Batt.n Native Infantry

" Tho.s Haffey
Ensign 24th Batt.n Native Infantry

" Gilb.t Ricketts
Ensign 24th Batt.n Native Inf.y

" Mathew Stewart
Ensign 24th Batt.n Native Inf.y

" G. R. Kelly
Ensign 24th Batt.n Native Inf.y

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[Signed] S. Gibbons
Lieut. 30th Battalion B.I. Adjt.

" Tho.s Peters
Lieut. 30th Battalion N. Infantry

" Samuel Briggs
Lieut. and Adjt. 30th Batt.n N.I.

" Wm. Youngson
Lieut. 30th Battalion N.I.

" I. W.m Covenent
Lieut 30th Batt.n N. Inf.y

" I. L. Jones
Ensign 30th Battalion N. Inf.y

" I Whittlee
Ensign 30th Battalion N. Inf.y

" Richard Nibbs
Ensign 30th Battalion N. Inf.y

" Will.m Annesley
Ensign 30th Battalion N.I.

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The Orders of the Honorable Court being pointedly against the Countenance of the Allowance of House Rent paid by Sir Archibald Campbell and his Council, the Board cannot deviate from them. —

Read the following Letter from —

William C. Drake, late Midshipman of the — Hannibal. —

To

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To the Honble. Major General W.m Medows,

President &c. in Council.

Honble Sir.

From Mr. Drake requesting that he may be allowed to draw Batta during the Period of his captivity in the Mysore Country.

Since my arrival in this Settlement after a ten years impresonment, I have learnt that the Honble East India Company has granted Batta to all the Officers and Men that returned from the Mysore Prisons in the year 1784 or since; and that this Batta has been extended to His Majestys Navy in every instance that it has been applied for. Destitute as I am of the means of acquiring information upon this Subject, I am however enabled to point out to your Honorable Board, three Gentlemen in the Navy whose claims to this Batta were admitted by a Committee then held under the authority of this Government for inspecting all demands made for Prison Batta. They were William Carruthew as Lieutenant in His Majestys Navy. Thos. Carruthew a Lieutenant of Marines, and Edward Skillicorn a Midshipman in the Navy. This latter Gentleman was precisely in the same situation with myself, and his Claim to Star Pagodas Seven hundred Seventy Nine, eight fanams and thirty two Cash

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/779. 8. 32./ Nine hundred and seventy four days imprisonment was admitted. —

Conscious that it cannot be the intention of your Honorable Board to make a partial Distribution of this benevolence of the Honorable the East India Company, nor that an eight years imprisonment since the general Release of the Prisoners from Mysore in 1784 should operate to the disadvantage of any Individual in partaking of it. I have taken the liberty of annexing the dates, of my capture, and Release; the Number of days in Prison, together with the amount of Batta for that Number of days at the same rate it was allowed to Mr. Shillicorn, and I rely entirely upon the Justice of your Honorable Board for a decision upon my claim —

I have the Honor to be with the most profound Respect —

Fort St. George
apnl 30. 1792 —

/Signed/ William Drake

Names	Rank	Where captivated	When captivated	When returned from Prison	Number of Days in Prison	Batta Pay.	per Mo.	Cash
William Drake	Midshipman	On Board His Majesty's Ship Hannibal	22d July 1782	2d March 1792	3717	297	3. 25	16 —

Read —

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Read the 15th 16th and 17th Paragraphs of the

General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors

Minute thereon

dated the 4th March 1789.

Agreed to inform Mr. Drake that the Orders

of the Company forbid a Compliance with his request

for Pay and Batta during the Period of his Captivity in the

Mysore Country.—

Mr. Cadman, the Gentleman mentioned

Two Hundred Pags. to be advanced to Mr. Cadman, and a Passage to England ordered him on board the Dutton.—

in Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 11th April, being arrived

at the Presidency, ordered that he be paid the Sum of two

hundred Pagodas and Provided with a Passage to

England on the Dutton.—

Read the following Proceedings of the

Hospital Board.—

Hospital Board

27th April 1792

From the Hospital Board—recommending that Mr. Steddy be appointed to do Duty at Trichinopoly and Mr. Gillespie with the 2d Battalion of European Infantry that Mr. Pultney & Mears be permitted to act as an Assistant Surgeon until the Pleasure of the Court of Directors be known—State of the Hospitals at the Presidency and Pondamallee. Reports received to the former—

The Hospital Board have

just received from Mr. Mears,

Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly, a

very pressing solicitation for further

Medical Assistance; He acquaints

the Board that Mr. McMorris

Assistant Surgeon, who was ordered

to

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to Dindigul to take charge of the
Sick in the room of Mr. Martin dan-
gerously ill, had the misfortune to be
thrown from his Horse, and to
have the Femur dislocated, and
that it is entirely out of his power to
send another from Trichinopoly as
all the Assistant Surgeons
there ill, or have been detached
with Major Cuppage on different
occasions — Mr. Munn further
mentions, that there is a well
educated young Man, a Nephew
of his own, a Mr. Puttenney Munn, who
was unfortunately left sick when the
Asia Indiaman sailed from this,
whose proffered Services he intends
accepting on the present pressing
emergency till the pleasure of
Government is known —

As the Sick coming from
Camp will be attended by their own
Surgeons, the Board recommend
that Government will be pleased

to

Approved —

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to direct Mr. Steddy Assistant Surgeon at Poonamallee, whose Services are at present not much wanted to proceed to Trichinopoly without loss of time, but as several days must elapse before he can possibly arrive, the Hospital Board request to know from Government whether Mr. P. Mein's Services can be accepted of at present, and be allowed to continue them as an Assistant Surgeon 'till the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors is known, as they wish to write to Mr. Mein on the Subject.—

The Hospital Board have, agreeably to the Orders of Government communicated in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter under date the 25th Instant, called upon Mr. Raine Head Surgeon at the Presidency and Mr. Kincaid Surgeon at Poonamallee to report the present State of their Hospitals, and the number of

Patients

Mr. Pilleney Mein's Services accepted—He may continue to do duty at Dendigul upon the Pay of Assistant Surgeon, until he is relieved by the recovery of Mr. M.c Morris.—

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Approved.

Major Naulé will be directed to Survey the Hospital and State the Repairs necessary.

Patients that can be provided with Cotts Cloathing &c.

Mr. Raine informs the Board that he can immediately accommodate 250 Sick, in addition to those at present in the Hospital, amounting to near 200, but as there are only Stores complete for 336 the additional Stores the Board have directed the Purveyor to get ready immediately — and as some small Repairs are required, they request that the Engineer may be directed to make them —

Mr. Rimaud has also reported that the Hospital at Poonamallee can accomodate 100 Sick, that he has Cloathing &c which he made up at his own Expence agreeably to the Field Arrangement for 150 patients, and that the Barracks without the Fort, if no Troops should be sent to occupy them

may

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And it is probable that 500. Men will come to Pondamallee the Purveyor must be directed to make up Cloathing &c. for that number immediately. —

may be fitted up at a trifling expence for 400 more; Stores for which he can immediately provide, if directed, agreeably to the Field Arrangement. —

As Mr Kincaid's Letter specifies some Repairs that will be necessary to be made — the Board have the Honor to forward a Copy of his Letter. —

Mr Gillespie Surgeon having returned from Camp, the Hospital Board recommend that he be directed to Resume his former Station of Surgeon to the 2d Regiment European Infantry

Approved. —

Ja.s Anderson
Physician General

[Signed] W. Raine
acting Chief Surgeon

To

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To James Anderson Esqr.
Physician General President and Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor of acknowledging the Receipt of yours of the 26th. Instant with the Orders of Government respecting the State of the Hospital those In obedience to which I have to report that the Hospital at Poonamallee, intended originally for 80 patients, may, without much inconvenience be made to contain 100; and as soon as the Repairs now in hand be compleated, which may be in a few days, will be in good order: the Barracks without the Fort, should Regiments not be sent to occupy them, may be converted into a Temporary Hospital capable of containing 300 or 400 Sick without any expence, except that of a few Matts to exclude part of the Light and the Dust which would be injurious to the Sick: when mentioning these Barracks I take this Opportunity of stating to your Board, being, indirectly at least, a part of my duty as connected with the health of Soldiers, that, from the failure of the Tiling, the Rain passes thro' in almost every part of the Roof which must be extremely prejudicial to the Health of such Troops as may occupy them

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them during the Monsoon Season altho of little consequence at present —

Having in Conformity to the Orders of Govern-ment Relative to the Field arrangement for Hospitals, provided at my own expence a quantity of Stores at — Poonamallee I have to report that there is a sufficiency of Cloathing &c for 150 Patients now ready here and that I can with ease provide as much more as Government may think proper to direct, without Subjecting the Company to any present expence for that purpose

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Poonamallee
the
April 27th 1792 —

(Signed) John Kincaid
Surgeon

A true Copy

(Signed) And.w Berry
Secretary to G.n.B.

Agreed that a Letter be immediately — written to Lord Cornwallis stating the Circumstances mentioned in the foregoing report regarding the — Hospitals at the Presidency and Poonamallee. —

Minute thereon

The President, in his Character of Commander in Chief, recommends that the following be published in General Orders. —

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G. O.

Acting Ensign William Murray removed from the Infantry to the Artillery as an Acting Lieutenant Fire Worker, to complete the Establishment of that Corps - Vice Lieutenant Fire Worker Madder deceased -

Acting Ensign William Murray to be an Acting Lieutenant Fireworker - Lieutenant C. Hewetson struck off the Strength of the Army - the Prisoners of War just Ellore to proceed to the Presidency

Lieutenant Christopher Hewetson, having been permitted to proceed to Europe on a Recommendation for Lord Clive's Bounty, to be struck off the Strength of the Army -

The Details remaining at Ellore of this Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Corps, who were captured during the War at Darapuram to proceed to the Presidency with the least possible delay

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Arnee -

To

1941

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary —

Sir,

From the Commandant at Arnee respecting the cause of his having confined Vancata Sawmy Chetty —

I was duly honored with your favor of the 20th and, in obedience to the Honorable Boards Commands, beg you will be pleased to inform them, that the Fort Inhabitants, whose Complaint, Mr. Landon the Superintendant here forwarded, being a Fort Resident, I thought, / agreeable to several orders of Government / immediately under the controul, of the person they had been pleased to intrust with the Charge of it. and whom they had, in a reply, to a recent investigation, authorized to practice such moderate powers, as was requisite to the well doing, and tranquility in conducting the duties of a Garrison. That I have studiously avoided exceeding such powers, I hope the Board will believe; and trust, if a reference is made, to the Investigation by Mr. Rinderly, wherein the notorious Character of the Complainant, Vancata Sawmy Chetty is fully set forth, I shall appear to have acted with that moderation, that will

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will claim approbation; the same moderate views induced me to be silent, to Mr. Landons note, on the Subject of the Complaint; as I looked on the interference, as an assumption of authority his superintending Appointment did not give him over me, and therefore silence was my best immediate remedy - That Mr Landon did think me from my situation duly authorized to act in the Fort, I can testify by a note of his in my possession, requesting me to settle a dispute about property between a Man belonging to his Collectorship and a Fort Inhabitant ...

With respect to Vencatasawmy Chetty's confinement, he was only detained by me twenty four hours, until the Heads of his Cast, made Application to the Jaggerdaw, for another man in his stead as head Chitty; and the constant quarrels and disputes he was engaged in, rendered his removal out of the Fort, necessary for the peace of its Inhabitants ...

Had the Honorable Board been less importantly engaged, than they have been for some Months past, I should have claimed from them, that Justice on the Complainant Vencatasawmy

Chetty

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Chetty, his, and Kitchoo Chetty's infamous attempts during Mr. Kindersleys Investigation so loudly called for; and which, had they received, would have saved the Board the present trouble; for both the Men abovementioned are Notorious in their own Cast for Rascality, Infamy and Villany, of every species, which drew a request from most of the Fort Inhabitants, to take the first occasion offered, to remove the former out of it, and the latter had voluntary gone. — The Enquiry on — which I removed V. S. C. from the Fort, I beg you will lay before the Board. —

I am

&c. — &c

* Annee
25th April 1792

/ Signed / Robt. Mackay

Agreed to inform Captain Mackay that his Conduct is reprehensible, in not having replied to the letter which was addressed to him by the — Collector on a Subject connected with his Official Situation — That if the Removal of Vencata Saumy — Chetty from the Fort of Annee was absolutely necessary for the preservation of good order, it was incumbent upon him / Captain Mackay / to have represented the matter to the Collector, in the first instance, who would, on Proof,

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Prest. have redressed the Grievance of which he had to complain; and if not, a reference to Government was open to him — that in future he is to consider his Authority as extending only to the Military under his Command, and avoid all Interference with the Inhabitants of the Fort and Pettah, over whom the Collector has entire Control, in conformity to which, he will explain to Mr. Landon the Nature of the Complaint against Venkatasawmy Chetty, and leave the Adjustment to his Authority. —

Lieutenant Christopher Hewitson, being in waiting, is called before the Board, and the usual Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty being administered to him by the President, the necessary Certificate is Signed and delivered to him. —

Lieutenant Christopher Hewitson takes the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty

Chas Oakeley

E H Fallofield

George Parry Esqr

1945

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nos 1. 2. 3. 4.

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions advising of his having sent off a small Supply of Grain to Major Cuppage from Poodicottah, and recommending that he be instructed to apply to Captain Read for any further Quantity he may require.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Patchiapah - requesting Permission to proceed to the Southward for the Benefit of his Health.—

From Patchiapah

From the Private Secretary to the Governor General - enclosing Dispatches to be forwarded to England on the Manship.—

From the Private Secry to the Governor General.—

From Ditto — From Do: enclosing further Dispatches.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M B: Nos 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16

To the Private Secretary to the Governor General - acknowledging Receipt of the two Letters abovementioned.—

To the Private Secretary to the Governor General—

To,

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To the Clerk of the Treasury - desiring him

To the Clerk of the Treasury.- to advance to Mr. Randal Cadman, formerly a

Midshipman of the Resolution, the Sum of 200

Pagodas - and to the Commander of the Dutton the

Sum of 80 £ on Account of Mr. Cadman's Passage

To the Commander of the Dutton desiring

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Passanger for England - and requesting him to pay

him every Attention in his Power during

the Voyage.-

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of the Expence that will attend the Execution

of the Repairs required to the General Hospital

at the Presidency.-

To the Board of Revenue - enclosing

To the Board of Revenue Copy of a Proclamation regarding the Renewal

of a commercial Intercourse between the

Carnatic and Mysore Countries - and desiring

them to transmit a Copy thereof to the different

Collectors. -

To

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To the Board of Assumed Revenue enclosing

To the Board of Assumed Revenue.— Copy of Mr. Fallofield's Minute regarding the Claims of the Puttaikdars and Sunecam Renters in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country — and informing them that the Recommendations therein contained have been approved by Government.—

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To the Reverend Mr. Swartz - communicating

To the Reverend Mr Swartz at Tanjore -

the Board's Opinion upon the late Dispute at the Place regarding the Marriage of the Girl who has been brought up by the Sister in Law of the late Rajah -

To the Military Board desiring them to

To the Military Board

furnish the Contractor for Clothing with as many of the Caps lately Arrived from Bengal as he may require for the use of the Troops -

To Mr. William Drake informing him

To Mr William Drake formerly Midshipman of the Hannibal -

that the Company's Orders forbid a Compliance with his Request for Pay and Batta during his Captivity in the Mysore Country -

2d Received the following Letters -

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

From Major Cuppage. the Killedar of Chunbary Pangur promises to deliver up the Fort in eight Days. finds Detachments to take Possession of Named, Promises and Desires Hostages

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to inform your

that I encamped near this place yesterday with the Detachment under my command, and in the evening sent an Officer and a Company of Sepoys with

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with the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun's Letter to the Commandan
of the Fort: He has demanded eight days, the time a
limited by the Treaty of Peace, at the expiration
of which time he will give me posession of the Fort
I sent Detachments yesterday to take
posession of Namcul Peramilly and Shangamun-
galum, and Sent Captain Oram some days ago
Orders to take posession of Salem and Womboo
I have the Honor to be with great Respect
&c. &c.
(Signd) J: Cuppage
Major Commanding

Camp near
Sankery Durgum
25. April 1792.

To The Honorable. Major General
William, Medows
President &c. Council
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to enclose
your Copies of Two Letters from Officers Claiming &
Offreckonings, as Commandants of Provincial Corps
- and beg to Know what reply - I am to make thereto
I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn. Roebuck
M.P.G. Dear

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copies of Letters from two Officers in Command of Provincial Corps claiming Offreckonings—

Pay Office
Fort St. George
30. April 1792.

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Dear Sir,

In September 1790 I was appointed to take Charge of the 2d. Battalion of Tinnevelly & Provincials - The Men belonging to that Corps, from that time, have been stopt regularly for Cloathing the same as a Regular Battalion, until the 15. of this Month, when they were formed into the 9th. Revenue Battalion.-

Therefore take the liberty to request if you can inform me if a refund will be made to the men for those Months that have been stopt for the Cloathing as Mr. Brodie informs me by letter 28th. Dumber 1791 that Government does not intend that the Corps should have cloathing - I should also wish to be informed if any Off Cutonings will be given me for the time I commanded.-

I have the honor to be, with respect

&c. &c.

Pallamcotah
31st. January 1792.

(Signed) Thomas Gray
Actg. Fort Adjutant

(A true Copy)
(Signed) B. R. M.B.G.
Benjamin

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Benjamin Roebuck Esqre

Military Paymaster General &c. &c.

Sir,

By the Orders of Government I have Commanded the 1st. Battalion of Tennevelly Provincials since September 1790, which Corps is now reformed, and named the 10th Revenue Battalion. -

The Provincials were on the footing of Regulars, and considered (in every respect) the same as during the Assignment, when M. Irwin managed this Province: of course I must think myself entitled to Off-Reckonings, as it was allowed Captain MacNeil (a Nabobs Officer) when these Battalions were before in the Pay of the Honorable Company. -

It was my intention to have laid my Claim before you some time ago, but was informed by Captain Lighton of your Answer to his Representation in behalf of the late Captain Everett, whose situation is exactly similar to mine

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mine - But I think the Objection then made will be removed when you are acquainted with the particulars of the case.-

All the Government have thought proper only to give us the Rank of Ensigns in the Army they have been pleased to continue to us the nominal Rank, Pay, and Allowance of Captains, and the Command of the Battalion remains as with me, as before, which is what I conceive entitles me to Off-Reckonings, and has nothing to do with the Rank allowed on Service -

I have the Honor to be,

Y.e &c. &c.

(Signed) C. Dighton

Shwellapatore
11th February 1792

A true Copy
B. R. M.P.G.

Sent the following Letters

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

Gentlemen,

We have the honor to inform you that it has been represented to us by the Resident at

To Bengal regarding the protection afforded to the Company's disaffected Zemindars by the Rajahs of Ramagurrah and Benagore. -

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at Ganjam that the Zemindars of Nonaguddah and Bonapour, notwithstanding your remonstrances to the Rajahs of Nagpour and Cuttack, continued to give protection to the disaffected Zemindars of the Company, and had even gone so far as to plan an attack in conjunction with our own Insurgents, upon the Zemindary of Calicoote.—

We apprehend that much Mischief may arise to our Interests in the Ganjam Province if speedy means be not taken to prevent the Neighbouring Zemindars from co-operating with or giving Assistance to the Company's refractory Tributaries in that quarter—and, as we are of Opinion that the latter would be less inclined to disaffection, if they were once convinced that they could have no hope of support from the former, we beg leave to recommend that the Rajahs of Cuttack and Nagpour be again written to on this Subject.—

We

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We enclose a Copy of the President's last letter to us, and have the honor to be, &c.&c.

Fort St. George
1st May 1792.—

(Signed) W. Medows
&c. Council

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

My Lord,

We have the honor to transmit to your Lordship Copy of a letter from Mr Powney, advising that the Disputes between the Rajah of Cochin and the Dutch had been amicably & adjusted, to the satisfaction of both parties.—

We also enclose, for your Lordship's information, Copy of a Proclamation by this Government, in consequence of your Letter to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 24th Ultimo, regarding the renewal of a Commercial intercourse between the Carnatic and Mysore Countries.—

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

(Signed) W. Medows
&c. Council

To Lord Cornwallis advising of the final Adjustment of the Disputes between the Dutch Government and the Rajah of Cochin - and enclosing Copy of the Proclamation by Government regarding the Renewal of a Commercial Intercourse between the Carnatic and Mysore Countries.—

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To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis reporting the State of the Hospitals at the Presidency and Coromandel and requesting to be informed of the Number of Men intended to be Cantoned at the Latter Place.

Our Secretary having laid before us the Letter addressed to him by the Deputy Adjutant General in Camp dated the 19th Ultimo, we directed the Hospital Board to report, without Loss of Time, the present State of the Hospitals at the Presidency and Pondamallee, and the Number of Patients that could be provided with Cotts, Cloathing &c.

We have now the honor to inform your Lordship that the General Hospital at the Presidency can immediately accommodate 250 Sick in addition to those at present in it, amounting to about 200 - and that the Hospital at Pondamallee is ready for the reception of 100 Men -

We understand from the Hospital Board that there are Barracks without the Fort of Poondamallee which could be converted into a temporary Hospital at a trifling expence for 400 Men - But upon this point, we can give no Orders

until

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vental we know from your Lordship whether it be your or
intention to send Troops to occupy those Barracks.—

We have the honor to be with great

Respect and Esteem.—

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&c: &c:

(Signed) Wm H. Medows Commit

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Received the following Letter from the Collector of
the Northern Division of the Carnat Province—

To the Honorable. Major General. Medows

President and Governor

of Fort St George

Honorable Sir;

I am under the disagreeable necessity

of reporting Murders lately committed at and near

Vellore.—

From the Collector in the northern Division of the Carnat Province stating the murder of Runnee Adam Isha Confined on account of Murders lately committed at Vellore

A Sepoy has been severely wounded

and his Wife Murdered, — the former wounded by

a Bougar Man, by a Woman the Wife, of a Havildar

now in Camp: this they confess, — the Sepoys

Wife was killed by the same Havildars Wife, as she

herself acknowledges — two or three other Women,

now in Confinement seem to have been also

suspected

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cessoary to the Murder of the Woman.— The examinations and declarations of the parties I have taken, and will forward them, if the Board direct, with Memorials to the Presidency — It is therefore only necessary for me to add here; that the Bugar Man has no other pretence than that of having taken the Sepoy for a Thief; and that the Havildar's Wife pleads the revenge of her Honor, which she asserts, was effected by the Solicitations of the Sepoy, and by the Assistance his Wife afforded to her Husband's Views— This happened in the Pettah of Vellore.—

Another Woman is also confined on the strongest presumptions possible of her having Murdered the Child of another Wife of her Husband— This also happened near Vellore.—

Two Peakeers have also so severely Wounded a Man near Caverypauk that he is not expected to survive: one of them I have in confinement, the other Khan has fled to the Durbar / his name Sadeculla Khan / but his Son is at present in Custody, and there does not appear

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to be the least doubt of their Guilt.—

I Request your Commands regarding those people:—and take the liberty to observe that I apprehend upon any of their being regularly proved guilty:— Transportation beyond Seas (in Case their Lives are not involved) would have a very useful and important effect on this Community.—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W.C. Kindersley Collector

Vellore
1st May 1792.

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

To the Commandant at Nellore desiring

To the Commandant at Nellore.— him to furnish a Naigue's Guard to escort Nujeb Caun Sultan Sung to Palmaude

To the Chiefs and Councils at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam— forwarding for their Information and Guidance, an Extract of that part of the new Regulations which directs that Chiefs, Collectors and Residents shall transmit to the Accountant General Copies in Duplicate of all Bills Receipts &c

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"or other writings of Paymasters upon which they
"advance Cash."

To the Residents at Ganjam, Nagore
To the Resident at Ganjam, Nagore Travancore & Cuddalore — Travancore and Cuddalore. transmitting the
Extract of the new Regulations abovementioned

To the Boards of Revenue. transmitting
the Extract of the new Regulations above alluded to.
To the Boards of Revenue — and desiring them to communicate the same to
the different Collectors.—

To the Military Auditor General &
To the Military & Auditor General.— informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 3260..2373
has been deducted from the Accounts of the Barrack
Master in the Center Division.—

4. Received the undermentioned Letters
as entered in M: B: Nos 21.. 22.

From Colonel Floyd. requesting that
From the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.— the Horse Subsistence to the Detachment of
the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons at Poonamalle
may be paid, as formerly, in advance.—

From Lieutenant Samson. enclosing
From the Officer appointed to act as Judge advocate at the Court Martial ordered to Assemble at the Presidency.— an Indent of Stationary for the use of the Court
Martial ordered to Assemble on the 17th Instant.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable. Major. General. Medows

Governor. President.

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet.

Friday
4th May 1792.

Wm. Petrie & Ernst Wm. Fallofield Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis.—

Honorable General Medows.—

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis acquainting the Board that he has received from Bengal, with the last Dispatches from the Court of Directors, a Letter regarding the Allotment of Troops to Fort St. George.—

I was yesterday honored with your

Letter dated the 25th. Instant.—

from the representations which have

been transmitted to you by your Revenue Officers at

Vizagapatam and Masulipatam, there can be

no doubt of the necessity of encamping the Bengal

Detachment in the Neighbourhood of Vellore,

or

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or somewhere between that place and the Sea Coast,
until the Rains are over in the Circars. —

I should apprehend that the same
reasons which are urged against the March of the
Bengal Troops, would apply in proportion at
least, as strongly against Sending any body of
Men, except by Sea, to Ganjam during the present
Season; As I Know nothing of the State of that
District, I cannot take upon myself to decide
what Force will be required, but I must, on this
and on every Similar occasion, take the liberty
of recalling to the minds of the Honorable
Board the Sentiments which I expressed
relative to the employment of Military forces
in my letter dated the 31st of August last, &
and again earnestly recommend that it
should only be resorted to in the last
extremity, and after the behaviour of
Native Servants and Dubashes towards the
refractory Zemindars or Polygars has been
minutely investigated. —

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I inclose to you the Plan which I have transmitted to Bengal, and which, in principle, I have thought it most advisable to adopt for the reduction of the Establishment of the Native Corps at the different Presidencies. It is perfectly conformable to the Orders of the Court of Directors except in the instances of making the European Adjutant effective Staff, and of leaving the Native Officers and non Commissioned Officers who would be reduced, Supernumerary on the Regiments, for which I shall give my reasons in my next letter to the Court of Directors.

No steps can be conveniently taken with respect to the Battalions now with this Army until we descend the Ghauts, nor perhaps may it be proper that the other Regiments should be reduced, till those employed here can arrive at the Stations allotted to them; I shall therefore at present only recommend that you should direct that all Recruiting and promotion of Natives shall immediately cease, in order that the

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the Supernumeraries may not be unnecessarily encreased.—

Camp near Kistnapore
April 30th – 1792.–

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

Propositions for reducing the Native Corps of the Bengal Army to a peace Establishment

1st That the promotion of the Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers and the Recruiting of Natives do immediately cease.–

2nd That the 30 Native Battalions in the Company's provinces and in Oude be reduced to from ten to eight Companies.–

3rd That each of the eight Companies be reduced to 60 Sepoys in order to leave room for the introduction of the Volunteer Battalions and the Supernumeraries of the other 6 Battalions now absent on Service, and that, upon the Arrival of those Corps in Bengal, each of the eight Companies be then encreased to 68 private Sepoys.–

That

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4th That the European Adjutant be Effective Staff -

5th That the reduced European Officers be removed to and equally divided amongst the 5 European Battalions within the provinces receiving the pay and Batta and allowances of the Corps to which they are attached, and that no promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant do take place until all Supernumeraries of that Rank shall be brought on the Effective Strength of the Army -

6 That the reduced Native Commissioned Officers do remain with their own Corps until Vacancies shall fall for them either in those Battalions or in any of the others dependant on the same Station - that the full pay be continued to those Officers, but that they be not allowed to receive more than half Batta at any time whilst Supernumeraries -

7th That the reduced Native Non Commissioned Officers do also remain and do duty with their own Corps, and be brought upon the Strength in the manner prescribed for the Native Commissioned

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Commissioned Officers. That the Havildars do receive the pay of Naicks, and the Naicks the Pay of privates, whilst Supernumeraries, together with the Batta of Naicks or Sepoys as rented by the Corps they belong to; and that both Havildars and Naicks be allowed the Cloathing of their respective Ranks.—

8th That the Medical Allowances for each Battalion be reduced to Pr. 120 pr. Month the Sum established prior to the Augmentation.—

9th That the above Reduction be effected by discharging the necessary numbers of the youngest or worst Sepoys: And by making the Junior European Officers and the latest promoted Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers Supernumeraries in their respective Corps; retaining upon the Effective Strength such of the European Officers and Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers who are now upon Service as shall be entitled thereto according to the above Rule of Seniority.—

10th That in reducing the Drummers and Fifers to the establishment for eight Companies, none of the Boys rented from the Orphan School be discharged.—

That

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Satisfaction you are pleased to say it will afford you, if the Grounds, on which my claim will be stated, shall induce the Honorable Court of Directors to a favorable Consideration of it.-

After this flattering mark of attention I should not again presume to break in upon your time, had it not so happened that, although the subject is on matter of considerable Magnitude, it has not had the good fortune to be hitherto perfectly understood.-

You are pleased to say that the Orders of the Company militate so expressly against a Compliance with my requisition that you cannot consent to the application of so large a sum to other purposes than those for which the Management of the Revenue of the Carnatic was Assumed, without a previous reference to the Court of Directors.-

The Orders, Sir, here alluded to, are inserted nearly at the close of your Secretary's Letter: when

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I came to observe on that paragraph, to which I am equally impelled by a sense of duty to your Honorable Board and to myself, I shall endeavour to prove that, so far from Militating against my requisition, they do not in the most distant degree apply to it.

But, in regard to the purposes for which the Management of the Revenue was assumed, I shall beg leave to state that, though there may have been several, one only was ostensible Viz.t to secure the Current Revenue from the spectre of Assumption.—

That this was the only object appears from Sir Charles Oakeley's letter to the Nabob of 20th. April 1791, in which he says "If your Highness has specified the "particulars of the Outstanding balances due to you from "the Tinnevelly Country, I should have been able to "judge whether the collection of them would interfere with "the Current Revenue, and of course to determine how far "it might have been in my power to comply with "your Request in Regard to Mr. Sullivan, without "injuring the pressing claims of the Company for "the exigencies of the War"

From

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From this it seems clear that nothing more than the Current Revenue was meant to be assumed, and that the Outstanding balances (while the collection of them did not interfere with the Current Revenue) were then considered as belonging exclusively to the Nabob, or to those deriving under him.—

You are however pleased to say "that the "outstanding balances of Fasley 1199, upon which "I claim, can never be considered as the Right of "Individuals, when it is remembered that his Right of "the Nabob was indebted to the Public at the time "of the Assumption in the full Amount of his engagements "for the preceding year, and consequently that the "Company's Resources for the prosecution of the "War, then pending, were proportionably lessened"

To this I shall beg leave to observe that if the Nabob was in Arrear his full engagements for the preceding year, these Engagements were his full proportion of the Military peace Establishment for which a specific resource was stipulated in the

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the Treaty Viz.t The Assumption of certain Provinces mentioned in a Schedule annexed to the Treaty, in which, Sir, you will not find that Tinnivelly is included

This Province therefore not being one of those stipulated by the Treaty to make good the deficiencies in the Nabob's proportion of the Military peace establishment, the Assumption of it for that purpose can never be justified under this Solemn Treaty, which, setting apart other provinces for the discharge of these deficiencies, virtually engaged that the Tinnivelly Country should be free, and unburthened with any claim of Government on that Account.—

But can it, Sir, in any point of View, be supposed, Whatever may have been the circumstances of the Nabob's engagements to the Company, that they wished to Augment their resources by an appropriation of the private property of unoffending Individuals?

— To Secure the Arrears then due, you are pleased to inform me, was in fact not less the Object of the Assumption than to guard against future disappointment.—

This

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This Scanjeff Idis not understand to be the
Case: if it was in fact the intention to secure the
Arrears outstanding at the period of the Assumption
it did not so appear. neither can it be traced in the
Letters of the 13th April and 7th August from the
Nabob, who was one of the Contracting Parties to
the Treaty, nor in that of 20th April from Sir
Charles Oakeley, who represented the other. For
the former seems to think himself entitled to
the absolute, and uncontrouled disposal of the
outstanding balances of Treaty 1199, and the
latter, by appearing apprehensive only that the
Collection of them would interfere with the
Current Revenue, seemed to allow that the
exclusive right and disposal of them was
in the Nabob. Consequently, if it in fact was
an Object of the Assumption to secure the Arrears
that were previously due, it was not then so
understood by his Highness, nor so represented
by the Acting President—

Yours

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You are pleased to contend that Government had a right to the exclusive disposal of the Outstanding balances and accruing Rists, without distinction; because they were both appropriated to the exigencies of the War - But because they were both appropriated to the purposes of the War, does it, Sir, in fair & reasoning, follow that both were of just right so & appropriated? - If, from the Treaty, it does not & appear, and I speak with confidence it does not, & that the balances outstanding, at the commencement of the Military War establishment, were to go in payment of the Nabobs four fifths, it was clearly the intention of the Contracting Parties that they should not be applied to that purpose - and to apply them to purposes for which they were not intended, can never, with great deference, & establish a right -

The Orders, which you are pleased to think militate so expressly against my application, are those contained in the 10th. Paragraph of the General letter from England of 9th December 1784 a Paragraph which

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which in my conception does not in any point
of view apply to any case the Section preceding
paragraphs go to the establishment of a fund
for the payment of the Cavalry loan, and the old
and new Consolidated Creditors The Orders in
question immediately issued, and direct, in
consequence of a surmise that the Nabob had
then lately contracted further debts, that no
countenance should be given to them until
reported to the Court of Directors and allowed.
This prohibition referred to Debts then if lately
contracted, and with an evident view, in my
idea, to prevent the countenance or protection
of their Government here from operating to
the disadvantage of the three Classes of Creditors
then provided for, by letting these new Creditors
or any of them, in, for a Share in that fund,
which the Court of Directors had set apart
for the exclusive payment of the three consolidated
Classes. — Were

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Were my demand at present upon the Nabob, and professional Claims to be confounded with loans or other money transaction, the 103d Paragraph of the General letter, which is the next but one to the orders in question, would more aptly apply to it; for, referring to future demands on the Nabob, and both my Suits and my Mortage were long subsequent, it prohibits the Servants of the Company, and all others living under their protection from being, on any pretence whatever, concerned in any loan, or other Money transaction with any of the Country powers, except with the Knowledge and Permission of Government, and it directs that no protection or Assistance of the Company shall be given for the recovery of any loans connected with such transactions. —

This is the passage, if there is any in the whole letter, which may be deemed at all applicable to my claim; and then, so far only as it regards future money transactions, under which description it by no

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no means fallo But there is not a word throughout
this long letter which refers to claims made, or to be
made by professional Men: the whole is relative to
debts arising on loans of money, or some other species
of Money transactions, where negociable paper, or
Merchantable goods, were the consideration, and in
no instance refers to debts founded in a consideration
of professional Services —

In regard to Considerations of this Kind
the Letter is silent and probably because the 2d of Geo 3
the last of the two Acts which Authorize the receipt
of professional gratuities / having then recently
passed, was sent out by the Court of Directors, for
the guidance of Government by the same dispatch
that brought their Letter of 9th December 1784. —

Though, Sir, no part of this Letter applies
to my claim, yet it so happens that I have conformed
to the rules it establishes, for it has already appeared
to you that it was not only with the knowledge
and permission of the then Governor Sir Archibald
Campbell, but through his means and mediation, that

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I received my Junia, with this addition of favor that it was on a province which he, who concluded the Treaty with the Nabob, Know to be unappropriated to the deficiencies of the Military peace establishment.—

Should it be urged that to obtain my Junia through the Governor is not sufficient—that my Conern with the Nabob ought not to have had a commencement without the knowledge and permission of Government, I answer, though as a professional Man I cannot admit the necessity of any such permission, that by my affidavit now before you it appears that Government was acquainted with it from the beginning; and Sheline Sir Charles Oakley, who was then Military Secretary, may well let some thing of a permission. My own recollection was not so perfect as to enable me to introduce it in my affidavit; but as well as I can recall the circumstances at this distance of time, fourteen years having since elapsed, Sir Thomas Rumbold, and Sir Hector Munro seconded the Nabob's proposals to me, urging that beside the advantage accruing to myself,

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of

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it would contribute to the satisfaction of his Highness, to
the tranquility of the Settlement, and probably to the
ease of Government.—

I have endeavored to shew, Sir, that the Company's

Orders which were thought to militate so clearly and
explicitly against my claim, had in fact a relation
to it— that they referred wholly to debts then
actually existing, and did not for the smallest degree
admit to future debts of any description— and of
course not to mine.— How far I have succeeded in
this endeavour you will be beetable to judge, by reading
the passage at length.—

Para 10. "The directions we have given only
"apply to the three Classes of the debts, which have
Com- "under our Observation— it has been represented
"that the Nabob has of late contracted further debts;
"if any of these are due to British Subjects, we forbid
"any Countenance or protection whatever to be given
"to them, until the debt is fully investigated, the nature
"of it reported home, and our special instructions
"upon it Received"

Here

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These Orders clearly referred to the debts so
contracted prior to the date of the letter or 9th December 1784
they referred to debts due to British subjects for the
liquidation of whose claims the Court was authorized
by the Act of that year, to establish a fund, in
conjunction with the Nabob, and was evidently
intended to exclude all British Subjects from the
benefit of that fund, except those in whose debts
"had come under their Observation".-

This 101 Para, I will then presume, Sir, to
say, has not the most distant view to my case; and
should the 103d, after what I have offered, be thought
to apply to it, it must be in a manner the most
favorable to my claim; for if professional debts
are distinguishable from others in this respect, &
that they do not arise on loans, and are moreover
sanctioned by Parliament, what is to be inferred
from the prohibition to Government in this 103d
Para to give the Company's protection or
assistance for the Recovery of a debt connected
with a Money transaction, if not, that they may

give

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give the Company's protection and assistance for the
Recovery of claims unconnected with any such transaction?
The Arrangement of 1784 sir was made
in consequence of the Act of 1784 or 24 of his present
Majesty; if therefore it can be supposed that the 101st Para
of that Arrangement applies to my claim, one of
must conclude, what it would indeed be indecent
to suppose, that the Court of Directors had it in
view to render precarious - and illusory a right &
confirmed by that very Act: that act allowed me to
receive present gratuities and rewards in the way of
my profession from any Prince in India: that
Act I say, with great difference, gave me a right &
which is rendered at best precarious - if it is to depend
on the double Contingency of a favorable report &
from this Country, and of a favorable consideration
in Europe. —
Persuaded that the Honorable Court
had no such object in view - persuaded that any
case could mean, in common reasoning, be referred to
this 101st Para. My application to your honor in Council was

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was not for countenance or protection to recover a debt from the Nabob - I had no claim upon his Highness - I had been in possession of the Security he Assigned for the payment of my demand. I had received a part of my demand from that Security, and therefore Considered his debt to me as completely extinguished. - My application to you was for restoration of property belonging to me, which had been Seized under General Orders from your Board - it was not to entreat Your good Offices with the Nabob to reward my Services, nor to discharge an engagement entered into on that Account - It was a Complaint of an injury sustained in consequence of your Instructions - It was a Claim of Money which (pardon the Observation) the Laws of England would say you had received to my use -

From what I have here submitted I think it must appear to you, Sir, that the Resolution of your Board on this Claim (which in its origin, as a Claim on the Nabob, appears to be just) was grounded on a misapplication of

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of principles. I trust therefore that you will excuse the liberty I have taken in bringing them to your notice, and that you will do me the justice to take the Subject into your further Consideration. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

Fort St. George
2d. May 1792. —

P. S.

In a Conversation I had the honor to have yesterday with Sir Charles Oakeley after the foregoing letter was closed, he seemed to think that as my debt had been accruing from 1777 to 1785, it was a demand upon the Nabob, when the Orders of the Company were forwarded in 1784, and consequently came within the prohibition expressed in the 10th Para. But I beg leave to deny the Consequence — the true Question is, was it a demand upon his Highness, and continued a demand untill a much later period but it never was a Demand which fell within the Object of those Orders, no Application having been ever made to Government to let it in upon the fund. For When both Sir Charles Oakeley's judgment in

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in greater respect than I do, but I must here take the liberty to differ from him; and to contend that the prohibition expressed in the 101st Paragraph, extended only to those who should wish to come in as Participators in the provision made for the Consolidated Creditors – It is evident, from the paragraph preceding, and that immediately succeeding, that the Orders in the 101st refer entirely to the fund – and this is also clear from the terms it makes use of, for it does not, like the 103d, to go to "the Company's Servants and to all others living under their protection," but to British Subjects only" and this because the benefit of the fund was, under the words of the Act which authorizes its establishment, confined to "British Subjects." –

But supposing it to be a general Order – not, as I contend, restrained to Encroachers on the Fund – does it, in prohibiting countenance or protection, enjoin forfeiture, or confiscation; or does it even warrant a detention of property?

Permit me Sir to observe that it gives no such Authority, and that, from too earnest a desire to obey Orders, they may sometime happen to be exceeded.

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for a precedent in a similar case / detention I mean of property / I will not refer you, Sir, to Books of Law; but I will take the liberty of requesting your perusal of the Consultations in your Military Department of the 5. November 1770. —

Requesting that my Claim may not be considered as a claim upon the Nabob / and if it is not, I will again say the 101 paragraph does not apply / but as a Claim upon the Board for money / mine Received and detained by them, I heartily ask pardon for this further intrusion /

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Minutes of the Board upon the foregoing & Letter from Mr. Benjamin Sullivan —

The Board, having taken into mature Consideration the foregoing Letter, are decidedly of Opinion, that the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors contained in the 101 Paragraph of their Letter dated the 9th December 1784 are clear and explicit against the Admission of any demand of a British Subject upon his Highness the Nabob not comprehended in the three Clause of Debts, for which an Arrangement had been made, until such

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such demand has been fully investigated, the Nature of it reported home - and the Court's special instructions upon it received. -

With regard to Mr. Sullivan's observation that, "if it were an object of the Assumption to secure "the Arrears that were previously due, it was not then "so understood by his Highness," the Board need only to quote the following Passage of Lord Cornwallis's Letter to his Highness immediately after the Assumption, in order to shew that the Nabob was in Possession of the full intention of the Government General to secure, under that Assumption, the Arrears due to the Company - "Your Highness has been already assured "that you may rely upon the "Management of your Country being restored to you "as soon as the War shall be concluded, and the Balance "which shall appear to have fallen due to the Company "in consequence of the Stipulations of the Treaty which "was concluded with Sir Archibald Campbell, or "shall be discharged". -

Ld. Cornwallis's Letter to the Nabob 11th. September 1790

For these reasons, and for those entered on the Minutes of Consultation the 24th. Ultimo, the Board confirm their former resolution of preparing

Mr.

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Mr. Sullivan's Claim to the consideration and decision of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Mr. Petrie's Remark on the Board's Resolution of referring Mr. Sullivan's Claim to the Decision of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Mr. Petrie— I do not conceive that Mr. Sullivan's Claim is comprehended in the 101st Paragraph of the letter dated 9th December 1784, or that it militates against the Letter or Spirit of the Company's Orders, and consequently am of Opinion, that Mr. Sullivan has a Claim upon the Justice of Government to assist the Recovery of that property, which was owing to him previous to the Usurpation, but which the exigencies of the Times obliged this Government to appropriate to the purposes of the War.—

Read the following Letter from Captain Robert Bell.—

To the Honorable. Major General
William Medows
President Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting a Statement of my Situation respecting a refund ordered by Government some Months since, with remarks

Captain Bell transmitting Sundry Papers regarding his claim for Expence of Boats, and the purchase of Rice and requesting that Government will take the subject into their candid Consideration

* These Papers have been already entered on Record

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documents referred to, which I most earnestly request
your attention to. —

In the Month of June last I received an
Order from the Honorable Major General Medows thro'
Colonel Harris, Secretary, to refund the amount of
certain Bills signed by me in the month of March 1790
For repairs of Tents and Articles purchased for the
use of the Army, being objected to by Colonel Kepper;
this was at the request of the Council at Fort St. George
wherein they request General Medows to inform me"
"that they will be ready to receive and attend to my
"Explanations I may afterwards have to offer" as P. Paper
№1. —

In Consequence of which I immediately Complied
with the requisition and paid to Mr. George Hoar
Paymaster. Pagodas 3949..22. —

On being Ordered to join my Station at
Trichinopoly I applyed to General Medows for
Permission to remain some days at the Presidency
in Order to give every Explanation respecting such Bills
on my Arrival at Madras I applyed to Government
to know through what Channel I should Communicate
such

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Mr. Sullivan's Claim to the consideration and decision of the Honorable Court of Directors.

Mr. Petrie's Remark on the Board's Resolution of referring Mr Sullivan's Claim to the Decision of the Honorable Court of Directors —

Mr. Petrie — I do not conceive that Mr Sullivan's Claim is comprehended in the 101st Paragraphe of the letter dated 9th December 1784, or that it militates against the letter or Spirit of the Company's Orders; and consequently am of Opinion, that Mr. Sullivan has a Claim upon the Justice of Government to assist the Recovery of that property, which was secured to him previous to the Assumption, but which the exigencies of the Times obliged this Government to appropriate to the purposes of the War —

Read the following Letter from Captain Robert Bell. —

To the Honorable. Major General
Williams Medows
President Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting a Statement of my Situation respecting a refund —

Ordered by Government some Months since, with documents

Captain Bell enclosing Sundry Papers regarding his Claim for Repairs of Boats, and the Purchase of Horses and requesting that Government will take the Subject into their candid Consideration —

* These Papers have been already entered on Record

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documents referred to, which I most earnestly request
your attention to. —

In the Month of June last I received an
Order from the Honorable Major General Medows thro'
Colonel Harris, Secretary, to refund the amount of
certain Bills signed by me in the month of March 1790
For repairs of Tents and Articles purchased for the
use of the Army, being objected to by Colonel Capper;
this was at the request of the Council at Fort St. George
wherein they request General Medows to inform me"
"that they will be ready to receive and attend to my
"Explanations I may afterwards have to offer" as per Papr
No 1. —

In Consequence of which I immediately Complied
with the requisition and paid to Mr. George Hoar
Paymaster — Pagodas 3949..22..—

On being Ordered to join my Station at
Trichinopoly I applyed to General Medows for
Permission to remain some days at the Presidency
in Order to give every Explanation respecting such Bills
on my Arrival at Madras I applyed to Government
to know through what Channel I should Communicate
such

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such Explanations, when Government were pleased to direct the Military Board to investigate the Matter, which that Board did, and forwarded the report thereon.-

Sometime after my Arrival at Tiechinopoly I received a Copy of such report, together with the reply of Government thereto - N.2 and 3.-

In consequence of which I found it necessary to address Government with further Explanations on the Subject as per N.4 which I forwarded thro' the Military Board, and by their Secretary received an "Extract of a Letter from Government" dated 25. October N.5 - This Letter I received at a time when my Health did not allow of paying Attention to any business, on which account, and having a presumption that no temporary delay would operate to the disadvantage of my cause, I deferred troubling Government until the Month of February, when I had the Honor of addressing them thro' the Military Board of which the paper N.6 is a Copy; to which I have not been honored with a reply; in consequence, I presume, of the expected Arrival of the Honorable the Governor. - As

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As the abovementioned documents convey generally every information on the subject, I submit my case, with all deference, to the Judgement and decision of your Honor, relying on the Candour and Liberality of Government - as the motive that led me to deviate from the Prescribed Regulations in the Instance of the repair of Tents, (tho' sanctioned by other Authority) I will trust appear to have been a wish to facilitate the Equipment of the Army, and I most Solemnly declare that so far from this Business of the Repair of Tents being a matter of Advantage or profit to me I sincerely wish I had not undertaken it. -

Madras
30th April 1792.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect &c &c

(Signed) Robt Bell
Sam Jos Stone

Minute thereon - Agreed to inform Captain Bell that the Board have postponed the Consideration of his Letters until they can be furnished with the Report of the Military Auditor General upon his Accounts now under examination. -

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

The Honorable. Major General William. Medows

Governor and Commander in Chief in Council

of Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to lay before the Government the enclosed Quarterly Report Marked No. 1, of Outstanding Balances, & Cons. No. 2, the Sums brought to Account since last Statement of the Outstanding Balances— and I shall in future deem myself the honor of making my Reports Monthly, or at such other periods as are prescribed by the Regulations of the new System for keeping and checking the Accounts of Military Expenditures at this Presidency.

As that System commenced on the 1st of the present Month, I beg leave to take this early opportunity of giving in a Register of Accounts, Marked No. 3, of the past year, remaining to be Audited, in which the Government will observe the very large Arrear of Official Business, from the situation of the Service for

considerable

from the Military Auditor General bearing Statements of outstanding Balances and Sums brought to Account since last Report— Transmitted the Same, giving the Amount at present Credit Account of the Office Establishment of Fort St. George, and requesting that the Allowance of Colonel's Batta from the Date of his Appointment to the Command of the Artillery, & Lieutenant Colonel Pattison may be permitted to remain the Emolument of Comptroller General— The Batta of Colonel Capper in addition to that of his Colonel Lieutenant Appointment remains with the Board of Revenue and Commerce for Report—

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a considerable time, which falls to be brought up by the Military Auditor General at the period the encreased and very extensive duties of this Office under the new System are to be entered upon.—

I also beg leave to take this occasion of expressing to the Honorable Board that I shall use every exertion in my power to bring up the Arrear of business in order that the Books for the Year 1790-1791 may be closed as expeditiously as the Audit will admit of, while, at the same time, it shall be my Study to conduct the duties of the Department correctly under the new System, in order that the useful purposes of an efficient check on the Military Charges, for which it is established may be carried on without any delay or interruption that can be avoided, so far as depends on a faithful application of my time to the public business.—

I shall hope that the urgency of the case, at this particular period, will plead my excuse in requesting of the Honorable Board to take under consideration an Allowance for the Office Establishment of the Military Auditor General on the Coast, which is no

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no more at present than 180 Pagodas Monthly, and
Appears to me to have been very inadequate to
the means of providing the necessary Official assistance
for conducting the Business even on the Old System.—

The new one, on the Bengal plan, is very
extensive and important in its operation on the business
of the Auditor General's Office on the Coast as not only
to encrease the common detail of that Officer's duty in
the proportion of about Five to one; but also his re-
sponsibility, by placing him as a Check on the
Advance, as well as on the disbursements for ord
Military Charges of every description.—

I cannot immediately form any Estimate
of the Sum
than be a
that will be required monthly otherways
comparison of what is allowed at Bengal
which is 2
than 700 Ba
59 Sonnaut Rupees—or something more
but the comparison may not
be applicable
Respects, I mention the Circumstance
only to shew that the duty to be performed here in
the Military Auditor General's Office, on the Bengal
Comprehensive System—requires a Number of
hands

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hands to be employed that are well qualified in almost every description of Accounts - many of them I conceive should also be men of great integrity as well as ability to assist the Auditor / although they will not be intirely depended upon / in summing up the Accounts and in the various calculations of Estimate and Exchange: because, in such Matters the Check of the Auditor may in general be found more Sentially necessary than on the over charges of other descriptions that may occasionally be made; as most instances of the latter kind will be readily seen, on the first view of the Article, by any person acquainted with the rates and Rules of the Service - I beg leave to add that from local circumstances affecting the Office on this Establishment, which will necessarily be increased by the present increase of territory, the detail of Offices that come under the Auditor's Check on the Coast of similar descriptions to those Kept in Bengal, will be more numerous, and consequently require more Official Assistance. -

I have confined myself in the above general Comparative Statement, to the sums allowed to be drawn

on

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on Account of the Clerks and other Servants of the Two Offices,
and of course have not included the Salaries which are
specially allotted by Government to the Superior Principal
Offices in each, nor the Allowance granted to the Auditor
General, respectively, for House and Office rent. But I must
the freedom, on this occasion, of stating to the Honorable
Board, that my Allowance for an Office (there being none
drawn under the head of Quarters) is no more than 50 Pag.
P Month, & experience therefore a monthly loss of 20 Rs
I am obliged to pay 70 for the house where the Office is
kept, which does not afford more accommodation,
on Account of the Number of Clerks to be employed,
than is absolutely necessary for the Office with the
exception of a few useless Godowns: as the house is not
sufficiently large to admit of any accession to get for
Quarters as well as an Office, I am consequently &
under the necessity of being at an additional expence
for Quarters - and, from the enquiries I have made
concerning the Houses in the Fort which are usually
let, I am convinced it will be impracticable to provide
Accommodation sufficient both for Quarters and an
Office

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Office at a less rate than from 130 to 150 Pagodas #
Monthly --

Having been appointed, while in the #
Field, to my present Office on the 1st of March, #
since which date I unnecessarily ceased to draw the #
allowance of Adjutant General I request the #
Honorable Board will determine on the rate of #
Batta I ought to receive from the date of my #
Appointment to the 20th of April, the day I arrived
at the Presidency - I conceive myself entitled to
the Batta of Colonel agreeably to the usage of the #
Service in cases of a similar nature; but conside
it also my duty, on a point wherein my own #
Interest is concerned, to refer the matter, in the
first Instance, to the Honorable Board in preference
to deciding on a reference to myself, which perhaps
might be made by the Paymaster, there being no
case exactly similar, as the only time that
Colonel Casper was in a Situation to draw
Batta will be found, I believe, on his Journey to
and from Pondicherry in 1786 - and then he #
was

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was employed as a Commissioner to settle a Cartel &
with the Government there, for the delivery of European
Deserters from either nation.—

Lieutenant Brunton having been appointed
Deputy Military Auditor General on the 22d of
last January, and to take Charge of the Office until
further Orders after Colonel Kyffin's resignation, I
beg leave to request the orders of the Honorable
Board, if it shall appear a reasonable Charge to
Authorize his drawing the same Pay and
Allowances as would have fallen to his Principal
in the Office from that date until the 1st of March,
when the vacancy was filled up by my being
Appointed—if Authorized it will not be his
to the pay and allowance for one Month and ten
days and will not occasion any expence that would
not have been incurred had a Person put in Orders for the
Office at the time Colonel Kyffin resigned.—

Make the present opportunity, of addressing
the Honorable Board to represent that there are in
most of the Accounts which I have had an Opportunity
of examining since my Arrival at the Presidency, many

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sums charged which are not provided for in the Book of regulations, although I understand that they have the sanction of a General or other Government order; as I conceive it, however, to be the intention of the Honorable Board that every expenditure coming under the head of Military Charges shall be regulated by that Book, & which are fixed either in their nature or Amount, I have considered it my duty to make this report at an early period, that the necessary alterations in the book may be authorized, not only on that Account, but also for bringing into form the Parts of the Book which will require to be varied in consequence of the Change which is ordered in Keeping the Accounts; and likewise, because by arranging the Book of Military Regulations comprehensively, the Annual Statement of the Military Establishments and expenditures to be made up in the Auditor Generals Office will not be interrupted by the inaccuracies and delays which are otherways likely to arise in regard to the various documents from which the Statement falls to be compiled.—

I have the Honor to be, with the highest Respect.—

&c: &c: &c:

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mel.y Auditor General

Military Auditor
General's Office—
Fort St. George 3. May 1792—

Report

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Report of Outstanding Balances

Due by Mr. Oliver Colt as late Paymaster of the Cavalry		9331	37. 40
Do. Mr. V. Corbett do.	at Cuddalore	40	27. 6.
Do. do. do.	at Palicautcherry	62.	4. 57.
Do. Mr. Gregory do.	at Vizagapatam	259.	36. "
Do. Mr. Dobbyn do.	at Masulipatam	87.	31. 60
Do. Mr. Wynch do.	at Arnee	33.	41. 70
Do. Mr. Taylor do.	at Ellore &c.	131.	15. 11.
Do. Mr. Lennox do.	at Ganjam &c.	302.	37. 40
Do. Mr. Thompson do.	at Nagore	1	15. "
Do. Mr. Marten do.	at Palamcottah	50.	" "
Do. Mr. Vaughan do.	at Madura &c.	390	0. 71
Do. Mr. Young do.	at Ongole &c.	574.	29. 20
Do. Mr. Strange do.	at Tanjore	93.	25. 16
Do. Mr. E. Farrow do.	at Trichinopoly	533.	12. 63
Do. do. do.	5. Brigade	22.	21. "
Do. Mr. Sharden do.	at Chingleput	1.	34. 40
Do. Mr. Dashwood do.	at Cuddalore	330	7. 40
Do. Mr. Wilson do.	at Chicacole	71.	4. 32
Do. Lieut Dyce Barrack Master of the Southern Divn.		181.	21. "
Do. Mr. Snider late Paymaster at	Seringapatam	1942.	23. 16
Do. Lieutenant Elliot Quarter Master of Cavalry		750.	" "
Do. Mr. Dobbyn Paymaster of	Masulipatam	533.	14. 20
Do. Mr. Corbett and Mr. Boyd		1976.	11. 64
Do. Mr. Walter Balfour late Paymaster of Chingleput		151.	40. 40
Do. Ships Contractors as per Garrison Store Keepers Books		314.	19. "
Total Pagodas		17369.	16. 66.

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(Signed) Henry. Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Report

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Report of Sums brought to Account since last Report of Outstanding Balances

Accounted for by	Mr Wilson	Paymaster of	Chicacole	77.38.74.
Do	Mr C: Farrow	do	of Tiechinopoly	186.34.61
Do	do	do	5th Brigade	174.33 "
Do	do	do	Carroor	279.30.76
Do	Mr Young	do	Tuntoor &c:	512.25 "
Do	Mr Strange	do	Tanjore	1,509 " "
Do	Mr Vaughan	do	Madura	2572.36 "
Do	Messrs Balfours &c: on account of the late Lieut Colonel Montgomery			5433.21.57
Do	Messrs Porcher &c: on account of Lieutenant Symmes of the 76th Regiment			4743 42 "
Do	Mr Lennox	Paymaster at	Astka	22.9.35
Do	Mr Colt for Premium			3179 40.60
Do	Lieutenant Francis Casper Barrack Master of the Center Division			3260.23.73
Do	Mr Mardon	Paymaster of	Chingleput	9.31.40
Do	Mr Corbett	Do	of Pautigaul Army	522.38.60
Do	Mr Taylor	Do	of Ellore	1.10 "
Do	Mr Dashwood	Do	of Cuddalore	30.15.40
Do	Mr Manter	do	of Palamcotah	6.16.64

Total Pagodas 22,544.29 "

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/Signed/ Henry. Malcolme
Mjr Aud: General.

Agreed

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Agreed to inform Colonel Malcolm that before the Board can come to any determination regarding an Establishment of Servants &c. for his Office, they must be furnished with a comparative Statement shewing the Charges of the Office as they stand at present, and the encrease that will be necessary in consequence of the Change of System.—

That the Board are of opinion that the large and spacious House in the Fort near the Sea change will furnish sufficient accommodation for quarters and for an Office—but that, upon this point, it will be necessary to have the opinion of the Auditor previous to any Settlement with the Owner for the Hire of the House.—

With respect to Colonel Malcolm's application for Batta from the date of his appointment to his Arrival at the Presidency the Board observe that as he did not act in his Office of Military Auditor General during the above Period, and as he drew the Allowances of the Office notwithstanding, they do not conceive they should be warranted in granting his

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his request.—

Agreed that the Deputy Military Auditor General be permitted to draw the same Pay and allowances as would have fallen to his principal in the Office from Colonel Capper's resignation to Colonel Malcolm's Appointment

Ordered that the two Books of Regulations be revised by the Military Auditor General and that he be directed and that he be directed to suggest such Alterations and additions as he may deem necessary for comprehending every article of Expenditure coming under the Head of Military Charges.—

Read the following Letter from Major Maule—

To the Honorable. Major General. Medows

President in Council,

Sir,

In obedience to your Commands of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to lay before you an Estimate of the Expence attending the making the small Repairs necessary to the General Hospital, amounting to Pagodas 160.. 22.. 25. Supposing the Cook Room to be paved with Brick on Edge; but as Brick work is a bad Material for paving Kitchens, being very soon destroyed, by having water

From the Chief Engineer of the Presidency inclosing an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Execution of the Repairs required to the General Hospital.—

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water &c. constantly thrown upon it, I have made a provisional Estimate. Subject to your approbation, of the Expence of paving the Cook Room floor with Iron Stone, which will cost, in addition, Pagodas 59.12.40 And encreases the Sum to Pagodas 219.32.65. The in ensuing which I would Recommend in preference, as it will hereafter save further Expenditure on this Article.

I have the honor to be, Respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Maule
Chief Engineer

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Ordered that the Repairs to the Hospital be executed, and that the Cook Room be paved with Iron Stone, agreeably to Major Maule's recommendation.-

Read the following Letter from Major Cuppage

To
William Ellins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the Honor to receive your Letter of the 17th Instant, desiring me to give my opinion to the Honorable the President and Council which is the most Convenient mode of withdrawing the

From Major Cuppage - re opinion regarding the mode of withdrawing the Troops from Garrison of Palamcottah

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the Garison from Palighautcherry as soon as the Troops &c
Arrive that will be sent by General Abercromby to take
possession of it.-

On receiving Earl Cornwallis Orders for delivering
up the different posts in the Coimbatour Country to Tippoo
Sultaun and evacuating that Distrect with this Detachment,
I sent an Officer to Tippoos Dewan Cawder
Ally to Know if he would give the Garrison of Palghautcherry
permission to March through the Coimbatour Country
when relieved by the Bombay Troops, and join me at
Sunkerry Durgum, which he readily acquiesced to, and
assured me they should not meet with any hinderance.-
In consequence thereof I gave directions to the
Offier Commanding at Palghautcherry to apply to the
Dewan for permission to March his Garrison through
the Coimbatour Country to join me at Sunkery Durgum;
taking particular care that they paid for every thing they
got, and that his People made no disturbance or molested
the Inhabitants.-

I have a Letter from Lieutenant Wright the
Offier Commanding at Palegautcherry of the 27th Instant. He
had then no Accounts of the Bombay Troops; so that it is
doubtful to me that Tippoo will consent to their Marching
through

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through the Country at so late a Period, and in that event, there is no other mode of their returning to the Carnatic but by the route of Travancore; and that they will find very difficult to accomplish at this Season, as the S. Monsoon is setting in on the Malabar Coast

I therefore request to have the Orders of the Honorable Board, to know how the Garrison of Paligaatcherry is to be disposed of, should as they be refused permission to March through the Coimbatore Country

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Camp near
Swinkery Durgum
4th
27 April 1792.

Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from
the Military Storekeeper

The

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The Honorable. Major General Medows

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you my account of Disbursements in the Month of March last, and Account Current shewing a Balance due to me of Sr. Pagodas 10,037. 22. 60 which request you will be so good as to direct to be discharged

Messrs. Topping and Parry having presented me a Bill for two dos pressing Carriages Amounting to Sr. Pagodas 732. 30. 2 I deem it my duty, previous to the Discharge of the same, to inform you that those Gentlemen stand indebted to the Company for Sundry Tools, supplied them by your order under date 26th August last, in the Sum of Pagodas 1147. 34. 7. –

From this Military Storekeeper requests that the Balance due on his Account Current for Stores may be discharged and desires to know if the Amount due to the Company by Messrs. Topping and Parry for Tools furnished them is to be deducted from their Bill for dos pressing Carriages

If it should be your Pleasure to direct the Discharge of Messrs. Topping and Parry's Bill, notwithstanding the abovementioned Demand against them, I must request an Advance of Cash to that Amount –

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

(Signed) Jos: du Pre Porcher
Mily Storekeeper

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Dr. The Honorable Company in Account Current

1792.		Pagodas Fs.	Cs.	Pagodas Fs.	Ps.
March 1st	To Balance due to the Military Store Keeper brought from Last Month	767.	13.30	767.	13.30
31st	To the Amount of Military Stores furnished as Gt. Account & particulars	15,551.	745.75.	15,571.	25.75.
	To the Amount of Military Charges as Gt. Account particulars	155.	2637.65	883	29.65.
	To the Import Warehouse Keeper for Lead	2231.	19.23	2231.	19.23
		18,694.	3706.33	19,444	16.33
	To Balla paid in exchange for 201 Pagodas @ four 45.50 Pagoda is	9170.	50	254	26.50
		Pagodas 18,694.	3687.3	19699	7.3

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Off.

with Josias Du Pre Porcher Military Store Keeper ..... Cr.

			Pagodas	Fs.	Cs.	Pagodas	Fs.	Cs.
1792.								
March	2.	By Cash received from the Treasury						
		Fanams	"	36000.	"	1000.	"	"
		By do do Ps.	5000.	"	"	5000.	"	"
	19.	By do do	1200.	"	"	1200.	"	"
	31.	By do to be Transferred to the						
		Import Warehousekeeper for						
		Lead bought of him this month.	2231.	19.	23.	2231.	19.	23.
		By Cash received by Sale of						
		Stores	25.	145.	"	29.	1.	"
			8456.	36,164,	23	9460	20.	23.
		By Batta received in exchange						
		for fanm. 9170:50 @ fanm. 45.50						
		P Pagoda is	201.	"	"	201.	"	"
			8,657.	36,164,	23	9661.	20.	23.
		By Balance due to the						
		Military Storekeeper	10,037.	22.	60	10037.	22.	60
		Pagodas	18,694.	36,187.	3.	19,699.	7.	3.

March 1792.

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Jos du Pre Porcher

Mily Storekr.

To

2008 Fort St. George 1st May 1792.

To the Honorable, Major Genl. Medows

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I did myself the honor of addressing you

on the 9th ultimo to Complain of an extraordinary Act

of Violence on the part of Mr. Michael Topping in

the Seizure, by Sepoys, of nearly the whole of the Artificers

employed in the business of the Military Storekeepers

Department.—

Not having been favoured with your

Answer I take the liberty of renewing that Complaint,

and of once more praying the Subject of your Attention,

and beg leave to inform you, that all the Company's Work,

on which these Artificers were employed in the Carpenters

Yard, has been at a stand. These three Weeks or

fast, and must continue so until you shall be pleased

to grant me that Redress, which as a public Officer

Anxious to Acquit myself to the best of my Ability

in the Station Government have been pleased to place

me, I must conceive myself entitled to, and it is only

to

from the Military Storekeeper
stating that the Servants of
the Deputy Storekeeper and
Head Servants of the Artificers
employed by Mr. Topping

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to them I can look for Protection and Support in the Execution of my Office against the unprecedented and unwarrantable Conduct of one who, as a Contractor, has Certainly no Claim upon the Artificers employed in any public Department, unless procured in that fair and open Way of Here, which he has not chosen to adopt -

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jos. du Pre Porcher

Mily. Storekeeper

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Ordered that an advance of ten Thousand and thirty Seven Pagodas - twenty two fanams - and Sixty Cash (10037 - 22 - 60) be made to the Military Storekeeper, being the Balance due to him on his Account Current to for March 1792 -

Minutes on Letter & foregoing Letter from the Military Storekeeper

Ordered that the Amount of the Bill presented to the Military Storekeeper by Messrs. Topping and Parry for depreciating Carriages be deducted from the Sum due by those Gentlemen for the purchase of Tools from the Company, and that Mr. Porcher be directed to call upon them for the Payment of the Balance. -

Resolved

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Resolved that Messrs. Topping and Parry be directed to restore immediately all the Articles taken by them from the Military Storekeeper's Yard, by means of Sepoys or otherwise, and informed, that, after the Board's disapprobation of Mr. Topping's Conduct conveyed in the Letters to him of the 11th & 25th. ultimo, it was not expected that the Articles so would have been detained.—

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

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

Honorable Sir;

We have received a letter from Mr. Erskine — the late disturbances in Palnaud

Copy of which we do ourselves the honor of enclosing for your Information, and request your instructions on the Subject.—

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

Fort St. George
3d May 1792.

From the Board of Assumed Revenue the calculations applies for instructions regarding the Rents of certain Lots, and recommends that a Gratuity be granted to the Men employed by him — Mr Erskine applies for some Grain for the Cattle —

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To William Petrie Esqr.

President &c. Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

On the 21st Instant a party of Sepoys and Peons arrived here from Palnaud in Charge of Ali Saheb; and, as some attempts had been made to rescue him, I requested Captain Dunwoody would confine him in the Fort - he was in consequence lodged in the Main Guard. - This Man is a daring and Dangerous Character, and it was chiefly owing to his poisoning the weak mind of Rajis[illegible] with false and alarming representations, that the latter went the lengths he has done - When he was first siezed by the Nizam's Troops he openly boasted of having thrice fought the English - and now instead of appearing at all penitent for having Committed the enormities he has been guilty of, or for having reduced the Country and the Inhabitants to their present dreadful State, he seems to glory in the idea that so much misery has been brought about

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about by his means. Let me earnestly entreat that the
Board will fix on some punishment for the Crimes of
this man. Sending him in Irons to Bencoolen, to
remain there as a Prisoner, would (when publickly made
known in these Districts) have a good effect on the
Minds of the people, and would probably put a stop
to the incursions of the Plunderers from the neighbouring
Districts. If he is to remain a Prisoner here, there is
a probability, or at any rate, a Chance, of his effecting
his escape by Corrupting the Guards, or by other means.
In such event, the same Tragedy would be acted again
in Palnaud, attended no doubt by every increase of
Cruelty that the Savage disposition of this monster
could possibly invent. Hussein Khan, the Man
who apprehended him, is strongly Recommended by the
Resident at Poungul for his address and Courage in
taking the Delinquent, — and there were people, who,
if they could have laid hold of him, would have
Murdered him. He, I think, is much deserving of
a reward. and I could wish that the Circumstances and
his party might also be allowed a consideration; for the
Service was most important, and they had a very
fatiguing

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fatiguing and a quick march — and if they had not been
extremely vigilant the Prisoner might have been
rescued, as there were 200 Men after him for that purpose —
— I beg to know if I may have the permission of
the Board, to disburse 600 Rupees on this Account. —

Mr Crawford has desired I would apply
to the Board for their permission to visit the
Presidency on his private affairs for a few days
— As his services here can be dispensed with, for
the short time he wishes to be absent, permit
me to request that leave may be granted him.

I have the Honor to be with the utmost
Regard &c.
(Signed) J. Erskine
Collector Ongole & Palnaud

Ongole
24th April 1792.

A true Copy
J Webbe Secy

Agreed that a Letter be written to
the Commandant at Ongole, directing that particular
care be taken that the Person of Ali Saheb be secured
by strong Fetters, and that the Guard over him be
Men in whose Fidelity entire dependence can be had

Agreed

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Collector of Ongole Revenue —

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Agreed that Mr Cruttenden be authorized to
disburse the Sum of Six hundred Rupees for the purpose
mentioned in his Letter.—

The Secretary lays before the Board a Certificate
Signed by the Town Major, of the Pay and Batta due to
Angus Macdonald a Private in the late 100th Regiment
from the 24th October 1782 to the 25th April 1784, being
the Period of his Captivity in the Mysore Country
Amounting to forty four Pagodas — four Fanams and
Seventy Cash — /44 — 4 — 70/

Rupees Batta due to Angus Macdonald a Soldier in the 52d Regiment and to be charged

Ordered that the Bill be paid by the
Military Paymaster General.—

Chas Bakeley.

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George Parry Secr

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Diary

Received the following Letters

To the Honorable Major General William Medows

Governor in Council at Fort S.t George

From the Resident at Ganjam — favorable Disposition of the Rajah of Cuttack — Recalls the Company of Sepoys which he detached to watch the Motions of Sanades. —

Honble Sir,

I have had the pleasure to receive your Secretary's letter of the 7th April, Copy of which I have transmitted to Captain Little, for the Information of Ensigns Spence and Brown. —

I have the Honor to acquaint you, that subsequently to the date of my Letter of the 16th Instant, I have received the most friendly assurances from the Rajah of Cuttack, that he will exert all his Influence to prevent the Nowaguddah and Bonapour Zemindars from continuing to excite disturbances in the Company's Territories, and that from hence, and from the Impression which I understand the Defeat of the Party lately at Boundie has made upon Camerolacha Sunt and those Zemindars, my apprehensions of any immediate Invasion from the Northward have subsided. —

This has enabled me to remand the Company which was ordered for that Service to the

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5th the Vicinity of the Mokerry Hills, to watch the motions
of Sanades, who I am informed is in very great —
Distress even for means of subsistence. —

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,
&c. &c.
Gunjam
24th April 1792
(Signed) Thomas Snodgrass

To W. C. Jackson Esqr.
Secretary Military Department

From the Asjutant General of the European Barracks in the Carnatic to be prepared with all possible Expedition - one Regiment to be Cantoned at Vellajahbad —

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to request you will inform the Honorable Board, that as the army will be shortly prepared to descend the Ghauts, he could wish the Barracks for European Corps at present unoccupied in the Carnatic, to undergo the repairs, that may be requisite, to render them fit for the reception of the Troops, observing that His Lordship intends one European Regiment only shall be quartered in the Cantonments at Vellajahbad, where the accommodation is to be prepared accordingly.

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. Close
Adjt. General of the army

Head Quarters
Camp near Oscottah
2d May 1792

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to

The Honorable the Governor in Council

Madras

From Commodore Cornwallis acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Letter dated the 20th ultimo

Sir,

I have had the Honor of receiving your Letter dated the 20th of last Month, acquainting me that the Honorable the Court of Directors had been pleased to augment my allowance, as Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in India from the time of my arrival. —

And I beg leave to express to you my thanks for your obliging communication. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Minerva Madras Road 4th May 1792

Signed W. Cornwallis

Received Letters from the Rajahs of Tanjore and Vencatachenny as entered in C. C. No. 62.

Substance of Letters from the Rajahs Tanjore and Vencatachenny

63/ the former enclosing a Letter addressed to Lord Cornwallis - the latter congratulating the President on the success of the British Arms - and repeating his Request to be put in Possession of the District of Combakonny on paying to the Nizam the Peishcush for which he formerly rented it of the Company. —

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered

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5 entered in M. B. Nos 23. 24. 25. 26.—

From Ensign Kelly. From Ensign Kelly - requesting to be furnished with Extracts of the orders from the Court of Directors regarding his appointment in the Service and of the Reference to the Court regarding his Rank.

From the Resident at Nagore - acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Instructions respecting

From the Resident at Nagore the King Vizima Row.—

From the Private Secretary to the Governor General - enclosing Letters to be forwarded to England on the Ships.—

From the Private Secretary to the Governor General

From the Military Auditor General.— acknowledging Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 3 Instant.—

From the Military Auditor General

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39.—

To the Commandant at Angole - desiring him to take especial Care that the Person of Alee Sahib be secured by strong Fetters - and that the Guard over him be men in whose Fedelity he can entirely depend.—

To the Commandant at Angole

To the Board of assumed Revenue - informing them of the orders given to the Commandant at Angole and of Government's acquiescence in the application made

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made by Mr Erskine's Assistant for leave to visit the Presidency - desiring them to authorize the Collector to disburse the Sum of Six hundred Rupees in rewarding the Persons who apprehended Alee Saheb. —

To Mr William Balfour - informing him

To the Attorney to Colonel Fullarton

that Colonel Fullarton's Claim upon the Company for Bullock Hire is inadmissible - and enclosing an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation on the Subject. —

To Mr Benjamin Sulivan - informing

To Mr Benjamin Sulivan

him that the Board have confirmed their former Resolution of referring the Subject of his Claim to the Decision of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

To Colonel Floyd - informing him that

To the Officer Commanding the 19 Regiment of Light Dragoons

according to the Regulations of the Service now in force all Bills for Horse Subsistence must be paid in Arrear. —

To Messrs Topping and Parry - desiring

To Messrs Topping and Parry

them to restore immediately all the Artificers they have taken from the Military Storekeeper's yard. —

To the Military Storekeeper - informing

To the Military Storekeeper -

him of the Orders given to Messrs Topping & Parry, and desiring him to report, on the 8 Instant, whether the Artificers have been returned. —

To Do — enclosing an Order for Payment

To Do —

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5/ of the Balance of his account for March - and desiring him to deduct from Messrs Topping and Parry's Bill for deprissing Carriages, the Amount due by those Gentlemen for the Purchase of Tools from the Company -

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province - desiring him to keep the People whom he has secured upon a Charge for Murder in close Confinement until it is determined in what Manner they shall be brought to Trial. —

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province

To the Military Paymaster General - informing him that the Officers Commanding Revenue Corps are not entitled to off Reckonings.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Auditor General - desiring him to lay before the Board a Statement shewing the Charges of his office as they stand at Present, and the Encrease of Servants &c. that will be necessary in consequence of the Change of System - to report whether the large House near the Exchange is not sufficiently commodious for himself and his office Establishment - to revise the Book of Regulations - and to take his Seat at the Military Board - informing him that his application for Batta is inadmissible - and that Lieutenant Brunton will be permitted to draw the same Pay and allowances as would have fallen to his Principal in the office, from Colonel Capper's Resignation to his Colonel Malcolm's appointment. —

To the Military Auditor General

To

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To Captain Robert Bell of the Artillery

5th To Captain Robert Bell - informing him that the Board have postponed the Consideration of his Letters dated the 2d February and 30th Ultimo, until they are furnished with the Report of the Military Auditor General upon his accounts now under Examination. —

To Patchapah

To Patchapah - informing him that he cannot have permission to proceed to the Southward unless it be certified by a Surgeon that it is absolutely necessary for the Recovery of his Health. —

Substance of a Letter from the Poligar of Soonicul

6th Received a Letter from the Poligar of Soonicul as entered in C.C. N° 64 / representing his apprehensions of being ill treated by Tippoo, in consequence of his having attached himself to the Company during the late War. —

Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis —

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

To Lord Cornwallis - all recruiting and Promotion of Natives discontinued - Remarks on this Distinction in the Army and Reasons in the Tanjore Territorial Districts - Inclosing Copy of Major Shaw's Letter on the subject of withdrawing such Garrison from this Polegaurtchery, & directing him to give Orders regarding supplies of Grain for the Detachment under that Officer in the Salem Country /

My Lord,

We have been honored by the receipt of your Lordship's letter dated the 30th Ultimo, and shall immediately give orders, in conformity to your Lordship's Recommendation, that all recruiting and Promotion of Natives do immediately cease. —

Your Lordship in reply to our Communication relative

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6 relative to the affairs of the Ganjam District has been pleased to refer to former sentiments expressed by you on the occasion of a Complaint against the Polygars of Tinnevelly, we beg leave to observe that in consequence of those sentiments we directed a further Enquiry to be made into the circumstances stated by the Collector at Tinnevelly, and, from subsequent Information, on that subject, we have every reason to believe that Mr Torins' Representations are strictly just.

We are persuaded likewise that the late Misconduct of the Zemindar of Vezianagur is sufficiently proved, and that no blame is imputable to the Resident at Ganjam or his Servants. The Company's Tributaries in that District have never yet been in a state of proper subjection, and the natural Strength of the Country is extremely favorable to the wild and independent Spirit which prevails among them.

We have the Honor to enclose, for your Lordships' information, Copy of a Letter from Major Cuppage on the subject of withdrawing his Garrison from Paligautcherry.

The Commissary General of Grain and Provisions acquaints us that if it be intended to keep Major Cuppage's Detachment longer in the

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6th The Field, it will be proper to direct Captain Alexander Read to furnish Supplies of Rice for it's use, — we request to be honored with your Lordship's Sentiments on this point, that we may give the necessary orders accordingly. —

We have the Honor to be,
with great respect and Esteem,
&c. &c.
Signed Wm Medows
&c Council

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7th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in No. B. Nos. 40.41. —

To the Secretary at Bengal — informing him that the Proceedings of this Government in the Military and Political Departments from the 20th September to the 30th December 1791, have been sent on board the private Ship Lucknow. —

To the Military Board — desiring them to issue Orders for the immediate Execution of such Repairs as may be absolutely necessary to the Quarters in the Southern and Center Divisions of the Carnatic — transmitting to the Board, as soon as possible, Estimates of the Expence that will attend them. —

Sent

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Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c &c &c

To Ld Cornwallis inclosing a Letter received from the Rajah of Tanjore —

My Lord,

We have the Honor to transmit herewith a Letter addressed to your Lordship by his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore. —

We have the Honorable, with the respect & Esteem

&c &c

Fort St George
7th May 1792

Signed Wm Medows
&c Council

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in
No 2 Nos 42. 43. —

From the Military Storekeeper

From the Military Storekeeper - stating that Messrs Topping and Parry have not yet returned the artificers. —

From the Military auditor Genl

From the Military Auditor General - acknowledging Receipt of Mr Secretary Jackson's Letter dated the 5th Instant. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Major General Medows
Governor President

Tuesday
8 May 1792

Sir Chas Oakeley Bart Ernst Wm Fallofield Esq.
William Petrie Esq. absent indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved. —

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Read the following Letter from Bombay

To the Honorable Major General William Medows
President and Governor in Council
at Fort St George.

Honible Sir,

From Bombay- stating the Quantity of Rice they propose sending to this Presidency

We have now the honor to reply to your Letters of the 20th and 27th Ultimo —

We shall call on Captain Foster to make good the amount of the Bill for Medical aid afforded the Detachment under his Command during his Stay at your Presidency.

Since offering the 60,000 Bags of Rice to General Abercromby for the use of his Army, there has been so great a failure in the importation of Rice from the Maratta Country, from what cause We cannot pretend to say, the price of Rice has risen from 3-2. Rupees ℔ Parah to 4-1.50. Rupees ℔ Parah, and as the remains in our Warehouse are only 52,000 bags, and the demand for the Troops at present in Garrison amounts to two Thousand Bags ℔ Month, we are of Opinion that it would not be prudent or proper to export more than 25,000 Bags until every apprehension of a Scarcity at this Presidency is removed. We have in consequence taken up the Bridgewater, Anna Maria and Shaw Soriah, to carry the abovementioned quantity to Madras or any other Port to the Northward

as

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as far as Ganjam as you may think proper to direct;
they will be in readiness to sail hence in Seven or
eight days.— The Chief and Factors at Tellicherry advise
us under the 1st Instant, that they had 50,000 Bags of
Rice in readiness for your Coast, also a prospect of immediately
engaging Tonnage for 25,000 Bags, which We consider as
near a certainty that there is no necessity at present
for securing Tonnage for that quantity, as We make
no doubt they will give us the earliest intelligence if
they should meet with any disappointment, but for
the remaining 25,000 at this advanced season of
the year, We think there is not a moment to be lost
in securing Tonnage, altho', in case the Chief & Factors
at Tellicherry should be able to engage Tonnage for
the whole, the Honorable Company may sustain
the loss of the Freight of the Ships we take up for that
quantity, but We deem that preferable to risking the loss
of so many lives by the disappointment which your
Government would suffer in being deprived of so large
a supply of Rice We have accordingly taken up Ships
to call at Tellicherry to carry 25,000 Bags of Rice to
Madras &c. Ports as you may think Proper to direct—
they will sail from this in the Course of three or four days.—
We have the Honor &c &c &c.

Bombay Castle
10th April 1792

Geo. Dick
Daniel Crokatt
William Lewis

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry —

To the Honorable Major General Medows

President & Governor in Council at Fort St George

From the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry regarding Troops and Rice sent on board the Mary - that Ship not to proceed further than Madras —

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to acquaint you that on the Mary Captain Watson we have embarked a Detachment of His Majesty's 73d Regiment of Foot consisting of 1 Serjeant, 3 Corporals 2 Drummers and 104 Privates, together with four women and two Children under the Command of Captain French and 3 Havildars 1 Naig and 2 Sepoys of the 14th Madras Battalion to be landed at your Presidency — Captain Watson has on board his Ship 16500 bags of Rice as an invoice, bill of lading and Musters of which are herewith forwarded, which he has engaged to deliver at Madras part of this is his own property, and was on board the Mary previous to his arrival - To save time and trouble we therefore agreed to pay him an equal proportion of Rice in Bombay and to take his on account of the Company - the price and quality of it is to be ascertained in Bombay. —

Owing to the lateness of the Season Captain

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Captain Watson has objected to carry his Rice further up the Coast than Madras, where we have engaged that he shall be allowed to land it but the other Rice Ships, which will follow in the course of a few days, are all taken up with a stipulation to dispose of their Cargos at any port between Madras and Tanjore inclusive that you may be pleased to direct. —

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed Robert Taylor
Laurence Shaw
Sam.l Ince

Tellicherry
24th April 1792

P. S.

Inclosed is Captain Watson's receipt for 6 Bullocks or Cooking place put on board for the use of the Troops One more Black Officer than what is mentioned in the embarkation return has been sent on board. —

Minute on the two foregoing Letters

Resolved that Lord Cornwallis be informed of the Contents of the foregoing Letters.

Read the following Letter from the Collector at Nellore. —

From the Collector at Nellore enclosing an Estimate of the Paddy produced in the District this year, and proposing that an Embargo be laid on it's Exportation. —

To W.m William Collins Jackson
Military Secretary Fort St George.

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 26th Instant: & grable

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agreable to the Orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council I shall make every preparation in my power for the reception of the Bengal Detachment.—

I beg you will be pleased to inform the Honorable the Governor in Council that, agreable to orders of the 8th Instant, the quantity of Rice therein specified for the use of the Bengal Detachment is already in Store, and I had also given directions that every thing necessary for their reception should be prepared at the places they usually halt at in this District.—

The Honorable the Governor in Council having been pleased to order me to state the aid I shall require from the Presidency I beg you will be pleased to lay before him the enclosed Estimate of the quantity of Paddy produced this year in this District, by which it appears the quantity already exported and what may yet be procured—at the same time I think it necessary to remark that as great numbers of Merchants from the Northward have already contracted for a considerable part of the remaining Paddy at the[illegible] price for an average of 120 Madras Pagodas per [illegible] Rice I have to enable me to make the necessary prepa[illegible]ns laid an embargo for the Present upon all Paddy remaining and if this step meets with the approbation of the Honorable the Governor in Council, I beg you will inform him that a sufficient quantity of Rice may be procured in this District for the [illegible]mption; but as the late Rains have, in a great [illegible]ure, destroyed the crop of Dry Grains it will be necessary that those articles should be supplied from the Presidency particularly Dol. Gram &c.

With respect to the best situation for a Cantonment

between

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between the Sea Coast and this Place I beg you will be pleased to inform the Honorable the Governor in Council that in my Opinion there is no situation between this place and the Sea, or even near this place calculated for the Cantonment of so large a Detachment, as the Ground is chiefly productive of Paddy, and consequently during the Monsoon entirely overflowed I beg leave to Remark that Sulloor Pettah, a Place situated between the Banks of the Tornamooky River and the Kolenga Nullah, is to the best of my Judgement well calculated for a Cantonment, and can be easily supplied with the produce of this Country, besides the additional advantage of being situated within 5 or 6 Miles of a Village called Watoor: Lake on the Pulicat Lake to which Place large Chelongies may bring any Supplies that may be received from the Presidency. The Ground about Sulloor Pettah is high, and a light sandy Soil which I suppose would be a Healthy situation during the Rains. and Incase the Season should prove remarkably dry the Nullah Kolingah is capable of affording the Detachment a sufficient quantity of water which no other situation near Nellore at the same time calculated for an Encampment is capable of doing. That place also, being situated at a small distance from a Jungle, firewood [illegible] procured. many other Reasons could be given to [illegible] Honorable Opinion, a preference should be given to this Place, particularly that of it's being a High Road for the Lambardies who resort to the Sea Coast for Salt, and surrounded by the Venkatagherry and Calastry Pagoda Villages, from whence Supplies may be also procured and in whose Countries Paddy bears a less Price on account of the Carriage to the Seaside.

If the Honorable the Governor in Council, after taking these Circumstances into Consideration, should find it expedient to determine on the situation I have mentioned, I have to request you will be pleased to inform me thereof as soon as possible.

Nellore
1 May 1792

Sam'l W. Flint
Rick'd Deighton Clerke
Nellore District

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Estimate of Produce of Paddy in Nellore and Servapully District for Phazuly 1201

Names Purganahs	Bootys of Paddy 10 equal ans: Madras Garce of Rice	Garce of Rice	Inhabitants Share and Pmarahs	Government's Share Remains	Exported	Remains
Doovore &c.	10,000 "	1000 "	500 "	500 "	"	"
Bunders &c. villages	3500 "	350 "	175 "	175 "	"	"
Gundavaram	4000 "	400 "	200 "	200 "	"	"
Ullore	2500 "	250 "	125 "	125 "	"	"
Chillakore	400 "	40 "	20 "	20 "	"	"
Killah Cadavadoo	1000 "	100 "	50 "	50 "	"	"
Chinnore Goodore	2000 "	200 "	100 "	100 "	"	"
Goodlore	1800 "	180 "	90 "	90 "	"	"
Cadore &c. villages	6500 "	650 "	325 "	325 "	"	"
Dauvurmedgo Do	3000 "	300 "	150 "	150 "	"	"
Mipaudo Do	800 "	80 "	40 "	40 "	"	"
Podalakore	400 "	40 "	20 "	20 "	"	"
Cotaraukando	3000 "	300 "	150 "	150 "	"	"
Pagore &c. villages	600 "	60 "	30 "	30 "	"	"
Cusbah Nellore Do	1000 "	100 "	50 "	50 "	"	"
Mainagontarpaudo	190 "	19 "	9 200	9 200	"	"
Davoorapully	800 "	80 "	40 "	40 "	"	"
Culvoy	2000 "	200 "	100 "	100 "	"	"
Ranomaulah	20 "	2 "	1 "	1 "	"	"
Ausnellore	300 "	30 "	15 "	15 "	"	"
Mahesnellore	500 "	50 "	25 "	25 "	"	"
Paravanah	300 "	30 "	15 "	15 "	"	"
Rauunpore	200 "	20 "	10 "	10 "	"	"
	44,810 "	4481 "	2240 200	2240 200	400 "	1,810 200 "

Garce of Rice 14

Signed Rich.d Dighton
Collector Nellore District

Fort Nellore
1 May 1792

Agreed

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Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis, and that his Lordship be requested to furnish the Board with his Opinion in regard to the situation stated by Mr. Dighton to be most eligible for the Bengal Detachment to cantow during the Rains, in order that the necessary instructions may be sent to the Collector, previous to the arrival of the Troops in the Neighbourhood of Nellore.

Minute upon the foregoing Letter from the Collector at Nellore.

Read the following Letter from the Officer commanding the Troops in the Vizianagur Zemindary

To
Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
Madras

Sir

From the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Vizianagur Zemindary detailing the Operations of his Detachment since the Commencement of his late Expedition against Bommidavo

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Secretary's Letter under date the 3d Instant, Signifying to me your orders to transmit direct to Government a detailed account of the Operations of the Detachment under my Command in this Zemindary instead of making the Resident the Channel of communication to the Board. Permit me to assure you, Sir, that had your pleasure been known to me on this Head, I should invariably from the first have paid implicit obedience to it, but as I understood it ever to have been the custom with my Predecessors in this command, and indeed conceived it to be the established Rule of the Service, to report occurrences to you thro the Resident, I trust you will acquit me in having done so

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hitherto; for the future I shall strictly adhere to the directions you have now been pleased to convey to me.—

You will by course have been duly informed by Mr Snodgrass of the motives, as well as ultimate object which induced him to call forth our services, I shall therefore, agreeably to your instructions, endeavour to recapitulate circumstantially our Proceedings since the Detachment marched into this Zemindary.—

Having collected as much Force as could be spared with a necessary attention to the Ganjam and Moherry Havalies, as well as the District at large, which, from long existing troubles, required the better half of my Battalion for it's protection, I— marched from Barampore with 460 Rank and File of the 18th Battalion, mostly recruits, and two weak Grenadier Companies of the 1st 1 Brass Field 18 Pounder and 2 three Pounders badly manned by Invalid Europeans and Caffres from the Garrison of Ganjam on the 10th of February, for the purposes required by the Resident in his Letter of the 6th Inst. "To compel "Munadoo, the refractory Zemindar of Vizinnagur, "to the submissions expected from him, or, in the alternative, "to take possession of his Country for account of the "Company." The Company's Sepoys was ordered to attend me for this Service. On the 15th I came before Digapoondy the principal Fort belonging to Munadoo in the open Country on the Borders of the Jungle and about 7 Cos from Vizinnagur

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It was evacuated on our approach, and I marched again the next morning, leaving the Tasseldar with a Havildar's Guard thro' the Agingur Barrier, the Route from hence this a very close Jungle commanded on each side by high mountains, which they also abandoned, to Tullia singly about 4 Cos from Vesinnagur, on my arrival at this Place I was met by the Pretauby Venkajah Sauler whom I desired to send 50 of his People to retain Possession of Digapoondy and to join me with as many as he could. There also received a very submissive Letter from the Zemindar, expressing his Fidelity and allegiance to the Company and that he was ready to obey my orders. My answer was, conformably to my instructions, simply calling upon him to come out to my Camp himself, or to proceed to Ganjam, which it was his duty to do to make his submissions to the Resident and that I would furnish a sufficient Escort for his Person thither. not receiving any reply I marched on the 14th to Thandipett a short distance from Vesinnagur, and had determined to assault the place that night, but was induced to desist on receiving a penitential message from the Kunadoo promising that he would admit me with the Detachment into the Fort the next morning, begging me to come to him and that he was willing to comply with any thing I should direct. On my approach however to the Gates in the Morning of the 15th I was denied admittance, and seeing all his People assembled and the whole extent of the Barrier armed with every appearance of resistance, I judged it too hazardous, being day light and the Enemy so well prepared, to force a Passage, and encamped on the nearest spot within Musquet Shot. It was my intention again to have assaulted the

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the Fort this night I had formed my Plan, and prepared every thing accordingly; but in the night Munnadoo's Pauter came out to me apologizing for the disappointment, and assuring me on condition of forgiveness that his Master would accede to any terms I pleased, provided I would send back his Brothers the Pretmabgherry Rajahs Sons, who had joined me this day and who had excited his alarms and mistrust so far that he feared to receive them into his Fort. This I consented to, and the more readily, as they had brought no Provisions with them, and threw themselves upon me entirely for their subsistence. They had besides manifested such a merciless spirit of plunder and wanton cruelty towards the Inhabitants that I thought it a good opportunity to get rid of a mischievous rabble, neither disposed, or capable of rendering me the smallest assistance, whilst they produced embarrassments which I had not the means to surmount.

The result of our conference was that he would put me in full possession the next morning, and follow my advice afterwards, and go to Ganjam if required, having an assurance from me for the safety of his House and Family. Being of an opinion that, in the present state of the District, this was the most politic measure to be pursued, I agreed to suspend hostilities and was accordingly put in quiet Possession of Vizinnagur the next morning. Munnadoo then amused me with promises and evasions of coming to me, expressing at the same time much apprehension, and earnestly entreating that I would first visit him which I considered myself enjoined not to do, from the tenor of Mr. Snodgrass's instructions. Several Messages past, but after all

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all I could not prevail upon him to trust himself in Camp, or within my reach, and I found he had taken to the Hills, where, from his local resources and inaccessible retreats I could not prudently attempt to seize him, with the Force I then had, with any chance of success having been much reduced by sickness and Detachments of the several Zemindars expected to co-operate with me in this expedition not one had shewn the smallest disposition to come forward tho' repeatedly called upon, Lagnaut doo excepted and of his Fidelity I should be rather doubtful but that he conceives he has a chance of becoming Master of the Country.

I had not at this time a grain of Rice left in this part of the Country being totally desolated so as not to afford the smallest supply and had I begun hostilities I might have endangered the convoy which I had sent with all the Publick Bullocks to Barampore for Rice; indeed I still hoped, by temporizing a little, to bring him to terms, but in the night of the 22d I was convinced of his treachery and that all chance of accomodation was at an end- His Peons without Provocation opened a very heavy fire upon us from the Hills and from behind Houses in every Quarter of the Town, which brought on an irregular and smart action, but we could only disperse and drive them into the Hills from whence they constantly appeared again to renew the fight in the same skulking way- A Naigs Guard had been overpowered by a large Party who had concealed themselves upon the Road and stripped of their Arms

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and ammunition. Many of my Buzar People and Follow:
:ers had been killed, others brought in desperately mangled,
and I found every avenue to Camp and the Jungle so
strongly guarded by his Peons that I could not keep
my communication open to the Rear. The Enemy having
been strongly reinforced luckily forced their way, thro'
very hard pushed. —

Under these circumstances, Provisions and
ammunition growing also scarce, and being desirous to
detach a considerable part of my Force to the Havalies
which were threatened by a numerous Banditti under
the denomination of Sanadoo's Peons, seeing no advantage
to be looked for by remaining, or that I could attempt any
thing further among the Hills with a prospect of success, I
determined, after dismantling the Fortifications, to withdraw
to the Skirts of the Jungle, so as to get within reach of my
supplies, from the want of which we had already experienced
great distress, to cover the Country to the Rear under Coorla
from Depredation, and to establish the Company's Government.
I beg leave to observe that these were the principal points
recommended by the Resident in his original instructions,
and to consider the Havalies as the first object of my care.
This became absolutely necessary now, as Mummadoo had
already detached Parties in that direction who had began
to commit the most enormous depredations: Cadamonapoor,
a large manufacturing village near Digapondy and
the most considerable in the Jemindary, had been
plundered and burnt, and the Talliar compelled to
fly to the Pretaubgherry Country for safety. In his

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"Letter he says "Should Murnadoo retreat to the Jungles or Hills it
"will be of little avail to follow him with the Company's Troops;
"in such event therefore you will be pleased to take Post in Force
"or in Detachments in such situations as may appear to you
"most eligible for the protection of the Country from his Inroads
"and for the Security of the Company's Revenue." —

Having accordingly demolished the Fortifications I marched from Vizianagur in the Evening of the 24th, and had scarcely entered the Jungle when the Enemy appeared on all sides, keeping up a very hot fire upon the Lines from behind Rocks, Banks and impenetrable Bamboo Hedges. The Baggage, which had been sent on in Front, was immediately thrown into confusion and dispersed into the Jungle, by which means, in spite of every thing that could be done a small Quantity of the Publick Stores fell into the Enemy's Hands. The Bullock people all fled, and but for the extraordinary exertions of the Sepoys must must have been sacrificed at the first onset. I had the misfortune to lose Lieutenant Whyte of the 1st Battalion, an experienced and valuable Officer; he was killed, bravely repelling a large Body of the Enemy who had rushed in upon our Rear. I then halted till day light, during which time a heavy Fire continued on both Sides, but with no further loss to us, except two Sepoys killed and five wounded, when I proceeded on my march, exceedingly annoyed all the way by large Parties all round me, but me kept them at too great a distance to do us much mischief, and the Jungle is so very thick that little could be done against them without

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so soon as we had gained the open Country they quitted us.—

Having been repeatedly solicited by the Pretand: of Cherry Rajah, whose alarms became very great, for a reinforcement, I detached, on my Route, another Company to Lieutenant Fletcher, whom I had left there with his own from the first, and took up a position myself with the Detachment to the westward of Digaponday on the borders of the Jungle, and in sight of the outer Barrier, which, with the two outposts I have stationed, appears to cover the whole extent between the Hills, confines of Munadoo to the narrow limits of Vizinnagur, and cuts off all communication with his Country on this side. I immediately also reinforced Lieutenant Tyrrell, whom I had left with two Companies for the protection of Berhampore and the Southern parts of the Havelly, it being represented to me that the Company's Investment and the Revenue from the Havelies were seriously in danger from the combined Force of Munadoo and Sanadoo, whose Peons had assembled in the Cherry Hills with the avowed design of an attack on that side.—

Thus reduced I have since been restricted to act defensively, and to protect the Country from depredation, and I have fortunately checked every attempt of the Enemy's whose incursions are very frequent, but very feeble.— Munnadoo's Necessities I hear are very great, and that he is desirous of acceding to any terms but that of surrendering his Person; his exertions in keeping up such an extraordinary Number of Peons on this occasion must exhaust his

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slender Resources prematurely, and it is said they are leaving him in Numbers daily. Three hundred have already come over to the Tafseldar, who corroborate this information. him led however to believe that he is assisted clandestinely by almost every Zemindar in the Districts, and has of his own fourteen the Number of Peons he was supposed to have. Iam in short of opinion, that the Posts I now occupy are such as must render his situation and Resources desperate, and I still hope, from being so near him, and from giving him an alert occasionally, he may shortly be intimidated to the most humble submissions. Frequent skirmishes have happened, but none scarcely worth troubling you with a recital of.—

On the 12th Ultimo a Party of 500 made a faint attack upon my Camp at day break, but were instantly repulsed, and on the 26th they had the audacity to attack Lieutenant Fletcher's Detachment, which I had been obliged to reduce to one Company, at Bisnaghurry at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon. They came down upon him about 700, with much seeming resolution, and were received by his Sepoys with such steadiness and Spirit that they soon fled precipitately, leaving one of their principal Sardars and 12 Men killed on the Spot. Lieutenant Fletcher pursued them into the Jungle of Vizianagur and did considerable execution amongst them afterwards. —

The Grenadier Companies of the 52d Battalion, and Mahorry Peons are now in pursuit of a large Body

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of these Blood thirsty thieves, who, to the number, it's said, of 1000, have extended their incursions to the vicinity of Ganjam. They have I hear fallen in with them and been very successful, but I am not as yet acquainted with particulars. —

I have now Sir troubled you with a tedious narrative of every material occurrence since the commencement of the present service, which I am confidently of opinion could bring to a speedy and successful termination in this Zemindary, was not our attention so principally occupied by the more alarming disturbances in the Havalies, and that my Battalion could be tolerably collected, at present I have not 150 Men with me, or otherwise by conciliatory measures, if it should be thought that any terms can be granted to Munadoo after such contumacy and rebellious conduct. His treatment particularly to two of my Sepoys who have unfortunately fallen into his Hands, and were but cheerd in the most inhuman manner preclude him, I should hope, from all favor, and mark him as an object deserving your severest punishment. —

You will I trust do me the Justice to believe that I have, in every instance, exerted myself to the utmost from Zeal for the Service, and a Regard to my own Credit, and that every thing that could be done with the means I possessed, has been done. If has and always will be my study

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Study to merit your approbation; in the hopes of which
I remain with the highest respect
& &c &c

Camp near Digapoondy
15th April 1792

Signed Joseph Little
Captain Comm.g the Troops in
the Vizianagur Zemindary

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Captain Little

Agreed to inform Captain Little that
altho' the Board are of Opinion his Negotiations with
Munnadoo were unseasonable, and occasioned, in
great measure, the failure of the Expedition, yet, as
the motives by which he was induced to listen to
the Representations of the Zemindar, proceeded from a
confidence in his Sincerity, and a wish to avoid, if
possible, proceeding to the last extremity, they do not
mean to convey any disapprobation of his conduct
on the occasion. That they desire, however, he will
strictly confine himself to the protection of the
Country from the predatory incursion, until
an Arrangement can be made for the
better Security of the Company's Territory in the
Ganjam District.—

Read the following Letter from Mr.
Nathaniel Kindersley, administrator to the
Estate of the late Mr. Drake,—

To—

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

President and Governor of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From a recent Review of Mr Dawsonne Drake's Papers, I have reason to apprehend that the former administrators have (at least in part) neglected to lay before the Committee appointed by Government for inspecting the unsolidated Claims on His Highness the Nabob, the several Demands of this description, of the Estate against his Highness.— Lest this should be the case, I take leave to trouble you with the enclosed List (N1) of the Claims, the Original Securities for which are in the Hands of Messrs Porches Redhead & Co: ready to be submitted to such investigation as you may be pleased to direct. I humbly trust that the variety of hands into which this Estate has fallen, and the Confusion this has naturally introduced into it's Concerns, will excuse this delay in the presentation of the Claims (on Bond) of a considerable Body of Creditors and Legatees to the Estate,- and that the Board will be so indulgent as to direct the same measures to be observed, in authenticating these Demands, by an appeal to His Highness for his sentiments on them, and by a transmission of the result to the Honorable Court of Directors, as has been practised with regard to the Claims already made known to Government.- I also enclose (N2) a List of very heavy demands against his Excellency the Amdut ul Omrah, and (N3) demands on Tyendien Cawn, ——

I have the Honor to be, with great respect Sir &c

Signed N. E. Kindersley
Administrator to Estate of
Dawsonne Drake Deceasd

Vellore
5th May 1792

From the administrator to the Estate of the late Mr Dawsonne Drake enclosing Lists of Bonds payable by the Nabob Walleejah, the Amdut ul Omrah & Tyendien Cawn to his deceased Constituent and requesting the Interference of Government to place the Claims in a Train of Liquidation.

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No 1

List of Bonds passed by His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder &c &c &c to late Lawrence Dundas Esq.

1774 November 19	To your Bond to Charles Danke assigned to D. Drake Payable in 9 Months Interest at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum		Pags 16. Pags 16
		12000 --	
	Interest on Do from the above date to 31st December 1795 is 17. 1. 11 at 12 ℔ Cent	24644 --	
			36644 --
1776 Sept. 12	To your Bond to Archdale Palmer of this Date Payable in 25 Months assigned to D. Drake	10000 --	
	Interest on Do from the above date to 31st December 1795 is 14. 3. 18 at 12 ℔ Cent	17160 --	27160 --
1777 November 25	To your Bond to Lawrence Dundas Payable in the end of October 1778 at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum	24000	
	1778 May 28 Deduct Amount received on account of Do	6000 --	
		18000 --	
	Interest on Pagodas 24000 from 25 Nov. 1777 to 31st December 1795 is 18. 1. 25 at 12 ℔ Cent	40600 --	
	Deduct Interest on P. 6000 from 28 May 1778 to 31st Dec. 1795 is 23. 7. 3 at 12 ℔ Cent	9798 --	
		30803 --	48802 --
			Star Pagodas 112606 --

Pagodas One hundred and twelve Thousand, six hundred and Six — E E ℔ Errors excepted

Adm. to Estate of D. Drake

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No 2

List of Bonds passed by his Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah Bahauder to late Dawsonne Drake Esqr.

			No 1	6	No 1	6
1788 Janry 1	To your Bond to Charles Darke Payable in one year Interest at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum / and assigned over by him to D. Drake		6000	—		
	Interest on D. from the above date to 31st December 1791 is 14 years at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum		10080	—	10080	—
1788 March 1	To your Bond to Charles Darke & D. Drake, of this Date Payable in 12 Months, Interest at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum, assigned to D. Drake		13427	—		
	Interest on Do. to 31st December 1791 at 12 ℔ Cent		22288	36	16	
		Y. M. D. 3 10			35715	36 16
1788 April 6	To your Bond to D. Drake of this date Payable in 6 Months		3000	—		
	To another Bond of the same date		3000	—		
	To Do Do Do		120	—	6120	—
	Interest on Do from the above date to 31st December 1791 is	Y. M. D. 3 8 24	10085	31	73	
	℔ annum				16205	31 73
	Deduct Pagodas 4369 — Rupees 1733 Received					
	Interest on Do to 31st Dec. 1791 for	Y. M. D. 8 3 3	4825	5	60	
					9694	5 60
					6511	26 13
	To Amount of his Bond dated September 1777 in favor of Messrs. D. Drake and James Johnston		150000	—		
	Interest on Do. at 12 ℔ Cent from the above Date to 31st December 1791 is	Y. M. 14 4	258000	—		
					408000	—
			Star Pagodas		466307	17 29

S. Pags. Four hundred Sixty Six thousand three hundred and Seven — Fanams Seventeen — Cash twenty nine

E E & O. Errors Excepted

N. E. Lindersley
adm. & Admr. to D. Drake

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No 5.

List of Bonds passed by His Highness the Nabob's Son in Law Kymadeen Cawn Bahauder to late Dawsonne Drake Esqr.

1774
Novr. 2 To amount of your Bond
to Dawsonne Drake of this
Date Payable in 3 Months
without Interest if longer
at 9 ℔ Cent ..... 500 ..

Interest on Do. from the above
date to 31st December 1791 for 16
M D
10-28 at 9 ℔ Cent ..... 761 .. 1261 ..

1776
Feby 10 To amount of your Bond to
D. Drake of this date Payable
in 3 Months - Interest at 9 ℔ Cent 633 ...

Interest on Do. from the above
Y M D
date to 31 December 1791-15-10-20 - 304 23 70

1437 23 70

Star Pagodas 2698 23 70

Star Pagodas, two thousand, Six hundred, and
Ninety Eight, fanams, twenty three, and
Cash Seventy — E E ℔ D

Signed N E Kindersley
Admr. to Estate of
late D. Drake —

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Administrator to the Estate of the late Mr Dawsonne Drake.—

The Board can take no notice whatsoever of the Claims of the Estate upon the Amdit-Ul Omrah and Kyrodien Caun—with respect to those upon his Highness the Nabob, it is resolved to State the subject to him, and to request his answer in regard to the Justness of the Claims.—

Read the folowing Letter from the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam.—

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

Honble Sir,

From the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam requesting that his Contract may be prolonged to the End of this Year.—

On consideration of a former application from me, setting forth the difficulties I had laboured under in my Contract for Bricks and Chunam, owing to the continuation of the War, and my consequent inability to recover the old standing balances due me. The Honble Board were pleased to prolong the term of my Contract, under the idea that the speedy return of Peace would enable me to extricate myself from those difficulties, but the War having been protracted to nearly the whole time then granted me, I am emboldened to request a further indulgence until the end of this year, in which time many of those who are indebted to me, and are now with the army, will have returned, and I shall have an opportunity of recovering my balances. As no inconvenience can arise

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arise to the Company from such an extension of the term of my Contract I presume to hope you will be so good as grant my request. — I have the Honor to be,

Fort St George
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W. &c.
(Signed) Joseph Farrow
Contractor for Bricks & Chunam

To the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam.

Memo thereon

states that many of the outstanding Balances due to him would be secured by a prolongation of the Contract, it is resolved to extend the term for Six Months from this date, and no longer. —

Read the following Letter from Major Cuppage —

To the Honorable Major General Medows
Governor and Commander in Chief &c &c &c
Fort St George.

From Major Cuppage takes possession of the Fort of Sankery Durgum states that the Forts of Namcul, Salem, Penanetty, Wombor and Shandemungalum have been delivered up to the Troops sent to take Charge of them —

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you that I took Possession of the Fort of Sankery Durgum this Morning at 9 o'Clock, hoisted the English Colours, and fired a Royal Salute —

The Forts of Namcul, Salem, Penanetty, Wombor and Shandemungalum, Garrisoned by the Troops Sent from this Detachment to take possession of them. —

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect,

W. &c.
(Signed) J Cuppage
Major Commanding

Camp at
Sankery Durgam
2d May 1792

agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed that copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Lord Cornwallis. —

Read the following Letter from Major Langley. —

The Honorable Major General Medows
Governor and Commander in Chief on the Coast of
Coromandel &c. and Council

Honble Sirs,

From Major Langley requesting that the Amount of Certificates granted him by Mr. Samuel Johnston for half Batta may be discharged. —

Agreeable to the orders of Government I delivered to Mr. Johnston half Batta Bills for 88. and 89 to the amount of 392 ℔. Pagodas in March 90. / fourteen Months of which was due to me as Captain, the others belonged to different Officers / do not recollect their names. / and received a Certificate from him to that amount. On orders being issued for their payment It was presented to Mr. Farrow at Trichinopoly, who rejected it, as the different Persons and periods was not specified by Mr. J. upon hearing of it I desired Lieut. Trotter to write Mr. J. in my name, to request as a favor that he would examine his Books and send me as particular account of the Vouchers as was required here two Months after Mr. J. sent a verbal message that he could not recollect the circumstances. —

I humbly request that you will take this into consideration, and I hope will be pleased

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pleased to order the Certificate to be paid. —

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect

Camp
30th April 1792

&c. &c.
& signed A A Langley Major

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be
transmitted to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, with directions to
State whether in the Box of Vouchers lately opened by him in
the presence of the Commandant and Fort Adjutant, any Docu-
ments were found in explanation of the claim preferred
by Major Langley. —

Minute thereon. —

Read the following Letter from the Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions. —

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department. —

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions recommending that 150 Parce of Rice be sent from the Presidency for the supply of Ongole, Tumicotah and the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar. —

Sir,

Upon Receipt of the resolution of Government
directing Mr. Dighton to deliver to Mr. Young for the
Store of Innaconda 100 Parce of Rice from the Nellore
Country, I called upon Mr. Young for an Estimate of the
Expence of the purchase and Storing that quantity as —
proposed. —

He informs me that Mr. Dighton has not yet
settled the Price, but, from the best information he can
procure.

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procure and from the present general high price of Grain, it will not, he believes, fall short of 26 Pagodas ℔ Candy. and that, with the Charge of Carriage. Supposing no detention of it in the Villages. the probable Charge for laying up the 100 Parce of Rice at Innaconda will be about Pagodas 17499.

I Calculate that the Expence of Sending 100 Parce of the Companys Rice now in Store here. Valuing it at 100 Pagodas ℔ Parce / the last received from Bengal was charged only at 85 Ps ℔ Parce / by Sea to Mootapilly. in = cluding Freight and the Expence of Gunny Bags and Charge of Carriage to Innaconda. cannot exceed 15000 Pagodas. and as it has been Resolved that the Bengal Detach= =ment must. Remain in the Nellore country during the monsoon. which will Require all its Resources. I— have taken upon me to put a Stop to Mr. Youngs Receiving more Grain from Mr. Dighton than may have been Supplied and loaded at the time of Receiving my Letter.—

Mr. Young has also forwarded to me the Collectors Estimate of the Expence of laying up from the Angole Districts 100 Parce of Paddy. Ordered for the Engle Stores, and, including the Charge of Carriage, the Expence will amount to about L. Pagodas 10,580.—

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The Charge of sending 50 Parce of Rice from Madras to Angole including Freight, Gunny Bags and all Charges, I calculate cannot exceed 7,000 Pagodas.—

Mr. Young has likewise sent me the Collectors Estimate of laying up 50 Parce of Rice at Tenne-cottah amounting to about Pagodas 11,784.—

The expence of sending the same quantity from hence, I estimate cannot exceed Pagodas 2400.—

From the Scarcity that prevails in that quarter and Consequent very high Price. I have directed Mr. Young not to call upon the Collector for a supply—and beg leave to propose that 150 Parce be sent from this Store, a quantity, in my opinion, Sufficient for the supply of Angole, the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar and Tenne-cottah, unless the Scarcity should Continue much longer than we have Reason to apprehend.—

I am,

Madras
4th. May 1792.

Sir, Your, &c.
Sign'd Thomas Cockburn
Cr. G. S. P.

Minute thereon — The Board entirely approve the recommendations of Mr. Cockburn. Resolved in Consequence that he be directed to indent upon the Garrison Store-keeper for 150 Parce of Rice, being the Quantity reckoned to

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to be sufficient for the supply of Angole Tinnicotah and the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar.—

Read the following Letter from the Commissary Generale of Grain and Provisions.—

To the Honorable Major General William Medows.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir.

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions requesting to know in what terms the Grain received from the Rajahs of Paligautcherry in part of their Pishcush is to be accounted for—

I had the honor to inform Government on the 10th ultimo of the Steps taken for the disposal of the Army Store of Grain at Paligautcherry—Mr Corbett the Storekeeper informs me that Previous to the receipt of my Letter on the Subject, Major Cuppage had received orders to evacuate the Coimbatore Country by which the great Channel of Consumption was cut off, every merchant who had lived under the protection of the English Government, having upon the first report of the Country reverting to its former master quitted the Districts—The Major had also received instructions to deliver the Garrison of Paligatcherry to any Officer who might be sent by General Abercrombie to take upon him the Command; and these Circumstances the Storekeeper fears will prevent him from selling much of the Grain and other Stores.—

It does not appear that any Prices were fixed for the various Articles of Grain and Provision received from the Rajahs

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Rajah's on account of Pattcoil for the Paligautchoory Stores, only receipts granted for the Quantity; it remains for Government to determine whether the Person who was in charge is to settle the Prices to be allowed to them, or to leave the Settlements to be made by the proper Offices on the part of the Bombay Government.

I have the Honor to be,

Madras
7th May 1792

&c. &c. &c.

Signed Thos. Cockburn
Sec. P.C.P. Pt.

Major Cuppage having stated in his Letter to the Board dated 9th April 1791. that the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore had acquainted him with the arrangements made with the Zamorin and the Rajahs of Paligautcherry and Calanatterry, without explaining what those Arrangements were — it is resolved to call upon him for information respecting the amount of the Tribute required from each of the abovementioned Persons, and whether any and what Stipulation had been made regarding the Price at which Grain or other articles of Provision was to be delivered by them for the Public Service.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Honorable Major General W. Medows.

Governor in Council Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir.

I have the honor to inclose you Copy of a Letter.

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Letter I have received from Mr. Collector Kindersley; and, as I have not been furnished with a Copy of the Order of the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis to which he alludes, I request to know whether it is your Orders that I shall accept the Bill he has drawn on me.

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

Signed Benj. Roebuck
M.P.M.

Pay Office
Fort St. George
7th May 1792

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General

Sir.

By order of the assumed Rumme I have drawn upon you this day for Star Pagodas 23.12 fanams paid for Superintending the supplying Provisions to the Benjaree's and Camp Merchants as per Lord Cornwallis Order dated 27th August 1792.

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

Signed N. E. Kindersley Collector

Near Fellore 4th May 1792

A true Copy.

Signed B. Roebuck M.P.M.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Bill be accepted.

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. No 65.

Translation of a letter from the Nabob Wallajah To Major Genl. Medows Governor of Madras &c. Dated 14th Rumzaun 1206 Hegera. 6th May 1792

Recd 7th ditto

From the Nabob acknowledging the Justness of the late Captain Everitt's Claim upon His Highness. for Arrears of Pay.

Sir Charles Oakely in a Letter dated 26th Mohurrum 1206 Hegera or 26th September 1791. writes me that the Executor to the Estate of the late Captain John Everitt, has found among the Property of the deceased, a Bond of mine for Pagodas 3919-8 Annas or 1/2 of a Pagoda granted for Arrears of Pay and Batta, and desires I would inform him if the Claim is just which I understand. Upon reference to the Circar Accounts I find that, after deducting the Receipts the Principle Sum upon the Bond to John Everitt amounts to Pagodas 3587. and half a quarter of an Anna or 1/32d part of a Pagoda The Bond is just, and the Claim will be put in the same train of Payment

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Rajahs on account of Peishcush for the Paligautchurry Star, 1
only receipts granted for the Quantity it remains for Government
to determine whether the Person who was in charge is to settle
the Price to be allowed to them, or to leave the Settlement to be
made by the proper Officer on the part of the Bombay Govern-
ment.—

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Madras
7th May 1792

Sigd Thos. Cockburn
Sec. G.G. Pt.

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the Board dated 9th April 1791. that the [illegible] of the Dewan
of the Rajah of Travancore had acquainted him with the
arrangements made with the Zamoryn and the Rajahs
of Paligautchurry and Valanatirry, without explaining
what those arrangements were. it is resolved to call
upon him for information respecting the amount of the
Tribute required from each of the abovementioned Persons, and
whether any and what Stipulation had been made regarding
the Price at which Grain or other articles of Provision was to
be delivered by them for the Public Service.

Read the following Letter from the Military
Paymaster General.—

To the Honorable Major General W. Medows

Governor in Council Fort St. George.

Hble Sir.

I have the honor to inclose you Copy of a
Letter.

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Fort St. George 8th May 1792.

Letter I have received from Mr. Collector Kindersley; and, as I have not been furnished with a Copy of the Order of the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis to which he alludes, I request to know whether it is your Order that I shall accept the Bill he has drawn on me.—

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

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

Pay Office
Fort St. George
7th May 1792

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General

Sir. By order of the aforesaid Revenue I have drawn upon — you this day for Star Pagodas 2312 Fanams paid for Superintending the supplying Provisions to the Benjaris and Camp Merchants as Yr Lord Cornwallis Order dated 27th August 1792.

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

(Signed) N. E. Kindersley Collector

Mar. Hellores 4. May 1792

A true Copy.

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

Ordered that the Bill be accepted.—

Minute thereon —

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C. No. 65.

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Wallajah To Major Jno. Meadows. Governor of Madras &c. — Dated 14th Rumzaun 1206. Hegera. & 6th May 1792

Recd. 7th &c. &c.

Sir Charles Oakeley in a Letter dated 26th Mohurrum 1206 Hegera or 26th September 1791. writes me that the Executor to the Estate of the late Captain John Everitt, has found among the Property of the deceased, a Bond of mine for Pagodas 3919–8 Annas or 1/2 of a Pagoda granted for arrears of Pay and Batta, and desires I would inform him if the Claim is just — which I understand upon Reference to the Circar Accounts — I find that, after deducting the Receipts the — Principle Sum upon the Bond to John Everitt amounts to Pagodas 3587. and half a quarter of an Anna or 1/32d part of a Pagoda The Bond is just, and the Claim will be put in the same train of Payment

From the Nabob — acknowledging the Justness of the late Captain Everitt's — Claim upon His — Highness for Arrears of Pay. —

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Payments as others of this nature I write this for your information

What can I say more.

Above translation

Signed David Halliburton

Cpt. 52d

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

Ensign Robert Hamilton Tetherington transferred from the Infantry to the Corps of Engineers Ensign W. B. Burdett struck off the List of the Army on this Establishment.

The President, in his Character of Commander in Chief recommends that Ensign Robert Hamilton Tetherington be transferred from the Infantry to the Engineers, to complete the Establishment of that Corps - and that Ensign William Braynell Burdell, who has been appointed to a Commission in his Majesty's 52d Regiment, be struck off the List of the Army on this Establishment.

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Chas. Cakeby.

R. H. Scott

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George Parry Esqr