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Should he carried on without the Knowledge of Government

Angole May 4th 1792.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Dunwoody

Captain 8th Batt. Native Infantry

To the Honorable: Major General Wm. Medows

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

From the Chief and Council of Manelipatam recommending that the Orders given for purchasing Rice for the Garrison stores of Innamondah, Angole &c. be complied.

Having been furnished by the Payomaster at Angole, with Estimates of Cash wanted for his Disbursements in the present Month, and observing that the Sum expected to be appropriated for the purchase of Grain for Garrison Store, is very considerable, amounting to Madras Pagodas 35,895. 12. 48, we think it proper to transmit you Copies of the Estimates, and to request to be honored with your Orders, before the Money be dispatched; having as yet received your directions only, in regard to the advances to be made for the Grain ordered to be Stored at Innamondah

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From the Scarcity that has so long prevailed the price of Grain is no doubt very much increased every where; and if a plentiful year should succeed, what is now laid up in Store, may probably not be disposed of hereafter for above one fourth of its first Cost and the expence of laying it in: besides which, the purchasing up of so large a quantity of Grain must tend in some degree to enhance the price to the Inhabitants. These Reflections having occurred to us, we think it our duty to submit them to you, before the Money applied for be disbursed, in case the present situation of Affairs may be considered as rendering a Garrison Store, at the lesser Military Stations, not so necessary as during the War, or that Angole, and others near the Sea Coast, may be supplied at a cheaper rate and with less distress to the Country, with Grain imported by Sea.—

Masulipatam
3d. May 1792.—

We have the honor to &c very respectfully
&c &c
" Jnth: Sadleir
" Wm Dobbyn
" Andw Scott

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Substance of a letter from the Calastry Rajah

Received a Letter from the Calastry Rajah, entered in C. C. No. 66, advising of his having given the most positive Orders to all the Dumils in his Country not to exact any Duties upon Articles coming to Madras.—

Received the following Letters.—

Will.m C. Jackson Esquire

Military Secretary.—

Sir,

From the Commandant at Angole advising of his having given Orders for preventing a Frenchman, lately arrived at Mootapilla, from inlisting Recruits in the Districts under his Command.—

Be pleased to acquaint the Honorable the Governor in Council I have just received a Report from Pundalapilly, a Village on the Confines of the Angole District, near the Coast, and bordering on the Guntoor Circar where there is a Guard from hence, that a Frenchman has landed at Nairpilly, near Mootoopilly, with two 6 Pdrs and is inlisting recruits for the Service, as he says of the Nizam — I have sent orders to the Guard not to permit him to enlist in the Angole District, and as Nairpilly is in the Guntoor Circar — I have informed Major Burn of the Report I have received, lest the Frenchman

should

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Probable Estimate for Cash Necessary for the Disbursements of Mr. Samuel Young in the Department of Grain and Provision for May 1792

Payment for 100 Garee of Course Red Rice to be delivered by Mr. Collector Dighton from Nellore District supposed at 26 P.r Candy or 2½ Garee about @ 110 M.r Pagodas. — ..... 11,000.. " "

Transporting one hundred Garee upward 150 Miles upon the Average / say 15 days 7200 Bullocks star Pagodas 5,400 or .... 4909.. 4..16.

Madras Pagodas 15,909.. 4.. 16

The above Etimate is formed from the best Information I can get of the Distrct Price, Mr. Dighton not having yet named any. The Carriage is Etimated upon a Supprosition that the Rice is ready when the Bullocks Arrive in each Village, & and that they are not detained. —

E. E.

A true Copy / Signed / Samuel Young, Paymaster

(Signed) Robert Malcolm

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Probable Estimate of the Cost and Charges of the Garriso
Stocks of Grain for Congole and Palmaud for which Cash will be ne
cessary in the Month of May 1792.-

Cost of 100 Garce of fine Pale Paddy at 120 M Pag.s ₰
Candy as ₰ Mr. Collector Erskine's Letter, to be
delivered by him in May at ₰ Garce about
86 M.rs Pagodas ₰ Garce ..... 8,600. " "

Charges in Transporting the above 7,200 Bullock
Load at 2 days ₰ each Bullock is "
Star Pagodas 720 or M.rs Pagodas 654 25. 1

Cost of 50 Garce of fine White Rice at 175 M. Pag.s
₰ Garce to be delivered by Mr. Erskine in
May for the Store in Palmaud ..... 8,750. " "

Charges of 3,600 Bullock Load carrying to
Semericotah 1115 Miles for 12 days hire
is Star Pagodas 2160 or 1963. 29.32

M Pagodas 19968. 8. 32

Errors Excepted
(Signed) Samuel Young
Dep.y

A true Copy
(Signed) Robert Malcolm
a/s.t Secry.-

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as
entered in M. P. N. 44.. 45.

To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam
informing them that the Grain required for Store at
Innacondah, Ongole and Jemmicolah will be
sent from the Presidency.—

To Captain Little—informing him that as
the Motives by which he was induced to listen to
Mummadoo's Representations proceeded from
a Confidence in his Sincerity and a wish to avoid,
if possible, proceeding to the last Extremity—the Board
do not mean to convey any disapprobation of his
Conduct on the Occasion—and desiring him to confine
himself to the Protection of the Country from predatory
Incursion, until an Arrangement can be made for
the Security of the Company's Territories in the
Ganjam District.—

Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. N.o 67/
requesting him to state whether Sundry Claims upon
His Highness, brought forward by the Administrator
to the Estate of the late Mr. Dawsonne Drake are just

Sent

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9th Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis KG

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

To Lord Cornwallis. regarding the most eligible Situation for Cantoning the Bengal Detachment. expected supply of Grain from Tellicherry and Bombay. Forts in the Salem Country cede to Major Cuppage's Detachment. inclosing the Letter from the Rajah of Venadatghery regarding the District of Cannitghery.—

We have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship Copy of a letter from the Collector at Nellore, pointing out the Situation most eligible for the Bengal Detachment to canton during the rains in the Northern Circars, upon which we are desirous of being furnished with your Lordship's opinion, that we may give the necessary Orders to Mr. Dighton previous to the Arrival of the Troops in the neighbourhood of Nellore.—

We are informed by a letter from the Bombay Government under date the 18. Ultimo, that owing to a failure in the importation of Rice from the Maratta Country, the Price of that Article had risen very considerably, and that, of the quantity ordered by your Lordship to be sent to this Coast, twenty five thousand Bags only could be spared from the Store

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at Bombay, which, with fifty thousand Bags in readiness at Tellicherry would be shipped for Madras in the Course of a few days - This Supply, however, will afford Sential Relief, and enable us, besides assisting the Bengal Detachment, to distribute a Portion of it Among the Subordinate Settlements to the Northward. -

Major Cuppage acquaints us, in a letter dated the 2. instant, that he had taken possession of Sunkery Durgum that Morning; and that the Ports of Namcul, Salem, Permetty, Wombalore and Shandamungalum had been Garrisoned by the Troops detached for the purpose by him. -

The Rajah of Veneatgherry having addressed a letter to our President, requesting he would solicit your Lordship's interference with the Nizam to be put in possession of the District of Cannieutgherry which had been ceded to his Highness by the late definitive Treaty upon the same Terms as he had held it from Hyder Ally Cawn we have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a Copy of his Letter. -

Fort St. George
8th May 1792.

We have the Honor to be with great Respect & Esteem
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Medows

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Recived the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nº 46. 47. 48.

From the Military Paymaster General - desiring to

from the Military Paymaster General -

Know if he is to Answer the Drafts of the Paymaster to the Troops serving with Major Cuppage's Detachment

From the Secretary to the Committee of Works at

from the Secretary to the Committee of Works at Trichinopoly -

Trichinopoly - enclosing an Estimate for repairing the Rumma Colingum Granary, and fitting it up as a Magazine - also the Proceedings of the Committee of Works dated 3. Instant

From Lieutenant Rosbotham - requesting that

from Lieutenant Rosbotham of His Majesty's 7th. Regiment

the Board will order him a Passage to England on one of the Indiamen under Dispatch at the Price regulated by the Honorable Court of Directors -

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nº 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55.

To Major Cuppage - desiring him to report the

Major Cuppage

Amount of the Tribute required by him from the Rajahs of Paligautcherry and Valanatorry - and whether any and what Stipulation was made in regard to the Price at which Grain or other Articles of Provision, was to be delivered by them for the Public Service. — To

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To the Commissary General of Grain and

To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Provisions - desiring him to indent upon the Garrison Storekeeper for 150 Garce of Rice, being the Quantity reckoned by him to be sufficient for the Supply of Ongole, Temericottah, and the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar -

To the Collector in the Northern Division of

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province

the Arcot Province - desiring him to set out for the Presidency so as to Arrive by the 16 Instant, in order to attend the Trial of Ensign Ballard. -

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly - enclosing a

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Copy of a Letter from Major Langley; and desiring him to state whether in the Box of Papers lately opened by him, in the Presence of the Commandant and Fort Adjutant, any Documents were found in explanation of the Claim preferred by Major Langley -

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General - desiring him to accept the Bill drawn upon him by W. Kinderley

To the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam

To the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam informing him that the Board have resolved to prolong the Term of his Contract for six Months -

To the Military Board

To the Military Board, communicating the Resolution of Government of prolonging the Period of

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of M. Garrow's Contract.—

Recived the undermentioned Letters as entered

in M: B: ~~No~~ 56. 57. 58. 59. 60.

From the Commissary General of Grain and

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

Provisions stating that a want of accomodation &
subsists between M. Vaughan and Captain Bowser &
injurious to the Public Service; and requesting that &
the latter may be instructed to furnish the former with
a present State of the Troops composing the Garrison
of Dindigul.—

From the Military Paymaster General &

From the Military Paymaster General.—

enclosing Copy of a Letter from M. Yeats and desiring
to know if he is to accept the Bills drawn upon him
on Account of Expences attending the Cargo of the Eliza—

From the Commandant at Tanjore &

From the Commandant at Tanjore.—

acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Orders regarding
Kistnarow.—

From Do. enclosing an Estimate of the &

From Do.—

Expence that will attend the Execution of the Repairs
deemed absolutely necessary to the Officers Quarters &
and Soldiers Barracks &c. in that Garrison.—

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From the Commandant at Dindegul —

From the Commant. at Dindegul. — stating that the Tappal between Paligaudchurry and Dindegul has been intercepted and detained by Teppoo's People. — Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N°. 61. 62.

To the Board of Assumed Revenue — informing them that Government have instructed M. Kindersley to set out for the Presidency so as to Arrive there by the 16th Instant. —

To the Board of Assumed Revenue. —

To Mr. Robert Dashwood — desiring him to proceed to the Presidency in order to attend the Trial of Captain Kennedy. —

To Mr. Robert Dashwood at Cuddalore. —

Recived the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. N°. 63. 64. 65. 66.

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General — enclosing a Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nabob. —

From the Persian Interpreter to the Governor General. —

From the Secretary at Bombay — advising of the Date of Lieutenant Hunter's Arrival at that place. —

From the Secretary at Bombay

From D. — enclosing a Letter addressed to the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis —

From D. —

From

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From Messrs. Chase, Parry and Co. tendering

From Messrs. Chase Parry & Co. The Ship Mary for the Purpose of conveying Troops to Bengal.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Major General Medows Governor President

Friday 11th May 1792.

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet

Ernst William Falloofield Esqre

William Petrie Esqre absent indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

The Board proceed to pass the necessary resolutions upon the Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 14th Decembr 1791, and received Yesterday by the Nottingham.—

Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 14th Decembr 1791, and received J. Nottingham, taken into Consideration. Resolutions passed thereon.—

No remarks.—

Para 1. Receipt of Letters acknowledged.

Do.—

2. Seven hundred Recruits to be sent out for the Service of this Presidency.—

Do.

3. Military Officers permitted to return to their Duty.—

Do.

4. Half Pay advanced to Officers.—

Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Military Paymaster General.—

Ordered

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Q. Observations upon the Indents for Military Stores transmitted to England in September 1790.

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to state the Cause of the Mistake in the Indent for Military Stores dated in September 1790. The Board are inclined to think this material paper could not have undergone any examination, since it is impossible to suppose that an idea could have been entertained that the Articles of Shot and Shells as indented for, would have been complied with.

Ordered also that the Military Board do assign their Reason for indenting for Flats, when it appeared that there were then in Store 17 102.

As the War is now at an end, the Board conceive there will be no occasion for detaining at Madras any part of the Consignments of Military Stores to Bengal. But of this the Military Board will be able to judge, so soon as the Account of Stores intended for this Presidency is received.

Resolved that the Military Board be instructed to pay strict attention to the Orders contained in the 9th Paragraph regarding a return of Stores to be sent home Yearly in duplicate by the two first Ships.

Read

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Read the following Letters from his

Highness the Nabob, which are entered also in C.C. vol. 68. 69

Translation of a letter from the Nabob Walla Jah

To Major General Medows Governor of

Madras.—

Dated 16th Rumzaun 1206 Hegery

or

8. May 1792.—

Received 10th do— do.

From the Nabob requesting his Request that Mr. Moubray may be instructed to attend the Durbar to explain the Board's Statement of Cajeneh's Accounts with the Company —

Previous to this I received the Accounts—

Books from the Company's Accounting Office, It is

necessary for Mr. Moubray to come to my Durbar to

Explain the said Accounts, to examine the Sums paid

by the Circar to the Company, and to furnish the Circar

with the Jamah Khurch Account of the Circar's Receipts

from the Year 1195 Fusly to the present time, and of the

Such Monies as have been paid to the Creditors &c.—

specifying the several Items — I have heretofore written

on this Subject to Sir Charles Oakeley,— It is my wish

that the Accounts on both sides should be examined

and prepared previous to the Arrival of Lord Cornwallis

Behauder, You will therefore be pleased to order

Mr. Moubray to attend my Durbar, to explain

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and Compare the Accounts already sent to me, and to furnish me with the Jamah Khurch and other Accounts which are wanted.

What can I say more?

A true Translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Translation of a letter from the Nabob Wallajah To Major General Medows Governor of Madras.-

Dated 17th Rumzaun 1206 Hegery

9th May 1792

Recived 10. — do —

I have Received your letter of the 5th Rumzaun 1206 Hegery or 27th April 1792 and understand its Contents, which however have not failed to give me much concern, when I Knew the Company in distress in former times, it was not my Custom to tell them that I could not relieve them until our Accounts were settled. But those times are forgot by my Friend although they are still fresh in my Remembrance. —

From the Nabob requesting that the Advance he has requested for 40000 Pagodas may be considered in the Light of a temporary Loan. -

As my wants are at this time very pressing, I must again request, that you will comply with my application under date the 23d of April 1792. for

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Forty thousand Pagodas to be advanced on Account of the one fifth of my Revenues, and my friend still thinks proper to refuse me this favour, because the Accounts are not finally settled; I will then entreat that he will be so good as to lend me this Sum, which I promise to make good to The Company on the final Settlement of the Collection of the present Year - my Friend himself confesses that it is probable the Revenues of the present Year may be more favorable than is stated in the Account that was sent home, therefore he can have no fear of the Company sustaining any loss by this act of Kindness, to this old ally, whose Country has been taken from him, and his Revenues appropriated to defray the Expences of their War. -

If I am denied the whole of the advance I now apply for, I desire that Bills may be given me for 20,000 Pagodas in this Month by the 15th, and for the other 20,000 Pagodas in the course of the next, payable to Venkata Soubiah to whom I am much indebted. -

What can I say more?

A true translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Resolved

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from the Nabob.—

Resolved, in compliance with the Nabobs Request, that Mr. Moubray be directed to attend at his Highness's Durbar for the purpose of entering into any explanation that may be required regarding the Nabobs Accounts with the Company.—

Agreed to inform the Nabob that it is not totally out of the Power of the Board to advance at present any further Sums on Account of his Jaghire for that although it is probable the Revenues of the present Year will be more favorable than is stated in the Account sent to his Highness, yet it may be otherwise; and they could not be justified, in this uncertainty, of paying from the Revenue so considerable a Sum as forty thousand Pagodas, for the purpose of liquidating a Debt due by him to Venkaty Sooberah, until it be determined, by the Nett Collections, that such Sum is due to his Highness.—

Resolved that it be repeated to the Nabob that strict Justice will be done, and every Pagoda to which he has a right, most punctually paid, the Moment it becomes due.—and that with this Assurance the Board hope he will rest satisfied.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Governor and Council at St. Helena —

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G. Governor General &c. or in his Absence to The Honorable the Governor and Council. — at Fort St. George

My Lord or Honble. Sir and Sirs,

From the Governor and Council at St. Helena intimating a Detachment of Volunteers embarked on the Ocean for Madras —

In conformity with an Order of the Honble Court of Directors We now forward a Detachment from this Garrison on the Ocean Storeship: They are formed of Volunteers who have engaged to serve for five Years after their Arrival in India, and have received their Bounty accordingly and all being passed fit for Active Service in the Field; the List and Papers are enclosed. —

Captain Patton has the entire Charge of them, and of their delivery to you, under him We have directed the Non Commissioned Officers to keep up good Order and Discipline on Board — the Oldest of them is to return with the Arms &c. &c.

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to this place, and so are the Piser and Drummer, that is, without you please to give an Order to the Contrary.—

That the Men may Arrive safe and in good Order and prove Serviceable to your Establishment, and that your Arms may be Gloriously triumphant is the Sincere prayer of

My Lord or Honble Sir and Sirs,

&c: &c: &c:

(Signed) „ Robert Brooke
„ Fr. Robson
„ Wm Wrangham

St. Helena
14th March 1792.

List of the Packet from St. Helena dated 14th March 1792.

No. 1. Governor and Council's General Letter dated 14th March 1792
2 The Governor's Letter to the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G. &c. &c. &c
3 List of Military Embarked on board the Ocean for Fort St. George who are to serve five years from their Landing in India
4 List of Military Embarked on board the Ocean for Fort St. George, who have Voluntarily Agreed to Submit, and pay due Obedience to Captain Andrew Patton Commander of the said Ship &c. &c.—

(Signed) W. W. Doveton
Secretary—

Minute Thereon

Ordered that the Troops be landed.—

Read the following letter from the Military Board—the Enclosures of which, excepting one, are entered in M.B. No. 67 to 71

To—

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The Honorable. Major General. Medows

Governor and President in Council

Honorable Sir.

From the Military Board recommending the adoption of sundry Regulations for preventing the Company from sustaining any Loss in the Transportation of Stores from Port to Port remarks on Invoices, Bullock Master's Claims on Major Young &c enclosing Sundry Papers &c &c relating to the Ill treatment offered to the Paymasters Servants by the Commandant at Pondamalle Instructions required regarding the Indents of Stores from the Garrisons Bengal and Coast Gunpowder mixed upon the Boats—

Herewith We have the honor to submit to you, Copy of a Minute of the Commissary General of Stores, and its References, together with Lists of the Stores Received from Bengal by the Ships Manship and Northumberland shewing the Surplus and Deficiencies on Each Supply—

The quantity and amount Value of the Articles deficient of that lately sent on the Bridges-water, We are sorry to observe are in particular, very considerable, and, adverting to the Strong and acknowledged propensity of the Boat People to Steal, We are satisfied, from the Enquiries which have been made, that to its Effects are these Losses ascribable, with a very few Exceptions. Should therefore the Regulations suggested by Major Hall appear to your Honorable Board, as they do to ourselves, well calculated to remedy similar Evils in future, We beg leave to recommend their immediate

adoption

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Adoption, and to submit the Expediency of their
publication to all Captains, and Owners of Vessels
as well as of enjoining the Master Attendant to pay
every possible attention on his part, on all occasions
of Shipping or Landing Public Stores.—

With respect to the Sub Conductors proposed
by Major Hall to be appointed, We beg leave to
inform you, that they already stand on the Book of
Regulations as allowed, altho' their appointment
has never yet taken place, but as the Duties to
be performed by them under the proposed Regulations
are important, and the advantages to be derived, with
we trust, be considerable — We doubt not any
Additional Expence such Appointments will
incur, as well as that of the Extra Conductor, for
whom, we intend shall be considered as expressly
employed for the purpose of landing and Shipping
Stores at this Presidency, will appear to you as
fully justified and compensated, under the above
Consideration.—

We

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We have perused with due attention the Papers you were pleased to refer to us respecting the Claims of Trimaloo, The Bullock Mastry Employed by Major Yeounge, and perceiving there is no Written Agreement between them, We have therefore only the Assertions of each party to form any Judgement upon; under a further Consideration, however, of this matter, We reflect that the whole is a transaction of a private Nature, as Major Yeounge is a Contractor with the Government for feeding the Horses of his Regiment: And as the Bullocks in question appear to have been employed for the express purpose of Carrying the Gram for his Regiment, We trust We shall be held absolved from offering any Opinion on this Subject; We at the same time hope that having called upon Major Yeounge and Obtained from him the enclosed Explanation, we will Evince to you our readiness to have fulfilled your Commands on this Occasion, if the Transaction had appeared of a Nature so public, as to have justified our Interference.—

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We beg leave to submit to you Copy of a Letter, addressed to us by the Military Paymaster General, with its Enclosures, and having judged it necessary to call Mootiah, the Complainant, before us, We directed him to peruse carefully the Cawle he had stated, which having done, he signed it in our presence as declaratory of the exact Truth, and, with respect to the pay Note, the Commissary appears justified in having withheld the discharge of it until Authorized by his Master, as on our Examination of Serjeant Miller of the 71st Regiment We find he has been ordered from Coonamallee by his Commanding Officer in September last to take Charge of the Regimental Stores in Fort St. George; exclusive of the Informality of the Charge from having been so long Kept back.—

The Correspondence which has already taken place, upon this unpleasant Subject, Copy of which We herewith enclose, will, we are confident, satisfy your Honorable Board that We had used every means of persuasion in our power to prevent

circumstances

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Circumstance of a similar Nature again occurring, It is therefore with Extreme Concern we have received this 4th Additional Instance of Complaint from the Military Paymaster General against Major Brodie, and however Reluctantly, We at length adopt a Measure, it must appear obvious, We have long wished to avoid, We feel ourselves compelled, from Motives of Duty, on the present Occasion, to lay the Matter before you in the hope that your Interposition will restore that sense of Good Order and Discretion in Command, which is absolutely Essential to the Credit and furtherance of the Service. —

Having Received several Indents from Out Garrisons, & a General Compliance therewith not appearing to us expedient until a final Disposition of the Troops on a peace Establishment takes place, We have directed only such Articles to be supplied at present as may be necessary for the Current Service at the different Stations; but, on the same principles, We think it proper to State to you, with regard to the Indent from Ganjam, that the

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Resident there has represented to us that a supply of Stores is absolutely requisite for carrying on the present field Operations in that District, and to submit whether an Exception to the above measure may not, in this Instance, be advisable—

The Senior Officer of Artillery in Garrison has laid before us a Report Proof of 1799 Barrels of Bengal Powder and of 1175 Barrels of that Manufactured at Madras in the Months of March and April, the whole of which being considerably above Proof, We have directed them to be received upon the Company's Books.—

We have the honor to be with Respect

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
5th May 1792.—

(Signed) " Edw.d Collins

" George Maule

"

" George Hall

The Commissary General of Stores lays before the Board a List of Articles, deficient of the Stores sent on the Baidgewater / Captain Lewin / to Nagore for

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for the Service of the Garrison of Tichinopoly, and Field Service South of the Coleroon; The deficiency having been unusually great, every Endeavor has been made to discover where the losses have occurred - The result of which will appear in the Column of Remarks on the List now before the Board: the Value of the Articles deficient Amounts to Pagodas three hundred and twenty two - twenty one fanam, and thirty six Cash. -

In conveying Supplies of Military Stores from the presidency to the Out Garrisons, both by Sea and Land, the loss of Articles is frequently very considerable, owing, as I suppose, to the pilfering disposition of the Boat people, Bullock Drivers, Lascars and other Natives employed on these Occasions, with a View to prevent such Inconveniences in future, I submit to the Board, the following Expedient, as the only means that, in my Opinion, will be effectual to secure the Stores from or plunder whilst under conveyance to out Garrisons. -

That in future it be a Rule whenever Military Stores are dispatched to Subordinate Settlements, or Out Garrisons, to send in Charge of them a Conductor of Stores, who shall, in every respect, be held responsible for them

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them until they are delivered to the Storekeeper or other Ordnance Officer whose duty it may be to receive them at the place for which the Supply is intended; when the Conductor is to see them unpacked and an Account of them taken in his presence; the necessity of which some is so perceptibly obvious that I am induced to recommend it in the strongest manner.—

Whenever a supply of Military Stores are to be sent by Sea, a Conductor and Subconductor of Stores are to superintend the Lading of them on the Vessel engaged for that purpose, and who are to be considered in Charge of the Articles, from the time they are taken out of the Arsenal, until they are delivered to the person appointed, at the place of their destination, to receive them, except whilst they are in the Vessel at Sea, when they are to be considered as wholly in Charge of the Commander of the

The following Rules are to be observed in imbarking Stores, on Vessels employed on Account of the Company.—

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The Conductor of Stores is to be furnished with a correct List of the Articles to be Shipped, which is to bear the Signature of the Commissary General of Stores.—

He is then to proceed on Board to receive and Examine packages and Articles of Store, by the List, previous to their being Stowed away in the Vessel; and if any Deficiency appears, after having taken the Number of the Boat, on which they were sent, he is to report the Same, that the Master Attendant may be called upon to make good the deficiency.—

A Sub Conductor with Lascars is to remain on the Beach, to receive the Stores brought from the Arsenal, which he is to send off in the Boats, under the care of a Lascar, who must have Orders to prevent the Boat people from opening the packages or secreting any of the Articles; a written Report of the Number and Nature of the packages, must accompany each Boat.— He must also Keep an exact Account of the packages sent, with their Contents.— the Name of the Lascar, in Charge of them, and the Number of the Boats employed; in order that, when the whole of

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the Stores are Shipped, if there be any deficiency, it may be ascertained where and how it occurrd; the Conductor to make a written Report of particulars to the Commissary General of Stores who is to lay the same before the Military Board at their next Meeting

When the Vessel arrives at the destined port the Rules laid down for embarking the Stores are in every respect to be observed in Landing them, when if any of the Packages appear to have been opened at Sea they are to be examined previous to their Disembarkation in presence of the Chief Officer of the Vessel, and if there be any thing missing out of them, or any deficiency of the Articles, not Enclosed in packages, the same shall be immediately reported. That the Commander of the Vessel may be charged with the Amount of such deficiency; to ensure the payment of which, the Board should again Recommend, That one Moidy only for freight, be paid to the Commander of Vessels in advance, and the other half at the place where the Stores are landed, That, if there be any Articles deficient, the Value may be deducted. —

After

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After the Stores have been landed, the Conductor and Subconductor are to proceed with them to the place for which they are intended; and, when the Articles are delivered over to the Storekeeper or person appointed to Receive them the Conductor is himself personally to attend to the Counting of them, and on no Account to trust to the report of any person whatever, - and if any deficiency should appear on this last Examination a Report thereof is to be made to the Commissary General of Stores, who will lay it before the Military Board at the next Meeting

Whenever a Vessel freighted with &c Military Stores Arrives in the Road of Madras - a Conductor and Subconductor, with a sufficient Number of Lascars, is to be ordered to superintend the landing of the Articles - the same Rules are to be observed in this Case, as before directed for &c Shipping and Landing of Stores. -

If the Board approve of the above Plan and Concur with me in an Opinion that it will be the means of remedying an Evil Extremely &c detrimental to the public Service, I request that it

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may be recommended to Government to be adopted and, if approved, that the Number of Subconductors stated in the printed Regulations, and one Conductor of Stores Extra, may be appointed to the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, that the plan may be carried into immediate Effect.—

(Signed) George Hall

A true Copy

(Signed) Dan.l Ince

Secretary Mily Bd.—

Minute upon the foregoing Letter from the Military Board

The Regulations suggested by the Commissary General of Stores for securing the Company against Loss in the Transportation of Stores from Port to Port in India, appear to the Board well calculated for the Purpose Resolved that they be immediately adopted, and the Master attendant enjoined to the strictest Observance of them.—

The Board are not prepared at present to give any opinion regarding the extra Conductor and Sub Conductors proposed by Major Hall. They must be previously informed of the Number of Conductors now on the Establishment, several of whom may perhaps be employed, so soon as the Army is in Cantonments

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The Complaint of the Military Paymaster General against Majr. Brodie should have come immediately before Government – They concur with the Military Board nevertheless, in Opinion with Respect to the Conduct of that Officer – and it is resolved to write to him in such terms as will, it is hoped, prevent any such & disrespect and irregularity in future –

As the Quantity of Military Stores & now on hand is considerable, and will be encreased by the Return of many Articles from the Field, it is resolved to confine the Provision of Military Stores for the present to the Monthly Sum of two Thousand five hundred /2,500/ Pagodas. –

Ordered that the Indents for Out & Garrisons be only complied with for the present so far as may be necessary for the Current Service at different Stations, and that this be extended to Ganjam, where field Operations are suspended

Read the following Letters from the Board of Assumed Revenue. –

To

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To the Honorable. Major General. Medows.

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Board of Assumed Revenue with a Statement of Acquisitions made to the Nabob on Account of his fifth, shewing the Proportion they bear to be probable Collections to the End of the Fasley Year also a Letter from Mr Kindersley respecting the lowest Instalment which the Renters of Vellore have experienced from Lieutenant Cochine of the Bengal Establishment.

We have the honor of laying before you a Statement, prepared by our Accountant according to your Orders under date 14th April, shewing the proportion which the payments to, or on Account of his Highness the Nabob in discharge of his one fifth bear to the nett Collections made between the Commencement of the present Fasley for 13th July 1791 and 31st March 1792. On these occasions however we wish it to be understood that no accurate Statement can be made out till the books are brought up, or none of which can be deemed accurate till proved so by them.—

But in order to prevent, as far as may be possible, any misconception of our Accountants Statement, We beg leave to inform you that he has not taken into the list of payments to be made to the

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the Nabob, Star Pagodas 5,000 which we were informed by your letter of 8th March last would be paid to his Highness on 1st April and 30,000 payable M.r C. Benny and Captain Binny, which was included in an Account delivered to our President by M.r Haliburton In the first instance he has omitted the Pagodas 5000 because We have received no information of it's being actually discharged; but as Government stand pledged to the Nabob, according to the above letter of 8th March, for that Sum we conceive it to be in a train of payment and therefore chargeable to his Highness's Accounts In the second instance We beg leave to observe that our Accountant could not arrive at a knowledge of the transaction; for M.r Haliburton derived his information from his Office of Persian Translator, and conceived it necessary to be taken into the calculate which he made for the information of our President, in order to prevent misapprehension of what might be due to the Nabob.— In all other Respects the two Accounts are perfectly consistent with each other

By making allowances for the above Sums applied for by the Nabob the sum stated by our Accountant to be payable on Account of the Nabob's 1/5th on the 12th July next will be reduced to Pag.s 70,960.—

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But even this is calculated upon the full realization of all the balances for Fusly 1200 excepting that of the Tinnevelly Polygars of this however we could not take upon ourselves to give your Honorable Board any Assurances, since the Recovery of past balances while the Current Revenue so keeps up is at all times doubtfull on the contrary we have reason to apprehend the greatest part of the present ones will not be finally discharged, at any rate until after the Expiration of the present year, the Collector of Nellore, in which district they amount to about 13,000 Pagodas having given us little hopes of it, owing, as he states, to the drought of last year and other Causes which he mentions in Answer to one We had Written to him on the Subject. We shall not fail to keep the Recovery of these Balances constantly in our view, but we do not think the probability is such as to induce us to take them into a calculation of estimated Receipts as in the accompanying Statement given by our Accountant.

In Pongola too there is a Balance of Pagodas 16,761. 25. 21. which, being principally due from the Renter of the Salt farm is, though probably not

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secured by the Commodity itself, not immediately at
forthcoming.—

We do ourselves the honor of inclosing a
letter from M. Kindersley together with the petition
that accompanied it. We have no opportunity, it is
true, of forming an opinion Lieutenant Erskine's
justification of himself; but, judging of the facts
stated in the Representation of Rustumgee, confirmed
by the testimony of Colonel Tolson, We feel
ourselves called upon to request that Notice may
be taken of the flagrant breach of the General
Order to which We made Reference on a late occasion
in the instance of Captain Mackay.

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
7th May 1792

Honorable Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servants,

(Signed) David Haliburton
" Wm. Balfour

Statement

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Statement Shewing the proportion which the Payments to, bear to the Nett Collections made between the Commencement of Fusly 1201 or on the 12th July 1791 or ends of Fusly 1201 in comparison with the probable Collections

Actual on the 31st. March 1792.

	Sr Pags.	f.	C.	Sr Pags.	f.	C.
Amount of the Rented Revenue of Fusly 1201 due on the 31st. March 1792						
Balance Outstanding				11,75,020.	18.	27.
Gross Collections of the Revenue of Fusly 1201 to 31st. March 1792				247,197.	26.	28.
Collection of Extra Revenue of Fusly 1201.				9,27,822.	27.	79.
Collections made since 12th. July 1791 of the Outstanding Balances of 1200				28,898.	7.	10
Recoveries of Advances for Cultivation				956,720.	35.	39
Total Gross Collections to 31st. March				2,30,618.	21.	78
Charges of Collection of every denomination				10,869	"	35.
Pensions and Charitable Allowances				2,348.	7.	67
Total Charges				12,00,556.	29.	59
	1,66,520.	15.	56			
	15274.	3.	15.			
				1,81,794.	18.	71.
Nett Collections				10,18,762.	10.	68
Before His Highness the Nabob one fifth is calculated thereon must be deducted						
Collections on Account of 1199.						
Recoveries of Advances						
	10,869	"	35.			
	2,348.	7.	67.			
Sums upon which His Highness's fifth is Calculated				13,217.	8.	22.
One fifth of which is						
				10,05,545.	2.	46
The Payments to and on Account of His Highness from the 12th July to 31st March are as follows				2,01,109.	—	11
At the Presidency						
At Tinnevelly						
At Madura						
In the Southern division of Arcot						
At Nellore						
	M. Pags					
	35,000.	"	"			
	160,416.	33.	33.			
	10000.	"	"			
	40,000.	"	"			
Actual Payments of His Highness to the 31st March	192.	7.	10.			
Deduct the Balances of His Accounts on the 12th July 1791	2,45,609.	4.	43.			
	11,940.	20.	38.			
Overpaid to His Highness on the 31st March 1792				2,33,668.	20.	5
				32,559.	19.	6

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Errors Excepted
(Signed)

A true Copy
(Signed) J Webbe Secry

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or Ron Account of His Highness the Nabob in Discharge of his One fifth
13th 1st July 1791 and 31st March 1792 also the probable State of His Highness's Fifth
to that time

Probable at the close of Fusly 1201.
or 12th July 1792.

Total Ruled Revenue falling due to the close of the year		1,47,081. 11. 24.
It being probable that the July Kist will not be paid till the following months as well as part of that for June there may be deducted, as likely to be outstanding on the close of the year	2,00,000 " "	
Probable Gross Collections of the Revenue of 1201 to the Close of the Year		17,47,081. 11. 24.
The Estimated Cumamé and Extra Collections of 1201 appearing in the Statement given in the 31st December last Amount to	138,564. 27. 49.	
From which deduct what may not be collected as follows		
The Peishcush of the Tinnevelly Polygars	57,449. 16. -	
The Salt of Angole	15,400. - " -	72,849. 16. "
Probable Collections of Cumam and Extra Revenue of 1201		65,715. 11. 49
The Revenue of 1200 Outstanding on the close of that Year was	3,32,144. 30. 39.	
From which deduct the Balance of the Peishcush of the Tinnevelly Polligars on the 31st March as not likely to be collected	55,000. " "	
Probable Collections of the Outstanding Balances of 1200 at the close of the year 1201		2,77,144. 30. 39.
Total Probable Gross Collections between the beginning and end of Fusly 1201		20,89,941. 47. 32.
The actual Charges and Pensions to the 31st March are	1,81,794. 18. 71.	
Add, as probable to be incurred for the Remainder of 1201	70,000. " "	
Total Probable Charges		2,51,794. 18. 71
Probable Nett Collections to 12th July 1792		18,38,146. 34. 41.
Probable Amount of His Highness the Nabob's one fifth		3,67,629. 14. 8.
Actual payments to and on Account of His Highness the Nabob to 31st March	2,33,668. 20. 5.	
Bills have been granted to him on the Collector at Tinnevelly payable in June for	25,000. " "	
but he is to be debited for the Annual Remission agreed to be made to the Arrack and Toddy Renter of	3000. " "	2,61,668. 20. 5.
There will then be due to His Highness Supposing no more payments are made to him before the Close of Fusly 1201		1,05,960. 30. 3.

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Lio: Place
Accountant to the Board of Revenue.

To

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

It is with much concern I comply with the
Call of my duty in conveying to you Copy of a Complaint
from the Renter of Vellore against Lieutenant Erskine
of the Bengal Establishment. I first communicated it
to the Commanding Officer of Vellore, whose reply is
that "as far as he can Judge the letter of the Renter is a
"clear Statement of facts" and that his behaviour to-
"himself as Commanding Officer has Obliged him to-
" represent the matter to the Commander in Chief." will
evince, when you shall have perused it, the necessity of
my forwarding the enclosed.—

Goriatum
30th April 1792.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) N: E. Kindersley
Collector.—

A true Copy
(Signed) J Webbe Secy

To Nathaniel Edward Kindersley Esqre
Honble Sir;

I most submissibly beg leave to trouble you
with these few lines.—That this morning One Chuckler brought
same

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some Leathers, whom my Conicoply in the Gate Stopt and
demanded Custom / who before several times brought Leather
and paid Custom / who said the Leather he now carry is for
a Gentlemen, therefore he cannot pay Custom; afterwards
my Conicoply told him he cannot believe him and pass
the Leathers unless he bring a Man from that Gentleman -
The Chuckler then went to Lieutenant Askin - and brought
a Sepoy, who carried my Conicoply to Lieutenant Askin
whom thereupon Lieutenant Askin sent to Colonel Folson
with a Note desiring him to put my Conicoply in the Main
Guard, when I happened to be with Colonel Folson: Colonel
Ordered me to put my Conicoply in the Cutwal's Choultry
and enquire into it. I immediately put him in the Cutwal's
Choultry and after I learned all the above particulars
from the Conicoply, I explained the same to Colonel Folson
Who then told me to go to Lieutenant Mealy with his
Compliments and tell him the above particulars also to desire
him to write a Chit to Lieutenant Askin, which I did &
and came home, I don't Know what was passed afterwards

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon I was in the bed
where my family is, Suddenly a Havildar's Guard with Arms
came to enter into my house whom my Centry in the Gate
Stopt - afterwards they beat him and came inside my house
and also they beat my Second Centry under the Upstairs &

also

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also they beat my second Centry under the Upstairs also my Cutchery people, and then they loaded their Guns — Mean time my Boy came and reported the same to me afterwards I came out and questioned the Havildar who has sent him, and I am ready to obey what Orders his M^r has given him, he answered me he was ordered by his M^r Lieut Askin to carry me to him under Guard, to which I replyed I cannot go under Guard unless he forces me — further I told him if his M^r wants speak to me I will come to him after one or two hours; then the Havildar sent word to his Master who sent order to Havildar to push me and bring to him, he will then told me; afterwards the Havildar pushed me from place to place by the Arm and carried me to his Master — then his M^r Lieutenant Askin & questioned me why I complained to Colonel Tolson, I told him if he will take little patience to hear me he will then be satisfied; upon which he said he never hear me, he will put me in Confinement — I dont Care what Colonel Tolson is; I then told him I am now under Guard, he may do me what he pleases, I got M^r who will enquire into it, meantime one of M^r Askin's Sepoy

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Sepoy reported him that my people been Saucy with
them when they came to carry me, he then Ordered them to
go again and fetch those people who been Saucy with
them, if any of them make Saucy Ordered to shot them, upon which
the Sepoys gone to fetch my People —

When the Havildar's Guard came to my
house and beat my Centry and Cutcherry people also
pushed me, I was very sorry, thought my self rather
lose my life then bearing such a disgrace as this; and
I was as Thunder stuck and I know not to do for
sometime Minutes Afterwards. I sent my Brother
to Report Colonel Tolson and Lieutenant Mealy of
all the injury done to me by Lieutenant Askin
and beg them to take Notice of this; Afterwards Lieut
Mealy with a Soldiers Guard Arrived at the Tent of
Lieutenant Askin, when I am under Confinement,
and told him he was in the Wrong to bring Company's
Renter under Guard and Keep him in Confinement
and told him to receive me, and call back the Sepoys
whom he sent to fetch my people; and further told
him he was ordered by Colonel Tolson to bring the Sepoys
who

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who fetch me /Rostam Gee/ under Guard — afterwards the Lieutenant Mealy get me released, and carried the Havildar and Sepoys under Guard to Colonel Tolson. who himself examined all their Guns, found loaded; then he Ordered day-Captain to examine the Guns, he also found them loaded, then took all their Guns & afterwards Colonel Tolson questioned the Havildar by whose Order they loaded their Guns, and brought on, he Answered by Lieutenant Aitkin, he then Ordered me to go home and get my Witnesses ready.—

Ever since I came to this Country I expected not one such a disgrace as this: I am now being under your protection for these two years as a Company's Renter, without any fault on my side; I humbled so ill there are several Witnesses for it.—

I now humbly beg leave to observe that I have lost all my Credit, and I will be uneasy until you do me justice.—

What can I say more?

I have the Honor to be
&c: &c:

/Signed/ Rustum Gee

Vellore
27th April 1792
About 9 o'Clock

/A true Copy/
(Signed) N. Hindersley/Collector.—

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To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

In a letter of 5th Ultimo M. Torin &
informed us that the sum of Star Pagodas 10,000 arising
from the sale of Mortgaged property at Tinnevelly had
been claimed by M. Samuel Johnson as We were
ignorant of the demand under this description, We
called upon the Collector for an explanation of
the particulars, and he has in consequence &
furnished us with Copies of Swadanum Pauchiah's
Petition and of his correspondence with the &
Honorable Board and Messrs. Johnson, Sewell
and Parry on this subject. These materials &
have sufficiently explained the intricate Changes
through which this claim has passed and inform
us that it is the same which stands in the
List of Mortgaged property under the Head of
Jagganada Tawker

We think it therefore proper to &
acquaint you that we had occasion to Refer to
you

from the Board of Revenue stating that the Mortgaged Grain in the Tinnevelly District, formerly claimed by M. Samuel Johnson, the same which now stands in the List of Mortgaged Property under the Head of Jaggannada Tawker

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you some time ago on the Subject of this Claim, to which, under whatever shape it may now appear before you, is the same as that presented by Mr Johnston, and is Still on his Account notwithstanding the Changes which it seems to have undergone.

Under the circumstances of your former orders respecting this demand we have thought it incumbent on us to lay this information before you, and to prohibit Mr Torin from discharging it with the other mortgages to Natives, untill We receive your farther instructions.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) David Haliburton

" Wm Balfour

Fort St. George
10 May 1792

To the Honorable. Major Gen Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Hble Sir,

We have the honor of informing you that we have received the most pressing Application from

From the Board of Revenue - recommending that Coast Caves throughout the Tanjore Country be explored, and that a Commission be granted to Mr Cottenham in the Matter Division. -

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from the Collectors of the Tanjore Country for permission to repair the Water courses for an ensuing Cultivation: this is equally necessary whether the Country remains under the Company's Management or relinquished to the Rajah; and this work ought to be surveyed and reported before the 4th June succeeding: a due attention to this matter secures advantages to the Revenue, which cannot be obtained after the descent of the River. In recommending this Disbursement we feel somewhat embarrassed, for, should these repairs be omitted, we may expect to hear the Rajah stating a deficiency in the Revenues of the following Year, and grounding his arguments upon what he would call this neglect; on the other hand, should we incur the Expence, we are prepared to have it disputed and rejected by the Rajah, if his Country should be restored. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, however, we beg leave to state our opinion that the disbursement should be made as soon as an Estimate can be procured: the Expence must in any event be set off against the Revenues of the subsequent Year. –

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We have received a representation from Mr. Ram relative to the Situation of the Pullicatcoars in his Division, nearly similar to that, which we had the honor of laying before you under Date 26th Ultimo. from Mr. Stranger.—

The Western Division did not suffer those violent effects of the Monsoon, to which the Eastern, from the lowness of its lands, was exposed, and the remission, which the Collector has recommended, is consequently far short of the other; it amounts to Something more than 20,000 Pagodas. In this recommendation we entirely concur; because the Inhabitants of this Division would have cause to complain of partiality, if their Neighbours only, should be indulged with a remission in consequence of the same losses, of which they themselves were in great measure sharers. Besides, this expenditure will be rendered light by the information communicated to us by Mr. Ram in his letter of 30th Ultimo: he acquaints us, that "notwithstanding this and the inferior price of the Car, the Revenue from the Western

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"Western Division will exceed the Estimate by about 30,000
"Pagodas owing to the price of the Cushanum besides the
"balance of Fusly 1201 and other smaller branches of
"Revenue amounting to about 30,000 Pagodas more".-

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
10th May 1792

&c. &c.

(Signed) "David Haliburton
" W.m Balfour

Minutes upon the
two foregoing Letters
from the Board of
Revenue

The President, in his Character of Commander
in Chief, acquaints the Board that Lieutenant Erskine,
against whom Mr. Kindersley had preferred a
Complaint, is now under Arrest, and will be
brought to Trial in a few days before the
General Court Martial assembled at the Presidency

The Board entirely approve the orders
given to Mr. Torin regarding the Mortgaged Property
at Tinnevelly heretofore claimed by Mr. Samuel
Johnston,- Resolved that it be not accounted for
by Mr. Torin to Jagganaut Tauker or any other
Person without specific Orders.-

As it appears from the Representation
of the Board of Revenue that it is highly
necessary to repair the Water Courses in the Tanjore
Country

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Country for an ensuing Cultivation, it is Resolved to acquiesce in the Measure —

The Inhabitants in the Western or Division of the Tanjore Country have an equal Claim to consideration with those in the Eastern, as they appear to have suffered from the same Cause, tho' in a less degree — Resolved therefore that the Remission Recommended by Mr. Ram be allowed —

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Topping and Parry —

To The Honorable. Major General William. Medows —
President and Governor &c. Council. —
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

We have just received M. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 5th Instant, in consequence of which we have ordered the Artificers to be returned to Mr. Porcher; this would have been done earlier had we understood from your Secretary's Letters to Mr. Topping of the 4th and 21st Ultimo. That as such

From Messrs. Topping and Parry acknowledging Receipt of the Board's order for returning the Artificers to the Military Storekeeper —

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such was the pleasure of The Honorable Board.
for W. Lonher's having been directed to furnish
us with a sufficient number of Workmen had
led us to hope that the Artificers in question
were to continue in the Gun Carriage Yard.—

It is our duty to inform the Honble
Board, that the Artificers we are obliged to
relinquish have been brought up to Gun Carriage
Work, and are the best for that Service of any in
Madras; we therefore hope that they will be
allowed us again when they can be conveniently
spared.—

We have the honor to be with
great respect.— &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) M. Topping
Tho Parry

Fort St George
9th May 1792.—

Read the following Letter from the
Military Storekeeper.—

Wm E. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary.

Sir,

Be pleased to inform the Honorable
Governor in Council that Messieurs Topping and Parry
have

on the Ordnance Storekeeper
requesting that positive orders
might be given to Messrs Topping
and Parry to return the Artificers
taken from his Yard.—

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have at Length thought proper to restore twenty two of the Artificers Seized by them upwards of a Month ago. It is with infinite Regret that I again intrude myself on the Attention of the Honorable Board, but I trust it will appear an Act of Necessity, and that they will be pleased to reiterate their Orders to those Gentlemen, so that I may have Complete Restitution of the whole Number of Workmen to the Number of Forty two; for since my first Complaint they have Actually Seized ten more.—

Fort St. George
11th May 1792

I am &c &c
(Signed) Josiah Le Porcher
Mily Storekeeper

The inattention which Messrs Topping and Parry have shewn to the Commands of the Board calls for severe Reprehension, and will be followed by the strongest Marks of their displeasure, if all the Artificers to the Number of forty two, be not immediately restored to the Situation from whence they were taken.—

Minute thereon—

Agreed that the above be communicated to Messrs Topping and Parry.—

Chas Oakeley.
E Hatfield

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

12th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in C. C. Nos. 70. 71. 72.

From the Rajah of Vencatagherry — advising of his having given positive orders to all the Aumels in his Country, not to exact Custom upon Articles of Provisions coming to the Presidency. —

Substance of Letters from the Vencatagherry Rajah Bomrauze and Rawel Rauze —

From Bomrauze — congratulating the President on the Success of the Company's Arms, and requesting his Acceptance of a Nazzer of eleven Pagodas. —

From Rawel Rauze Son of Bomrauze congratulating the President on his arrival from Camp — requesting his acceptance of a Nazzer of eleven Pagodas, and advising of his having used his utmost Exertions to provide large Supplies of Grain for the Bengal Detachment. —

Received the following Letter from Patcheapah. —

To the Honble Major General Medows. —

President and Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a in Council

Fort St. George,

From Patcheapah enclosing a Surgeon's Certificate shewing the absolute necessity of a Change of Air for the Recovery of his Health

Honble Sir

Being informed that the Medium of Mr.

Secretary

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Secretary Sachoan that it was necessary for me to have it certified by a Surgeon that my Health required my leaving Madras, I have accordingly taken the Opinion of Mr. Raine, the Head Surgeon at the Presidency, which he has committed to writing, and is now enclosed for your Honor &c.a inspection. —

Permit me Honble Sir humbly to entreat your permission to proceed to the Southward for the restoration of my Health, it being my only hope of recovery. —

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect and deference. —

Honble Sir

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ Canjevaram Patchapah

Madras
12th May 1792

This is to certify that Patcheapah has been seized with a Paralytick Stroke by which he has lost the use of his left side; altho' he has received some Relief, It is my opinion that a Change of Air is absolutely Necessary and will be very conducive to his Recovery: by continuing here there is very little Prospect of so desireable an event taking Place: given under my Hand. —

Madras
11th May 1792

/Signed/ W.m Raine
Head Surgeon.

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Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 78/79. 80. —

From the Post-master General —

From the Post-master General — to be made acquainted with the Board's Intention in regard to the Tappal between Dindegul and Paligautcherry

From the Commandant at Tripassore — requesting Permission to proceed to the Presidency and to remain there one week on his private affairs. —

From the Persian Translator to the Governor General — From the Persian Translator to the Governor General enclosing a Persian Letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Nabob, in reply to an Intimation of his Highness to come to Vellore to meet his Lordship. —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. —

To the Commissary General of Grain & Provisions — To the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Collector at Vellore, and desiring him to report his opinion on that Part which relates to an Embargo on the Exportation of Grain —

To the Post Master General — To the Post Master General desiring that the Tappal between Dindigul and Paligautcherry may be discontinued — and informing him that Letters on Service for the latter Place will in future be sent by an Express or to the Care of the Resident at Travancore. —

To

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To Lieutenant Rosbotham informing him that the Board are not authorized to compel the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships to receive at their Table for the regulated Price any officer who is not ordered to England on Duty. —

To Lieutenant Rosbotham of his Majesty's 74th Regiment —

To Mr George Moubray attend at the Durbar at such times as the Nabob may require in order to explain the Accounts between His Highness and the Company. —

To Mr George Moubray desiring him to

To the Board of Inland Revenue informing them that Lieutenant Erskine will shortly be brought to Trial for the Charge preferred against him by the Renter of Vellore — desiring that the mortgaged Grain in the Tinnevelly Country which was formerly claimed by Mr Samuel Johnston may not be accounted for to any Person without the orders of Government — and that Estimates may be prepared of the Expences that will attend the Repair of the Water Courses in the Tanjore Country — Consenting to the remission recommended by Mr Ram to be granted to the Puttachodars in the Districts under his Management. —

To the Board of Inland Revenue —

To the officer Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar —

To the officer Commanding the Troops in the Guntoor Circar — desiring him to Apprehend the Person of the Frenchman who has been observed enlisting Recruits.

Sir

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in the Company's Territories, in case it should be found that he is not properly authorized by the Nizam and, at all Events, to prevent his proceeding further on this Service until he receive the Permission of Government. —

To the Commandant at Cangole — desiring

To the Commandant at Cangole —

that if the Frenchman who lately landed at Nairpilly do not produce a written authority from the Nizam to raise Men for his Service he will apprehend his Person and take Possession of the Guns until he hears further from the Board. —

To the Commandant at Dindigul —

To the Commandant at Dindigul —

expressing the dissatisfaction of Government at the want of accomodation which appears still to exist between him and Mr. Vaughan — and desiring him without delay to furnish that Gentleman with a Present State of the Troops composing the Garrison under his Command. —

To the Collector in the Eastern division

To the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country —

of the Tanjore Country — desiring him to comply with Mr. Corbett's Indents of Cash for the use of the Detachment under Major Cuppage. —

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General —

communicating the orders given to Mr. Strange. —

To the Commandant at Pondamallee

To the Commandant at Pondamallee —

expressing the Disapprobation of Government of his — Conduct —

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Conduct in maltreating the Paymasters Servants and in using disrespectful Language in his Correspondence with the Military Board on the Subject. —

To the Master attendant - enclosing

To the Master attendant

Regulations to be observed in future in embarking Stores on Vessels employed by the Company. —

To the Military Board - communica-

To the Military Board

=ting the Substance of the abovementioned Letters to the Commandant at Pondamallee and master attendant - directing them to report the Number of Conductors and Subconductors at present on the Establishment - communicating the Board's Resolution of confining the Provision of Military Stores for the present to 2500 Pagodas & Mensem — and enclosing a detail of Invalid Artillery to be ordered to Vizianagherry with convenient Expedition. —

To D.

To D. enclosing Estimates for repairing the Military Quarters at Tanjore and Vellum and for repairing and fitting up the Summa Clim-

=gum Granary at Trichinopoly as a Magazine. —

Ditto.

Sent Letter to the Nabob / as entered in C C No. 73 / informing him that Mr. Moubray has been instructed to attend at the Durbar for the purpose of giving such explanations as may be required in regard to the accounts between His Highness and the Company — and

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob —

repeating

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repeating the Board's assurance that every Pagoda due to him on account of his Sixth shall be punctually discharged —

Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord. —

To Lord Cornwallis — Instructions required on the Subject of engaging private Tonnage to convey the European Troops to Bengal —

We have the Honor to inform your Lordship that there are private Ships now in these Roads, the Masters or owners of which have tendered them to us for the purpose of conveying Troops to Bengal, and to request your Lordship will be pleased to acquaint us whether, in the Event of the proposals being moderate, you wish us to accept them for this Service. —

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

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(Signed) W.m Medows
&c. Council —

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 95. 96. 97. —

To Messrs. Topping and Parry

To Messrs. Topping and Parry

desiring them to return immediately all the Artificers taken by them from the Military Storekeeper's Yard; and expressing the Displeasure of Government at the Inattention which they

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they have shewn to their Commands.—

To the Military Board enclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 14th December 1791 regarding the Quantity of Shot and Shells and the Number of Mats indented for in September 1790; and desiring them to pay attention to the latter part which relates to the Transmission to the Court of Annual Returns of ordnance arms &ca &c. in Store.—

To the Military Board.

To the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire—desiring him to provide ten Garce of Rice at Conjeveram for the use of the Troops.—

To the Collector in the Southern Divisions of the Jaghire.—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in MB. Nos. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104.—

From Lieutenant Lys—enclosing Copy of Permission granted him by the Commander in Chief to proceed to Europe; and requesting to be advanced three Months' Subsistence.—

From Lieutenant Lys of His Majesty's 76th Regiment.—

From the Commandant at Dindigul—representing the Necessity of fixing the Route by which the Sappal Peons should proceed from that Place to Paligaut cherry—and stating that Captain Wiseman, with a Detachment of Bombay Troops for the Garrison of Paligaut cherry, had arrived at Tannore on the 3d Instant—

From the Commandant at Dindigul.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

From the Commissary General of Grain

and

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and Provisions, recommending that the Embargo laid upon the Exportation of Grain from the Nellore District be taken off.—

From Do. advising of the Applications Made to Mr. Darrow Storekeeper at Trichinopoly for Grain for the Supply of Nameul and Major Cuppage's Detachment

From the acting Persian Translator at Fort William—advising of his having consigned to the Care of Mr. Secretary Jackson a Box of Wax Dhes for Mr. Cherry.—

From the acting Persian Translator at Fort William—

From Lieutenant Johnson—requesting that he may be allowed to draw 200 Pagodas on account of Passage Money upon a Certificate which was granted in his favor previous to the Commencement of the late War.—

From Lieutenant Johnson of His Majesty's 71st Regt.

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province—representing the Embarrassment which would arise from his being absent at the present time from his Station.—

From the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province—

Received the following Letters.—

To the Honble Major General Medows

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George.

From Messrs. Topping and Parry—advising of their having returned all the Artificers—

Honble Sir,

We can assure the Honble Board that Mr.

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Mr. Porcher's people have been discharged to a Man: in proof of which we enclose Mr. Parry's order to our Yard — Conicopoly for their dismissal; which the Conicoply replying to / as will be seen on the face of the Order / Mr. Topping went himself to the Spot and directed every man that belonged to Mr. Porcher to be immediately given up. —

Mr. Topping is so severely mortified at the repeated censure he has incurred for a single act of indiscreet zeal that he hardly knows how to proceed — He had long been accustomed to Language of a very different tenor — to the flattering approbation of his Superiors — He however hopes that if the Honble Board are not entirely Satisfied as to the propriety of his Conduct Subsequent to the late order imposed on him by Government, they will indulge him by calling both himself and his accuser face to face before them — in which event he presumes he shall be able to refute the unjust charges that have been brought against him

According to your Secretary's last letter, Mr. Porcher demands of us forty two artificers, tho' if his own former account / herewith enclosed / can be credited, thirty two only were employed by our people. — It is difficult to make a proper answer to

Such.

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Such discordant accusations as these, tho' their drift is apparent — we have however too firm a reliance on the Justice and protection of the Honble Board to be apprehensive of their final consequences, notwithstanding they give Government so much trouble and ourselves so great perplexity at the present moment. —

We are,

&c.a &c.a

Madras 15th May 1792

/Signed/ M. Topping
Tho.s Parry

Cundapah Chitty

You must immediately return all the People you took from Mr. Porcher's Yard. —

8th May.

/Signed/ Tho.s Parry

Honored Sir,

How can I return all the People we took from Mr. Porcher's yard before the Gun Carriages Finish: if it be so, it is great Loss and dishonor to us: Mr. Parry has Sent this Chitt I dont know what induced him to write me so — Pray Sir try and Send me an order whether I return those artificers or not; Certainly there is no Doubt for Loss and dishonor if I returned them, again we seldom to get them in to our Yard — therefore however Procure me an order

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order to keep them till the Present work is finished —

Sam,

Gun Carriage Yard
8th May 1792

& Co. & Co.

[Signed] Condapah. —

Artificers taken by Mr. Topping People. —

Carpenters. —

Armogum
Venkatachellum
Roodreen
Chinnan Left off.
Paupen
Chengun.
Moodoo Raumen
Raumaswamy
Coolen.
Coola Candan
10 Smiths
Aunundan
Moortee
Durman
Mootoo
Chellum
Putchy —

Veerapadran.
Arnachellum.
Venkatachellum —
9 Sawers
Sam Parmal
Sealum
Teroovengadam.
Torboe caunum —
4 Hammermen
Valoy dan
Candan
Connan
Comaran
Ram Nauck
Lanaupade.
Arnachellum
Moortee —

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32 Total —

This paper I received inclosed with
Mr. Porcher's 2d. Note of the 9th April 1792. —

/Signed/ W. Topping.

To William Collins Jackson Esquire,
Military Secretary. —

From Major Tutt
returning his affida-
vit Sworn to before
a Justice of the Peace

Sir,

I had the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 20th ultimo, and, agreeable to the Commands of the Honble the President in Council, I have the Honor to inclose you my attestation taken before E. W. Tallofer Esqre which I request you will do me the favor to lay before them, and, at the same time, to inform the Honble Board that I will, in obedience to their Commands in your Letter to me of the 16th ultimo, pay the sum therein specified to the Pay Master General as soon as Possible. —

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

/Signed/ R. Tutt.
Major Artillery

Mount
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Mount April 19th 1792.

I do declare upon Oath that to the best of my Knowledge and Belief the Sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Pagodas thirty Six Fan. was expended by me at different times for the Purchase of Sundry Stores for the use of a Detachment serving with the Nizam and appropriated to the Public Service

Signed / R. Tuft
Major Artillery

Sworn to before me
this tenth day of May 1792.

Signed / E. W. Fallofield
Justice —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Major General Medows
Governor President

Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. —
William Petrie Esqre. and E. W. Fallofield Esqre —

Tuesday
15th May 1792

Minutes of last Consultation Read
and approved. —

Read the following Letters from
Earl Cornwallis. —

Honorable

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To
The Honorable General Medows
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lord Cornwallis the Bengal Detachment to be cantoned at Saloor Pettah during the Rains in the Northern Circars

I have been honored with your Letter dated the 9th instant, and, at the I should rather have wished that the Bengal Detachment could have been conveniently Stationed more to the Northward, yet, for the reasons stated by Mr. Dighton, I am induced to acquiesce in his recommendation of Saloor Pettah: I have transmitted orders to Lieutenant Colonel Oakerell to direct his march accordingly, and request that you will please to give the Necessary directions to Mr. Dighton. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[Signed] Cornwallis —

Camp at Vencatagherry
May 9th 1792 —

To
The Honble General Medows
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From Lord Cornwallis the Present Garrison of Paley autcherry to remain there if they cannot march through the Travancore Country previous to the Setting in of the Monsoon —

Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter dated the 5th Instant. —

In the Distribution that I am preparing

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preparing of the Troops under your Presidency, I have allotted four Native Regiments for the Baramaul and Salem districts of which the Detachment under Major Cuppage forms no part, the Corps therefore which are employed with Major Cuppage will receive immediate orders from me to repair to their respective Stations. —

I the Small garrison of Pala=catcherry are not permitted to march through the Coimbatoor Country, and cannot go round by Travancore before the setting in of the Monsoon, they must remain at Palacautcherry till the Rains break upon the Malabar Coast, which cannot in my opinion be attended with any material inconvenience. —

I have the Honor to be

D.r Sir &c.a

/Signed/ Cornwallis. —

Camp near Colar
May 9th 92 —

Minute on the fore=going Letters from Lord Cornwallis

Agreed to inform the Collector at Nellore that the Bengal Detachment is to Canton at Saleor Pettah during the Rains in the Northern Circars, and that he is to take the Necessary measures for its Reception on the Road

Read the following Letters from the adjutant General. —

To

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To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary
Military Department

From the Adjutant General - the orders issued in Camp regarding the Trial of Mr. Surgeon Blackadder and Lieut. Savage of his Majesty's 71st Regiment to be published at the Presidency - Invalid artillery to be ordered to Listnaghenry —

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of orders published to the Army this day by Lord Cornwallis which His Lordship is desirous should be communicated to the Honble Board, with his wish that they should be published at Fort St. George, and all the Stations under the Presidency. —

His Lordship has also directed me to request you will intimate his desire to the Honble Board that the detail of Invalid artillery mentioned in the inclosed paper should be ordered to Listnaghenry with convenient expedition, to be disposed of by Captain Alexander Read in the different Posts that require their Services along the Western Frontier. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Signed/ B. Close,
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Head Quarters Camp
Near Colar 9th May 1792

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Head Quarters Camp near Colar 9th May 1792.

Extract from General Orders By Earl Cornwallis.

The General Court Martial of which Lieutenant Colonel Cockell was President is dissolved, and the following part of the Proceedings made public.—

Charge,

Mr. Adam Blackadder Surgeon ordered in arrest by the Commander in Chief for neglect of duty during the Months of January February. March and april 1792, while in Charge of the Hospital established at Outra=droog, in neglecting to give regular and requi=site attendance to the Wounded Europeans placed there under his care.—

Head Quarters

Camp 13th April 1792. / Signed / P: A: Agnew

Deputy adjt. Genl.

Sentence

The Court is of opinion that the Prisoner Mr. Adam Blackadder Surgeon is Guilty of neglect of duty, in not having given regular and requisite attendance to the Wounded Europeans placed under his care in the Hospital at Outradroog, from the time of their arrival thereon the beginning of April following: his

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conduct in that respect being to the prejudice of the public Service and contrary to the Rules and articles of War established for the Government of the Honble Company's Forces, therefore adjudges that, for so doing, he, the said Prisoner, shall be Suspended from Pay and Rank for the space of Eight Months, and be reprimanded in General orders by the Commander in Chief of the Army. —

John Cockerell
Lieut Col. & President
[Signed] And.w Wight, Judge advocate —

Charge, Lieutenant Philip Savage of His Majesty's 52.d Regiment of Foot put under arrest, by order of the Commander in Chief, for having — violently beat and ill treated a Black Man Named Perseram on the 3.d May 1792 —

Sentence [Signed] P.B.r Close
Adj.t Gen.l of the Army. —

The Court is of opinion that the — Prisoner Lieutenant Savage is Not Guilty of having violently beat and ill treated the Black man named Perseram on the 3.d May instant, as stated in the Charge, and Acquits him of the Same accordingly —

[Signed] John Cockerell Lt. Col.e & Pt.
And.w Wight, Judge Advocate —

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The Commander in Chief has perused the proceedings of the General Court Martial of which Lieutenant Colonel Cockrell was President, as well as the Sentences passed on the Prisoners. —

Lord Cornwallis is much concerned to be under the necessity of expressing his extreme dissatisfaction at the Sentence passed on Mr. Blackadder who is convicted of neglecting to dress the Wounds and to take proper care of the Europeans who were sent from Seringapatam to the Hospital under his charge at Sattamangalam, and for which heinous breach of his Duty and offence against the strongest and most affecting ties of humanity, which forcibly plead in every generous breast in favor of men who have shed their blood in the cause of their Country, he is condemned only to be suspended from his Rank and Pay in the Service for eight Months and to be reprimanded in Public Orders. —

It is incumbent upon Lord Cornwallis to shew that he sets an higher value upon the Lives and Limbs of the Soldiers than to expose them again to the Hazard of falling under the charge of a Man who has been guilty of such Gross neglect, and he therefore declares to the army that he shall recommend it to the Governor in Council at Fort St. George to continue

Mr.

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Mr Blackadder's suspension until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known, to whom he shall transmit the Proceedings of the Court Martial with his own sentiments upon them, and that he shall order the Paymaster to give no share to Mr Blackadder of that Gratuity which was obtained by the Blood of those brave Men he afterwards suffered either to Perish or Languish Miserably for several weeks by an inhumanity which, by any person unacquainted with the Evidence that was produced against him, would be scarcely credible. —

The Commander in Chief must likewise express his strongest disapprobation of the Sentence that acquits Lieutenant Savage of His Majesty's 52d Regiment of violently beating Purseram a Black Man, and which appears to have been given not only in direct opposition to the whole Body of Evidence that was produced but even to Lieutenant Savage's own confession — The Commander in Chief is of Opinion that Lieutenant Savage in beating Perseram the first time when he came to ask him for the Payment of a just debt, which had been due seven Months acted in a manner highly unbecoming a Gentleman and an officer and that in beating him the second time, when he was sent back to him by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment accompanied by the adjutant, Lieutenant Savage was Guilty of manifesting the Greatest

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greatest disrespect towards his Commanding officer, and contempt of all Military order and Subordination. —

Lieutenant Savage admits in his defence that the man on his return to him from the C.in C. Commanding officer of the Regiment expressed the utmost apprehension at entering his Tent. — when he saw the Money that was due to him and the stick that was prepared to beat him lying on the same Table. — and therefore the apology that he offers for having given him the second gentle beating / as he calls it / which divided the poor mans Ear, by declaring that he did not otherways intend to have made use of the Stick; but that it only proceeded from his having been irritated to a violent degree by Perseramis abusing him in Malabars a Language in which probably Lieutenant Savage is no great proficient, ought to have appeared too ridiculous to have had any weight with the Court Martial. —

The Commander in Chief trusts that there are very few officers either in the Kings' or Company's Service who are capable of committing acts of the above nature, which he considers as partaking both of ferocity and injustice, and no less unworthy of the manners of Gentlemen than disgraceful to the —

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Characters of officers, and he warns Lieutenant Savage that if he should persevere in the shameful Practice of beating his Creditors instead of payeng them he shall not on a future occasion escape the Punishment that Such conduct deserves —

Lord Cornwallis directs that the Commanding officer of the Regiment shall see that the original Debt is paid, and that Ten Pagodas shall be deducted from Lieutenant Savage's Gratuity to be given to Perseram as a small compensation for the barbarous treatment which he has received. —

H. has given the Commander in Chief great pain to be obliged to pass so severe a — censure on the conduct of the above General Court — Martial, many of the Members being to his own personal knowledge men of most respectable Characters

He is persuaded that the Sentences could only have proceeded from mistaken Ideas of lenity, and he therefore desires that not only those Members but also that all other officers who may hereafter compose General Courts Martial will recollect, when they take their seats as Judges, that true humanity consists not in screening the Guilty but in protecting the Innocent and redressing the Injured

Signed, B.G. Close
Adj. Genl. of the army

Detail

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Detail of Invalid Artillery to be ordered from the different Posts to Hestnaghorry, to serve in the principal Garrisons on the Western Frontier. —

	Sergeants	Gunners	Matrosses	Total
From Madras —	8	3	20	31
Vellore —	1	6	2	9
Arnee —	1	1	"	2
Tanjore —	4	"	"	4
General Total —	14	10	22	46

/Signed/ B.t Close
Adj.t Genl. of the Army

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary

From the Adjutant Genl. enclosing a Copy of Orders sent to Major Cuppage for breaking up his Detachment —

Sir

Military Department

By order of Lord Cornwallis I have the honor to inclose, for the information of the Honble Board, Copy of a Letter dispatched this day to Major Cuppage directing him to take measures immediately for breaking up the Detachment serving in the Field under his Command in order that the Troops may proceed, with all convenient expedition, to their Quarters. — I have the honor to be

Head Quarters
Camp at Arrapapilly
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Yr. mo. ob. hble
/Signed/ B.t Close
Adj.t Genl. of the Army

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To Major Cuppage

Sir,

I have the Honor to signify Lord Cornwallis's desire that you will take measures immediately for breaking up the Detachment serving in the Field under your Command, in order that the Troops may proceed to Sick Quarters with all convenient expedition

The 5th Native Battalion, the Detachments of the 2d Battalion of Artillery and the 1st European Battalion and of the 20th and 25th Native Battalions, with the whole of the ordnance of every description, to march for Trichinopoly, and the 16th Native Battalion for Vellore this Corps proceeding by Tapoor and the Baramahal. —

The 22d Battalion is to be devided between the Forts of Salem and Sankerry-droog and the 23d Battalion between Attoor and Namcul: but as the latter Corps is at present employed in the Baramahal His Lordship desires that when the details of your Detachment march off for their respective Stations the 22d Battalion may be distributed in the proportions that may be judged proper to the Posts of Salem Sankerry droog and Namcul to be relieved at the latter Garrison on the Arrival of the

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23d Battalion which will soon be ordered to its destina=
=tion. —

The Detail of Coast Troops at Palligautcherry is to remain there until relieved from the Bombay Establishment; to march on being — relieved, if permitted by Tippoo's Commander at Coimbatore, by the direct route to Trichinopoly, if not, proceed by the Travancore Country either before or after the Rains as the relief may take place

In order that the 16th Battalion may be well supplied on the March, His Lordship wishes you to intimate the route prescribed for it to Lieutenant William Macleod who, in correspondence with Captain Read, will have Provisions collected at the different Stages accordingly. —

Having Dispatched the various details to their destinations and seen the 22d and 23d Battalions disposed off as abovementioned, His Lordship desires that you will direct the Officers Commanding those Corps to consider themselves as under the Orders of Captain Alexander Read and that afterwards you will repair as soon as convenient to Vellore to join the 3d European Battalion which you stand appointed to at that Garrison. —

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In reply to your application to be permitted to draw the Brigadier allowance of £ 3 s 5 d 20 ℔ day granted to field officers Commanding Brigades with the Grand army. — His Lordship has Commanded me to acquaint you that such allowance was intended for, and has hither to been given only to, officers serving in the above Station: yet, in consideration of the extent of your Detachment, and the extra Expence you may have been subjected to thereby His Lordship is pleased to authorize you to draw the Brigadier allowance of £ 3 s 5 d 20 ℔ days from the period that you took the Field with the Troops, subsequent to the Capture of Cumba= =toure by Cummeruddeen, until the breaking up of the Detachment as herein directed. —

I have the honor to be

Sir Your most obedient humble Servant

Head Quarters Camp at Carrapapilly 10th May 1792

(Signed) Wm. Close,
Adjt. Genl. of the army.

Minutes upon the two foregoing Letters from the Adjutant General —

Resolved, agreeably to Lord Cornwallis's desire, that the Extract of his Lordship's orders be publish=ed at Fort St. George and all the Stations under the Presidency

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General. —

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The Honble Major General William Medows

Governor and Commander in Chief in Council of

Fort St. George,

Honble Sirs!

From the Military Auditor General - Requesting that Government will reconsider his application for Batta - enclosing a Statement shewing the Increase of expence that will be necessary in the Auditor's Department in consequence of the late Change of System - Requesting that some Repairs may be made to the House proposed to be allotted for his Quarters and office - Remarks on Sundry objectionable Charges in the Accounts of the Paymasters at Asha which were made under the Authority of the Chief & Council at Ganjam —

Mr Secretary Jackson having — Signified to me in his Letter of the 5th Instant "that the Honble Board did not conceive they would be warranted in "granting my request for Batta from the date of my "appointment until the day of my arrival at the Presidency "as I did not act in the office of Military Auditor General "during the above period, and as I drew the allowances of the office notwithstanding." —

I therefore beg leave to request the indulgence of the Honble Board in explaining matters connected with this subject, by expressing, that, according to the Rules of the Service, I am authorized to draw the Pay and Allowances of the office from the day my appointment took place in General orders, and that Batta is one of the allowances, provided it falls to the Auditor General in common with other officers: It was on this last point that I requested the decision of the Honble Board in my Letter of the 3d Instant, because, although the General principle and usage of the service is in favor of the Auditor General's claim

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I wished the matter to be clearly sanctioned by Government on account of the length of time during which my predecessor in Office had no opportunity of drawing the allowance, and I trust the Honble Board will do me the Justice to allow that I could have no other inducement to refer the Matter in the manner I adopted than what arose from a desire not to avail myself of my official situation in my own cause, as my signature to the Batta Bills would have warranted the Paymaster in the first instance to discharge them; nor will it appear surprising that the Regulations are silent on this point, when I inform the Honble Board that there is no part of the Auditor Generals pay and allowances mentioned in the printed Books: the same delicacy however did not appear necessary on my part in regard to the allowances that have fallen to be drawn Monthly by the auditor for a considerable time past, as in the case of the Batta, for the reason I have assigned. —

I have taken the liberty of giving the above explanation of the grounds on which I referred the Matter to the Honble Board, because the answer I received appears to admit the Auditor Generals title to Batta in common with other officers, at the same time that it is held unwarrantable to allow me to draw it while I was in the field, during a few days after the Order appointing me was issued there, and while on the road in the execution of my

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My duty by repairing to the usual station of the Office —

The Honble Board having so consider=
=ed the matter, their decision must of course be binding upon
me, and I have only to request, under such circumstances,
the indulgence of being allowed further to express that
the Batta of his station has been allowed to every Officer
during the war when marching from the Field into Sick
Quarters or in the execution of his duty. — Having been
wounded I imagined that my claim to Batta might have
been considered on either of the above grounds, and that
both might consequently be found to apply —

The Honble Board having been
pleased, at my own request, to postpone my appoint=
=ment to a certain period, of which Indulgence I am
highly sensible, I trust it will appear that the only
loss I became liable to sustain from the delay, is the
pecuniary difference between the Pay and allowances
of my former and present post during the intermediate
space; that is to say from the time that the Vacancy fell
until the period it was filled up in General orders, and
that my nomination to the office was adopted. This
loss I have sustained accordingly; and I take the liberty
of expressing my hope that the Honble Board will see
the matter in the same point of view if they shall be
pleased.

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pleased to reconsider the Subject under this explanatory Statement of the case.—

I beg leave to assure the Honble Board that I shall not delay taking my seat at the Military Board after my health is sufficiently re-established, as I have no desire to avoid that or any other part of my duty; and of this Honble Sir I shall trust that yourself and every Member of your Honble Board is convinced; although, in the present situation of my wound, I cannot immediately have the honor of meeting a Board of Officers on public duty, I hope to be able to take my Seat in eight or ten days: it was my intention to avail myself of the earliest opportunity in my power of doing so, before the Honble Board thought it necessary to send me an order for the purpose.—

I am now revising the Books of Regulation and shall very shortly report on them, agreeably to the orders of the Honble Board: in the mean time I beg leave to send in the Comparative Statement required by the Secretary's Letter of the 5th Instant, in regard to the Necessary Charges on account of the Auditor General's office; and, although the increase will probably appear large, I make no doubt of the Honble Board seeing the necessity of it on adverting to the principles on which the

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Office of audit on the Bengal System of keeping the accounts is established, whereby a large detail of business, which formerly appeared in other Departments, is now to appear in that of the Auditor; also for the purpose of his being in early and constant poſeſsion of every document, or copies of them, which paſs through other offices, and which are, at the same time, neceſsary to be forthcoming in the office of audit, on all occasions connected with the Efficiency of Check and Controul over the Military Expenditures - the System having been very comprehen-sively detailed in Colonel Murray's Letter to the Government General, a copy whereof was transmitted to this Presidency, I have used the freedom of annexing to the Comparative Statement the leading principles under which it has been thought expedient to have in the Audi-tor's office the records which will appear in the List of Books to be kept on the new System. —

I have also thought it advisable to send to the Secretary, in case the Honble Board should judge it neceſsary to peruse them, several forms which it was thought proper to transmit from Bengal, which will shew the matter to be contained in a very large proportion of the Books in the auditor's office: in regard to the rest of the Books, such as are

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used in entering General Orders, Letters sent and Received, and other matters of a similar description, no Forms were judged Necessary.—

I beg leave to express my acknowledge-ments to the Honble Board for giving mean opportunity of stating my Sentiments relative to the House proposed for my Quarters and office — I lost no time in directing the accomodation it afforded for those purposes to be inspected, but was informed, on my application to the owner, that the House had already been taken for two Months certain, and for one year eventually: the whole of this House would have afforded better accommoda-tion for my office and Quarters than any other that I know of in the Fort and I would have taken it for those purposes in december last, had I not found, on examining it, that it stood in need of a very considerable repair. I understand it now requires that repair — and that the person who has taken the House is the Honble Company's Steward, Mr. Parrow; I therefore take the liberty of mentioning my request, should there still be an opening left of allotting it for my Quarters and office, that the Honble Board will direct it to be repaired, and any little alterations to be made that may be required to make it most convenient for both purposes, which may be

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be found the more necessary as the House has suffered considerably in point of situation, in regard to the admission of air and light, since the Exchange was built between it and the Sea, —

I shall be very glad to have Quarters as well as an Office established for me in the Fort, because it will enable me to conduct the duty with more despatch and care, —

Mr Snodgrass, Resident at Ganjam and acting as Paymaster in that District during the temporary absence of Mr Lennox, having desired a reference to the Honble Board, on the part of Mr Lennox, in regard to retrenchments made from the accounts of the District from January to June 1791, I do myself the honor to enclose a copy of the Retrench-ments N1, of the Inclosures N2. in support of the Charges, and of Mr Snodgrass's Letter N3 also of assigning reasons in support of the Charges, —

Mr Snodgrass having desired the reference to be made, provided the explanations did not appear satisfactory, and as this is the case, I do myself the honor of submitting the matter to be decided upon by the Honble Board, —

1st Because I do not know of any authority being in

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in a Chief and Council, in a Resident, or in any other Subordi-
=nate situation, to add to the fixed expences of the Establish-
=ment, as in the case of a Writer to the Commanding officer
of the District and of the Chaplain's allowance. —

2d Because I am of opinion every temporary expence,
as in the case of the rest of the Charges, that has been
incurred without the authority of Government should be
considered inadmissible, when the situation of the
Service admitted of full time to obtain that authority
before the Charges were paid. —

I beg leave to acquaint the Honble
Board that I have lately rejected some Bills on the
principle of this last cause of objection from the
conviction of the Expensive consequences that may be
expected, provided the practise is not struck at in the
first instance, as it is not uncommon to send in Bills
for Charges of this Description at an after period for
the arrears of many months which necessarily occasions
a correspondence that delays the public Service in more
important matters and may be sometimes the means of
the Charges being paid, from causes which could not
have occurred had full information been given, in time, of
the reasons under which they were applied for. —

Although it appears, from the copies
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of correspondence which Mr. Snodgrass has transmitted / their not being attested I conceive to be an omission solely / that the Chief and Council did address Government on all the Temporary Charges except the one for a Linguist allowed to Lieutenant Tyrell, yet I do not consider myself authorised to pass either those Charges, or the others, which, if admitted, will add to the fixed expences of the Establishment as they do not appear to have received the Sanction of Government. —

Mr. Snodgrass having stated that "all new Charges introduced by the authority of the Chief and Council or Resident whereof they have made a "communication to Government are held conformed unless "Government shall have forbid their continuance" I request to be favored with the sentiments of the Honble Board on this point as I do not understand it to be a rule of the Service if it is to be so accounted at present, or to be established for the time to come, I beg leave to represent that it will be necessary either that the Paymasters shall send the authority for such Charges as a Number among their Vouchers, or that the Auditor shall have a communication on the Subject, through some other means in sufficient time to prevent the retrenchment / that will otherways be made, in the first instance, and the reaudit that will follow. —

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I agree with Mr. Snodgrass in the remark contained in the last paragraph of his Letter on the consequences of delays in auditing the accounts, so far as it applys generally and shall endeavour, as much as possible, to prevent them; — at the same time I beg leave to observe that, with a very few exceptions, Retrenchments would fall only to be made in the case of Charges which although fixed in their nature cannot be so in their amount, and in the case of erroneous calculations, provided Chiefs and Councils Residents Commandants of Stations and Paymasters were careful not to authorise or admit Disbursements, except in cases of absolute necessity, that are not allowed in the Regulations or by subsequent orders from Government, because it will be found, I imagine, to originate in a deviation from this line of conduct, if Subalterns or other parties are involved in considerable difficulty by the unexpected Retrenchment of Contingencies. —

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

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor Genl. —

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Comparative Statement shewing the Charges as they stand ... Servants, and the increase that will be necessary in conse=

		Charges at present —	Monthly — P.	£	C.
Books					
1 Auxiliary Ledger of the Kings Troops					
1 Book of Refunds & Outstanding Balances ..... —					
1 D. of General Orders of Government and the Commander in Chief Indexed					
1 D. of Country Correspondence Letters Received —					
1 D. D. Letters Sent	14 Clerks Average Rate of Wages at 13 ″ 9 ″ C. — 7			185	″ ″
1 D. Extracts of General Orders relative to the King's Troops . —					
1 D. of Barrack Regulations					
1 D. Genl. Orders from Camp					
1 Register of the Rate of Rusees					
Totalg. Books					
1 Moochy				3	″ ″
1 Peon ..... —				2	21 ″
			Totale —	190	21 ″
Charges at present more than is allowed				8	″ ″
Charges allowed for — —				182	21 ″
Encrease of Charges Necessary on the New System ..... —				564	21 ″
			Totale Monthly —	747	″ ″

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At present of the Military Auditor Generals' Office for Clerks and other
-quence of the Change of System. — Fort St. George 16th May 1792

Charges Necessary on the New System . . . Monthly
P. f. C.

Books.

18 1 To enter the Estimates of Paymasters one for each-
18 1 Do Disbursements including those from their
Departments as Deputies to the Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions which are sent
in Seperately . . . . . —
18 1 Do Retrenchments both Departments as above
1 Pay & Batta Bill Book
1 Contingent Do.
1 Contractors' - - Do
1 House Rent - Do
1 Surveyors - - Do
1 Kings Troops — Do
1 Purveyors' - Do
1 To enter Pay Rolls and abstracts sent for Reference —
1 To enter all Contracts or other Agreements involving Military Charges . . . . . }
1 To enter Regulations of the Military Board
2 Do Correspondence with Government Sent & Rec.
2 Do Do Kings Troops - Do Do
2 Do for all other Correspondence .
1 Do the date of receipt of all Accounts and Audits . . . . . }
1 General Orders .
1 Journal
1 Ledger
1 Do Auxiliary
1 Annual Statement of Military Establishments & Military Charges . . . . . }

77 Total of Books.

Peons @ 2 Pags each.	4	. . .	8	" "
Shastry Shroffy 3 Do.	1	. . .	3	" "
2 Do. . . 2 Do.	2	. . .	4	" "
Sweepers and Waterwomen 1 Do.	2	. . .	2	" "
Total- 9.	Pags		17	" "

Clerks European Average rate of Wages @ 50 Pags Monthly . . . } 5 is . . . 250 " "

Do Natives Do at 30 Pagodas Monthly . . . } 1 is . . . 30 " "

Do Do at Pagodas 25. 2. is . . . 50 " "

Do Do Do . . 20. 20. is . . . 400 " "

Clerks average rate of 28 . . . 730 " "

Peons and other Servants 9. average Rate Monthly . . . . . 17 " "

Total . . . 747 " "

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In drawing out this Comparative State-
=ment I could have no better guide in regard to the Number
of Clerks or other Hands necessary for the Office than by
referring to the Bengal establishment, which is at the rate
of 7 European Clerks and 17 Natives in all 24 - I have
stated for the office on the Coast 5 European Clerks and
23 Natives in all 28 - which is a difference of 4 total
encrease in that comparison, on account of the additional
business which I conceive will fall to the Coast Office
in consequence of the circumstances arising from local
situation in the distribution of the Troops - difference
in number of Paymasters being in the proportion of
about 18 to 5 whose accounts come before the Auditor
at present, exclusive of those that will fall to be
appointed for the new Territory and of the two that are
now employed with the army and detachment with
the Nizam's Troops: but of whose accounts Government
will observe a very large proportion remains now to be
audited: as the whole of the Kings' Troops except three or
four Regiments will probably be on the Coast; the business
in the two offices under that head will consequently be
most considerable on the Coast; exclusive of which the
accounts which fall to be audited in the Department
of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions are of a

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description that does not, I think, appear to be very considerable in the Bengal office, but they are numerous and require great attention in the audits on the Coast: when, to the above, are added the business which falls to the auditor on the Coast in the record of Musters and the half yearly Returns which are to be made out from the Muster Rolls, the addition of no more than four Clerks to the number of hands required at Bengal will I trust be considered as bearing but a slender proportion compared to the addition of business, and that I is proposed rather as a temporary expedient, from which to ascertain what number may be absolutely necessary as a fixed establishment: I propose also to bring up all the arrear of business with the assistance of the Numbers I have detailed, if possible; but I much fear I shall be under the Necessity of an additional number for some months on account of that arrear: I have included only five European Clerks more from the apprehension of difficulty in procuring Men of good character of that description than from a belief that more will not be required: the pay of Europeans and Natives vary so much at this Settlement, that I have confined myself to the average rates at which I conceive capable men may be obtained for the Office — of 14 Clerks that I have now in the office not many can be depended upon even as correct Copyists; the wages of several of them

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is low: they are not useful even in proportion to their Wages; and as they occasion great delays from the necessity that arises frequently of having the papers they are entrusted to copy made out many times they must be discharged, and more capable hands obtained: the Sum which I find to be allowed for the office at present is 182½ Pags. monthly, and not 180 as stated in my Letter of the 3d. Instant: the mistake arose from the intricate manner in which it is drawn, under heads of different descriptions, some of which Colonel Capper had omitted to mention when he gave me an account of the allowances of the Office — the whole of the Expence of the office will be found by adding, to whatever Sum Government may be pleased to allow under the Comparative Statement for Clerks and other Servants, the Pay of the Auditor General which is £66.. 2D- Monthly; the Salary allotted by Government to Mr. Edward Jones accountant in the office 100 Pagodas Monthly — the Salaries for the Deputy and Assistant which has not yet been established, and the rate to be allowed for Quarters and an office — exclusive of which Stationary and Office Furniture falls to be provided, in the usual manner, by the proper Officers in Charge of those Departments. —

The Fundamental principle — "

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established under the New System of admitting in the Paymaster General's Books no sum to the Credit of subordinate Paymasters that has not been passed by the Auditor General, and the different descriptions of Bills or accounts which require to be audited before payment, together with the annual Statement to be made in the Auditors' office at the end of every year, exhibiting the whole of the Establishments whether fixed or only temporary, and the whole of the Military Charges, under their proper heads, produces necessarily in the Auditor's office the variety of Records and Books to be kept in that office, in order also that the Auditor General may be in possession, at all times, of sufficient grounds depending on the documents that have been either originally passed in support of a Charge or have been either originally passed in support of a Charge or have occurred in the process of it under which to check the Expences through every stage of any given transaction and finally to establish on the part of the public clear proof of all sums to be Refunded or otherways accounted for by Individuals employed in Military Supplies or in connection with expenditures of that description. —

[Signed] Henry Malcolm

Mily Aud Genl. —

N.B. I have not followed the Bengal detail of numbers

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in stating the Peons, Mootchies &c. necessary for the — Office on the Coast, where I think nine people of the descriptions I have just down will be sufficient, which is less by seven than are required in the former office — the communications between the Auditors' office and other offices are so frequent that the Peons become essentially necessary — the Mootchies are so also, on account of the Books to be ruled in Sections and — afterwards to be bound up. —

[Signed] W. M.

Minutes upon the foregoing letter from the Military Auditor General —

The Board see no reason for altering the opinion already given regarding Colonel Malcolms claim to Batta. —

The Board placing full reliance upon the opinion given by the Military Auditor General of the absolute necessity of the encrease of expence shewn in the comparative Statement, it is resolved to admit — it accordingly until the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors can be known. —

The establishment of the office will therefore stand as follows. —

To Mr. Edward Jones Accountant		100 Pags. Pr. Annum	
European and Native Clerks	730	Do.	Do
Peons and other Servants	87	Do.	Do.
	817	Do.	Do.

Resolved

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Resolved that the Salaries to the Deputy and Assistant be, to the former 150 Pagodas ₱ Month, and to the latter Fifty Pagodas ₱ Month. —

The Military auditor General to draw as usual	466	28
The Deputy Do Do	150	" "
The Assistant	50	" "
Total Pagodas	1513,	28 ₱ Contra

Besides House Rent Stationary and Furniture. —

Ordered that the Company's Steward be directed to apply to the Proprietor of the House in the Fort near the Exchange to know whether he will put the House in complete repair provided the Board agree to take it for a term of 3 or 5 Years or whether he will reduce the rent in a proportionate degree, upon the repairs being made by the Company. —

The Board entirely approve the opinion given by the auditor General upon the objectionable Charges in the accounts of the Paymaster at Aska- but, considering that the Paymaster had the authority of the Chief and Council for the Charges in question and that such authority was, at the time, deemed Suffi- =cient, it is resolved to dispense with the refunds- the regulations now in force will prevent the introduction of

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Similar Charges in future, and the expences of the Establishment being once determined, nothing extra can be admitted without the expres Sanction of Govern=ment given at the time — No order therefore of a Chief and Council or Resident to a Paymaster authorizing any new Charge, can be binding upon the latter until the result of a Reference to the Board can be had upon it. —

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board, —

From the Hospital Board recommendation regarding Mr. Betty's Bills for Recruits under his Charge belonging to the 74th Regiment European Infantry —

Hospital Board.

14th May 1792.

Mr. Betty, Assistant Surgeon at Arnee, having informed the Hospital Board that his Bills for the Recruits he has had under his Charge belonging to the 74th Regiment European Infantry cannot be paid agree=able to the Field Arrangement as these men have never been returned as effective. —

The Hospital Board recommend

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Approved —

The Necessary orders will be given to the Paymaster —

Recommend that the same mode be adopted for — " discharging them as Government were pleased to direct for Mr. Gahagan's Bills, which appears — " on the Proceedings of the Board under date the 30th January last as follows

" Mr. Gahagans " Bills on account of the " Recruits to be made out " and countersigned conformably to orders now in force " for Hospitals below the " Ghauts." —

Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.

Wm. Raine
acting Chief Surgeon —

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

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To the Honble Major General Medows,

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Board of assumed Revenue recommending that a small Sum be expended in repairing the Banks of the Tanks in the Trichinopoly District, and that Mr. Harris, Mr. Lawrence's Assistant, be permitted to visit the Presidency

Honble Sir,

We have received frequent applications from the Collectors of the Carnatic, similar to those which we have already had the honour of submitting to you from the Collectors in the Tanjore Country relative to advances and the repairs of banks: as we did not conceive these preparations to be of so much consequence in the Nabob's as in the Rajahs' Country we have hitherto refrained from incurring any expence on this account but Mr. Andrews has made a second application on this Subject so forcible, that we beg leave to recommend that a small Sum be immediately disbursed on this account, for the Trichinopoly districts, by being contiguous to the Cavery, require the same precautions as the Tanjour Country. —

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
/Signed/ David Haliburton
William Balfour.

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P. & Y. Mr. Landon having made applicat=
=on for leave of absence for his Assistant Mr. Harris
we beg leave to recommend it to your favourable conside=
= ration, as Mr. Harris expects to meet his brother, an
officer on the Bombay establishment, who will shortly
leave the Presidency. —

Agreed that the Board of Assumed
Revenue be permitted to authorize the Collector at Trichinopoly
to make such advances as may be indispensably necessary
Minute thereon for the repairs of the Banks in the Districts under his
Management. —

Agreed that Mr. Harris be permitted
to visit the Presidency. —

Read the following Letter from
the Military Paymaster General. —

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

From the Military Paymaster General Submitting an applic=cation made by the late Agent for the Value of Cloathing provided in the years 1789 & 1790. for which no Stoppages have been made —

Honble Sir, —

I have the Honor to lay before you
copies of a Letter and two Statements from the late agents
for Cloathing, the difference of which is claimed by
the Agents, but which I do not consider myself authorized
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to discharge, because the order alluded to, which I have the Honor to enclose, seems to contradict itself stating, in the first instance, that the Company are not to be put to any Expence on account of Cloathing, and, in the Second, that the Agency is to draw annually from the "Paymaster General a Sum equal to the difference "between the Stoppages actually accounted for by the "Paymasters and those for the Number that Cloathing "has been provided" — by which a loss must accrue to the Company — I beg leave to add that the Statements are drawn out conformably to the latter Paragraph —

I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

/Signed/ Benjn. Roebuck
M.P.G.

Pay Office
Fort St. George
26th April 1792

Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

Conformably to the G.O. of the 5th Febry 1789 Parr. 6. I have the Honor to lay before you Two Statements Shewing the difference between the Stoppages actually accounted for by the Paymasters and those for the

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For the Numbers that Cloathing has been provided for by the Military agency for the years 1789 and 1790 the former amounting to Pagodas 17411. 3. 72 and the latter to Pagodas 19269. 15. 65.—

I beg leave to observe that the great deficiency for the year 1790 is occasioned by the Augmentation of the Establishment of the Native Cavalry and Infantry in February 1790 which encreased the Number of Rank and File, in the Cavalry from 360 to 696 and in the Infantry from 643 to 803.—

For the year 1789 these Corps were Clothed according to the old Establishment; but for the year 1790 the officers Indented for and received the Cloathing for the Full Number of the encreased Establishment; and it would appear, from the Paymasters accounts, that very few of the Corps Consisted of more men than the former year by which means the amount of Stoppages for the Year 1790 falls so far short of the Sum which would have been accounted for had the Establishment been complete.—

I have the Honor to be.

Sir &c. &c.

/Signed/ Wm. O Balfour

for the late M.G. agency.

Fort St. George
10th May 1792

a true Copy
/Signed/ B. R.
M. D. G.

Statement.

Statement of Military Stoppages for the year 1789 shewing the Amount Accounted for by the Paymasters and that for the Number of men for which Cloathing has been provided. —

Troops.	Stoppages made by Paymasters	Stoppages as p.r No. of men Cloathed	Deficiency of Stoppages
1st Battalion European Infantry	£523. 3. 7½	£561. 7. —	38. 12. 10
2d Do	£388. 31. 6d	£388. 31. 6d	— — —
3d Do	£472. 7. 7½	£472. 7. 7½	— — —
4th Do	£478. 4. 5d	£514. 14. 3d	335. 11. 6d
1st Regiment Cavalry	2872. 9. 6d	2952. — —	79. 3. 6d
2d Do	2952. — —	2952. — —	— — —
3d Do	2908. 4. 2d	2952. — —	43. 3. 5d
4th Do	2877. 2. 7½	2952. — —	74. 15. 8d
5th Do	2909. 23. 6d	2952. — —	42. 18. 6d
1st Battalion European Artillery	3675. 10. 6d	3675. 10. 6d	— — —
2d Do	3582. 8. 6d	3582. 8. 6d	— — —
1st Battalion Artillery Lascars	2608. 10. 7½	2608. 26. 2d	— 15. 2½
2d Do	2150. 18. —	2150. 18. —	— — —
1st Battalion Native Infantry	1329. 10. 6d	1329. 10. 6d	— — —
2d Do	1263. 2. 1½	1349. 10. 6d	86. 8. 2½
3d Do	1338. 22. 6d	1383. 14. —	44. 33. 19
4th Do	1281. 25. 2d	1329. 10. 6d	48. 7. 6d

Signed Geo. Stratton

6th	Do	1361 14 "	1361 14 "	" " "
7	Do	1329 1 3	1361 24 20	32 23 37
8th	Do	1281 5 20	1281 5 20	" " "
9th	Do	1313 8 60	1313 8 60	" " "
10th	Do	1325 8 60	1325 8 60	" " "
11th	Do	1385 38 25	1427 17 40	41 21 15
12th	Do	1361 14 "	1361 14 "	" " "
13th	Do	1336 22 45	1361 14 "	24 33 35
14th	Do	1476 25 14	1329 10 40	152 27 26
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E E Excepted / Wm. Balfour.
for the late Mr. Agency

a true Copy
Signed / J. B. R.
M. B. C.

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Statement of the Military Stoppages in Fort St. George
and Mail for the Number of Men for which Accounts
are rendered by the Paymasters

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5th	Do			1399 10 26	1634 4 4a	234 36 14
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9th	Do			1372 2 55	1618 2 6a	246 " 5
10th	Do			1468 25 2	1630 2 6a	161 19 58
11th	Do			1518 7 30	1710 11 4a	192 4 16
12th	Do			1569 9 12	1634 4 4a	64 36 78
13th	Do			1473 28 74	1710 11 4a	236 24 46
14th	Do			916 11 36	1626 4 4a	699 35 4
15th	Do			1548 31 38	1682 9 6a	133 20 22
16th	Do			1238 25 10	1678 8 "	439 24 70
17th	Do			1357 5 36	1698 11 4a	314 6 4
18th	Do			1550 35 23	1698 11 4a	147 18 17
19th	Do			1666 15 67	1698 11 4a	31 37 53
20th	Do			1311 41 75	1630 6 4a	338 6 15
21st	Do			1402 2 22	1714 29 4a	313 27 13
22d	Do			1750 16 6a	1750 16 6a	" " "
23d	Do			1463 41 76	1678 8 "	214 9 4
24th	Do			1577 4 2a	1662 6 2a	85 2 "
25th	Do			1372 21 67	1585 11 2a	213 19 33
26th	Do			1336 36 36	1698 11 4a	361 57 4
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Lieut. W. Evans 13th Regt.

Colo. Hall 14th Regt.

a true Copy / Signed / H.B. Gr. M. P. Gr.

E. E. D. / Signed / Wm. Balfour / Deputy Paymaster Gen. Agency

Differency Total. Pagadas

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Extract from G. C. 5th February 1789.—

6th That the Agency shall draw the same Commission as is allowed to the European Agents: in order that the off Reckonings may be as productive as possible to the Officers and — That the Company may not be put to any expence on account of Cloathing the Troops; besides the Amount of the regulated Stoppages for each man cloathed, the Agency is to draw from the Paymaster General, annually, previous to closing the Accounts, a Sum equal to the difference between the Stoppages actually accounted for by the Paymasters and those for the Number that Cloathing has been provided, which will appear on comparing the Returns and Indents with the Paymasters' account of Stoppages.—

/Signed/ Jn.a Chamier Secy.

A true Copy

/Signed/ W.B.R. M.P.C.

Minute upon the foregoing Letter from the Military Paymaster General —

Agreed to inform Mr. Roebuck that the Cloathing provided by the Military Agency for the Years 1789. and 1790. for which no Stoppages were made by Paymasters cannot be accounted for by the Company who have no concern whatsoever in the matter.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. James Strange acting Paymaster at Tanjore. —

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W. C. Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary.

Fort St. George

Sir,

on the acting Paymaster Tanjore requesting to ers of he is to procure Materials required repairing the Military arters at Vellum & Tanjore —

I am informed that Government have been pleased to direct the Engineer of this Garrison to make an Estimate of the repairs wanting to the Barracks and Quarters of Tanjore and Vellum and to transmit the same to the Presidency, and that, in the mean time, he is to proceed with the Work. —

To enable him to do so he has Indented to me for a Variety of Materials requisite, and I have taken upon me to comply therewith; but as the Engineer's Indent is not to the full Extent of what will be necessary, but sufficient only to keep him employed until Final Orders are received from Madras, I must first receive Your Sanction for what I have done, before I comply with any further requisition from him and which, in other Circumstances than the present, I should not, in the first Instance, have attended to, without previously receiving orders on the Subject. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir
Your
Obt Servt

/Signed/ Jas Strange
Actg Paymr

Tanjore
8th May 1792

Ordered

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Minute thereon — Ordered that the Materials required by the Engineer for the execution of the Work now on hand be furnished by the Paymaster. —

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (a entered also in C.C. No 74.)

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore
To the Honble Major General Medows dated 11th May 1792.

From the Rajah of Tanjore requesting that two Companies of Sepoys may attend upon him on the decease of his Mother in Law, in order to prevent any Interruption in the performance of the funeral Ceremonies

The Letter which your Excellency did are the honour of writing on the 2d Instant was presented to me by Captain Glendoning the Commandant, who waited on me for that purpose; the contents of it, which I understand, have given me the greatest pleasure — Your Excellency is pleased to favour me by saying that the Army had humbled the enemy and obtained Victory, by the prevalence of my fortunate stars: they were certainly averse when the War commenced; but as it has been brought to so fair an issue, I shall not cease to think them favorable: Henceforth the people will be happy, and I have the firmest confidence that my affairs will be restored by your Excellency. —

Drapodey Baie Saheb, the first wife of my ancestor Pretap Sing, has been extremely ill for three or four months, and is now very much

Reduced. —

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reduced; no one knows what may happen. as she is the wife of my Father, I must surely consider her as my own Mother: if her Soul should take its flight, it will be my duty to perform all the ceremonies of committing her body to the flames, according to our Shaster: but none other have any right to interfere. I have heard that Sherfogee is plotting some evil intention of collecting his people to oppose me, and to take upon himself the performance of these funeral Ceremonies — Immediately upon her death I shall certainly proceed to burn her body; if Sherfogee & Co. come at that time with quarrelsome intention, the ceremonies will be interrupted: as I am under the Company protection this contention must not take place: I therefore earnestly request that your Excellency will favour me by ordering the Commandant to attend me with two companies from the time of her death till these ceremonies shall be completed; as the, Nabob Sree's life is in extreme danger, I entreat that this order may be dispatched to the commandant as soon as possible. I have requested Captain Glendoning to address your Excellency upon this Subject, which of course he will have done, for your information. I pray that your Excellency may long continue on the Seat of Government, and enjoy

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a lengthened life of prosperity, Honour, and Fame: believe me always your sincere Friend — to a Friend Why should I write more?

A true Translation

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy.

Resolved to acquaint the Commanding Officer at Tanjore that the Board have decided that the Rajah, as the reigning Prince, is the Person to whom the Ceremony of applying the Torch to the Funeral Pile belongs, and that if occasion should call for any interference on his part to prevent disturbances at the Funeral, he is to use it at his discretion, even to the employment of a Military Force, if he should have reason to believe that Tranquility could not be preserved without it —

Minute thereon —

Do —

Agreed that Mr. Swartz be informed of the above —

Death of Lieut. Alex.r Browne of the Infantry

The President reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant Alexander Browne of the 1st. Battalion Native Infantry at Tanjore on the 10th Instant —

" Chas Oakeley

" Eli Fanshawe

"

"

George Parry Esr

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Diary

Recived the following Letters—

To W. C. Jackson Esqre—

Secretary Military Department—

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for the
information of the Honorable Board, Copy of Instructions
dispatched, by Order of His Lordship, to Captain Saxon
of the Artillery, directing him to search and prove the
Guns, at the different Posts along the Western Frontier
— Also Copies of Orders to Lieutenant Norris Engineer
to take a Survey of the Forts in the Baramahal, &
and Lieutenant Johnstone to take a Survey of those
in the Districts of Salem and Nameel.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. Close
Adjt. General of the Army

From the Adjutant General enclosing Copies of orders given to Captain Saxon to prove and report the State of the Guns at the different Posts on the Western frontier & to Lieutenant Norris and Johnston to survey the Forts in the Baramahal, Salem and Nameel Districts—

Head Quarters Camp
at Vinkitaghery 13th May 1792.

To
Captain George Saxon

Sir,

The Commander in Chief having directed
that an Officer of Artillery be sent, for the purpose of surveying
the

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The Ordnance and Military Stores, of the several Forts lately ceded by Tippoo Sultaun to the Honorable Company, I have the honor to intimate His Lordships Instructions, that you are to be employed on this Service, and to proceed, immediately after the Army & descends the Ghauts, by the Route of Vaniambaddy and Tripatore, to Jegadier, Kistnagurry, Rayacottah, Chandaroydurgum, Verabadurgum, Attore, Tadwel & Namcul and Sunkarydurgum; and after having taken a Proof of the Guns, reporting to me from those Stations respectively for the information of the Commander in Chief the State you find them in, and their & Carriages, agreeably to the annexed Form, making a Separate Return of the Guns and every species of Military Stores found in each Garrison, to the & Military Board and in order that you may be & enabled to effect so essential a Duty in the least possible Time, His Lordship directs; That a Subaltern, a Serjeant, and twelve European Artillery Men, & with fifty Gun Lascars may be Ordered to accompany you, and that you be supplied, on Indent from the Stores, with the necessary Implements for proving and searching the Guns.—

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In addition to the above duty, His Lordship wishes you to examine particularly the Buildings at each post that have been used as magazines for Military Stores, and to report me their extent and present State and Condition. –

You are to shew these Instructions to Captain Read, and in Communication with him, to arrange the Guns and Stores of the different Forts, & leaving one or more Invalide Artillery men or Lascars in Charge, as he may point out to be necessary, for each Station; of which a certain Number will be ordered immediately from Madras to Kistnagerry, when all the Effective Artillery are to be withdrawn. –

The abovementioned Forts are such only as have occurred to me; but Captain Read will point out to you such others, as His Lordship means you should visit and report from. –

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most obedient and
Most humble Servant,

(Signed) B. Close
Adjt. Gl. of the Army. –

Head Quarters Camp —
near Vinkitgherry 12th May 1792

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Form of Report

Guns	Length. Number	Length. From the Muzzle to the Trunnions	Length. From the Trunnions to the Breech	Diameter at the Breech	Diameter at the Trunnions	Diameter at the Muzzle	Weight of Metal	Remarks
	F.	I. Dec.	F.	I. Dec.	F.	I. Dec.	F.	I. Dec.	In. Dec.	C. Qr. lbs.	

To Lieutenant. Norris, Engineer.-

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Commander in Chief having been published to direct a Survey of the Forts in the Baramahal to be made, You will proceed thither and prosecute that Service with all Diligence, beginning with Kistnaghurry.-

As you advance in the business, you will transmit me from time to time, such Plans of the principal places, as may enable His Lordship to form a judgement of their State of Defence, together with a Report, in Writing, of the Condition of their Works and Buildings, particularizing the accommodation

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the latter can yield either as Quarters for Troops, or Powder Magazines, or as Places for the reception of Grain or Stores.—

Plans of Fortifications you will lay down to a Scale of 100 one hundred Feet to an Inch, and those of their Environs, for the distance of 1000 one Thousand Yards, on a Scale of 100 one hundred feet to one Quarter of an Inch.— Previous to your Departure you will deliver to the Adjutant Lieutenant Russell, all Public Plans of whatever description that may be in your possession

I have the Honor to be
&c: &c: &c:
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut: Colonel & Chief Engineer

Head Quarters
Camp near Venkatgherry
12th May 1792.

To Lieutenant Johnson,
Engineer.

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Commander in Chief having been pleased to direct a Survey of the Forts in the Sankerry durgum and Salem Countries, beginning with Sankerry durgum to be made,

You will therefore proceed on that Service with all Dispatch— As you advance in the business, you will transmit me from time to time, such plans of the principal places as may enable His Lordship to form

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form a judgement of their State of Defence, together with a report in writing of the Condition of their Works and Buildings, particularizing the accommodation the latter can yield, either as Quarters for Troops, or Powder Magazines, or as Places for the Reception of Grain or Stores.—

Plans of Fortifications you lay down to a Scale of /100/ one hundred Feet to an Inch, and those of their Environs for the Distance of /1000/ one thousand Yards on a Scale of /100/ one hundred feet to a quarter of an Inch— The Scale for Buildings /8/ eight Feet to an Inch.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Patrick Ross

Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Head Quarters Camp near Venkatgherry 12th May 1792.

William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

Fort St. George

I have to acknowledge the honor of your Letter of the 20th Ultimo— I request the favor of you to inform me the Honorable the Presidents intention that

From the President at Travancore the Rajah of Cochin promises to complete the Payment of his Tribute for the present Year in a few Days returning the Copy of the Cypher sent.—

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That the Rajah of Cochin has not yet paid in advance His Tribute for this year as he agreed to do in February last - the only payment he has made of it is the first Kist, which has been duly brought to Account in my Account Current - The Raja has, in excuse for his non performance of his Agreement, pleaded the Troubles in which he has been engaged with the Dutch, but as these have now terminated, he has promised me faithfully to complete the payment in the course of a few days. I shall immediately on it's receipt transmit it, with the Balance which is now in my Hands, to the Presidency, by Sea or by Bills, as the Opportunities may prove favorable -

I take this occasion to return the Copy of the Cypher No 11. as it appears to me unnecessary to retain it any longer for the purpose of writing in it -

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signed) George Powney Resident

Cochin
6th May 1792

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B: No 105.. 106.. 107.. 108.. 109.. 110 -
111.. 112: 113.. 114.. 115.. 116.. 117.. 118 -

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To the Paymaster at Arnee - informing him

To the Paymaster at Arnee -

that M.r Betty's Bills on Account of Recruits under his Charge belonging the 4.th Regiment of European Infantry having been made out and countersigned conformably to orders now in force for Hospitals below the Ghauts, are to be discharged -

To the Military Paymaster General informing him that the Cloathing provided by the Agency for the years 1789 and 1790, for which no Stoppages were made by Paymasters, cannot be accounted for by the Company, who have no Concern whatsoever in the Matter -

To the Military Pay=master General -

To Patchiapah - informing him that he has the Board's Permission to proceed to the Southward for the Benefit of his Health -

To Patchiapah -

To the Commandant at Tripassore - informing him that he has the Board's Permission to visit the Presidency for one Week agreeably to his Request

To the Commandant at Tripassore -

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province - desiring him to set out immediately for the Presidency -

To the Collector in the Northern Division of the Arcot Province -

To the Board of Assumed Revenue - desiring them to authorize the Collector at Trichinopoly to make

To the Board of Assumed Revenue -

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make such Advances as may be indispensably necessary for the Repairs of Banks in the Districts under his Management - and informing them that Government have no objection to Mr Harris's visiting the Presidency

To the Collector in the Nellore Districts communicating the Board's final Determination of cantoning the Bengal Detachment at Saloor Pettah during the Rains in the Circars - and desiring him to take off the Embargo that he has laid on the Exportation of Grain

To the Collector in the Nellore District -

To the Company's Steward - desiring him to apply to the Proprietor of the large House in the Fort near the Exchange to know whether he will put the House in compleat Repair provided the Board agree to take it for the term of three or five Years, or whether he will make a proportionate Deduction in the Rent upon the Repairs being made by the Company -

To the Company's Steward

To the Acting Paymaster at Tanjore - desiring him to furnish the Materials required by the Engineer for the Execution of the work now on hand -

To the Acting Paymaster at Tanjore -

To the Commandant at Tanjore - communicating the Board's Resolution on the Subject of the Raja's applying the Torch to the funeral Pile of his Step Mother and

To the Commandant at Tanjore -

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and desiring him to adopt such Measures as he may think Necessary for preventing any Interference or Disturbances in the Execution of the customary Ceremonies. —

To the Reverend M. Swartz — communicating

To the Reverend M. Swartz at Tanjore —

the Instructions given to the Commanding Officer at Tanjore. —

To the Military Paymaster General &

To the Military Paymaster General. —

inclosing Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under date 14th December 1791 on the Subject of Pay advanced to Officers who have received Permission to return to their Station. —

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops. —

King's Troops — desiring him to advance Six Months Subsistence to Lieutenant George Lyes of His Majesty's 74th Regiment. —

To Lieutenant Johns on informing him &

To Lieutenant Johnson of His Majesty's 74 Regiment

that the Company's Orders forbid a Compliance with the Request contained in his Letter of the 15th Instant

Sent the following Letter to the Military Auditor General. —

To

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To Colonel Henry Malcolm

Military Auditor General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 14th. instant, and to inform you that the Board see no reason for altering the opinion already given regarding your Claim to Batta. —

To the Military Auditor General. communicating the Board's Resolution upon his Application for Batta — the Establishment of his Establishment of his Office — his Quarters and the Objectionable Charges in the Accounts of the Paymaster's Office —

The Board having considered with due attention the Comparative Statement you have laid before them shewing the encrease of expence in the Auditor's Office, in consequence of the Change of System in the mode of keeping the Military Accounts, direct me to inform you, that, placing full reliance upon the Opinion you have given of the absolute necessity of such encrease, they have admitted it accordingly, until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors can be known — the Establishment of your office will therefore stand as follows

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To W. Edward Jones — Accountant —	100	P Mensem
To European & Native Clerks —	730 —	do —
Peons and other Servants —	87 —	do —

Besides the above, there are —

To the Military Auditor General —	466 .. 28 ..	do
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To Lieut. Bruce Assistant —	50 .. —	do —
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House Rent Stationary – and Furniture not included –

The House taken by the Company's Steward is meant to be appropriated to an Office and Quarters for the Military Auditor General – such Repairs as it may stand in need of, will be executed. –

The President in Council entirely approves the Opinion you have given upon the objectionable Charges in the Accounts of the Paymaster at Arkat; but, Considering that the Paymaster had the authority of the Chief and Council for the Charges in question, and that such Authority was at the time deemed sufficient, it has been resolved to dispense with the Refunds – the Regulations now in force will prevent the introduction of similar Charges in future, and the expences of the establishment being once determined, nothing extra can be admitted, without the express Sanction of Government given at the time. – No order therefore of a Chief and Council or Resident to a Paymaster authorizing any new Charge, can be henceforward binding upon the latter, until the result of a reference to the Board he had upon it. –

Fort St. George
15th May 1792.

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(Signed) W.C. Jackson
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Recieved the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 119 - 120.

From the Paymaster at Chingleput complaining of M. Dashwood's having taken upon himself the authority to order the Commanding Officer of the 12th Revenue Battalion to draw the Pay and Allowances of his Battalion from the Paymaster at Cuddalore. —

From the Barrack Master North of the Kistna.

From the Barrack Master North of the Kistna enclosing an Indent recieved from the Commanding Officer at Vizagapatam for twelve Cotts for the use of the European Guards of that Garrison. —

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Recieved the following Letters. —

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing an Abstract of Bills drawn upon him by the different Paymasters on account of temporary Allowance for the year 1788. 1789. and 1790 which have been noted in his Office since the 6th February last. —

I have the honor to enclose you an Abstract amount of Bills drawn on me for Temporary Allowance amounting to Pagodas 5379 — — — which have been noted in my Office since the

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the 7th February last.

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17th May 1792

Shew the Honor to be,
&c &c &c
(Signed) Benjn Roebuck
M.P.G.

Abstract amount of Bills drawn by the undermentioned Paymasters for Arrears of Temporary Allowance for the Years 1788. 1789. and 1790, and which have been Noted in the Military Paymaster General's Office since the 6th Febry last

Mr Henry Taylor Paymaster at Ellore	2397	"	"
Mr George Wilson Paymaster at Chicacole	294	"	"
Mr Edward Garrow Paymaster at Chickinopy	1642	"	"
Mr St. Strange Paymaster at Tanjore	833	"	"
Mr George Lieut: Marten Paymaster at Palamcottah	25	"	"
Mr Hugh Vaughan Paymaster at Madura	188	"	"
Pagodas	5379	"	"

Military Paymaster
General's Office
Fort St. George
17th May 1792

Errors Excepted
(Signed) Benjn Roebuck
M.P. Genl

To

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To the Honorable Major General Medows

President and Governor in Council, Commander in

Chief of the Forces on the Coast of Coromandel.—

Sir,

Having each of us sometime ago wrote

to the Paymaster General for off-reckonings due to us

for Commanding the three Provincial Battalions

raised for the revenue Service in this Country, &

which he never answered And is now the reason &

of our taking the liberty to represent the case to you

In September 1790 three provincial

Battalions were ordered to be raised for the Revenue

Service; the men Received the same pay and were put under

the same Stoppages, as Regulars— At the end of

December 1791 they were formed into the 9th and 10th

Revenue Battalion— We therefore now take the

liberty to request you will do us the favor to order the

Off reckonings due us for those Sixteen Months to be paid.—

We have the Honor to be &c: &c:

Pallamcottah
11th May 1792

(Signed) { Tho.s Leighton— For Captain
John Everett who Commanded the
3.d Provincial Battalion.—

Tho.s Gray
Com.g 2.d Provincial Battalion

C. Dighton Com.g 1.st Provincial Bat.n
Removed

From the Officers Commanding the Revenue Corps requesting that the Off reckonings due them may be discharged

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Recieved the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 121.. 122.

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam acknowledging the Receipt of the Boards Orders dated the 3. Instant, and enclosing their Consultations for January and February.—

From the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—enclosing an Indent on the Military Store Keeper for Weights and Scales for the use of his Department

18.

Recieved the following Letters.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr

Secretary in the Military Department

Sir,

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request that you will intimate to the Honorable Board his wish, that Orders may be sent to the Garrison of Arnee, directing Captain Mackay to deliver over the Command of that Fort to the Senior Officer of the 4th Battalion of European Infantry on its Arrival there, and to join his Corps at Vellore—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) P. L. Agnew
Depy Adjutant General

Head Quarters
Camp near Amboor
16th May 1792.—

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

From the Commissary General of Grain & and Provisions—

From the Deputy Adjutant General Captain Mackay to be instructed to deliver over the Command of Arnee to the Senior Officer of the 4th Battalion of European Infantry, on its Arrival there

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To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sirs

We beg leave to submit to your consideration Extract of a letter, which we have received from the Collector in the Western Division of Tanjore on the subject of his visiting the Presidency to which we have no Objection to make —

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
17th May 1792.

(Signed) David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

From the Board of Inland Revenue referring applications made by Mr. Ram, and his Assistant Mr. Jervis for leave to visit the Presidency —

we

Extract of a letter from Mr. G. Ram

Dated 10th May 1792.

Mr. Jervais has applied to me for leave to go to Madras towards the latter end of this Month on particular business; to which I have not the smallest Objection, except that I very much wish to proceed to Madras myself about that time, if it should appear that the Collection of the Balances which

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which I have hopes may be much reduced by the End of this Month I will not be impeded by my absence. —

Therefore earnestly request the Board to will be pleased to grant me Permission with the proviso beforementioned. — But in case my continuance at Tanjore should be found expedient, I shall take it as a favour if they will admit of M. Jarvais's application, as the presence of both at Tanjore will not be necessary. —

A true extract

(Signed) J. Webbe
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To, Major General, Medows

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

At the time when Government were pleased to admit of the necessity of Barrack Sergeants being employed at the several Stations where European Troops were quartered — some of the principal Cantonments were omitted in the Orders issued from the Adjutant Generals Office whilst other places of less consequence were particularly named — As I humbly conceive this to have originated

From the Barrack Master in the Centre Division requesting that he may be allowed to draw for the Barrack Sergeants employed at the different Stations which were not mentioned in the Order issued from the Dep. Adjutant Generals office on the subject —

from

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from some mistake, and as I have been under the necessity of employing Barrack Serjeants at the different Stations, which the Several Officers can testify, I am induced to request that your Honorable Board will be pleased to extend your indulgence to those Stations omitted. As I have incurred a considerable expence, which I trust you will perceive could have proceeded from no other motive than a wish to forward the Service. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c: &c:
Signed Francis Gapper
Barr.k Mast.r Center Division —

Fort St. George
17th May 1792. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Major General Medows
Governor President

Friday
18th May 1792

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
William Petrie & Ernst William Fallofield Esqres

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from the Nabob entered also in C. C. N.o 75

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Translation of a letter from the Nabob Walla Jah Bahauder

To. Major General. Medows Governor of. Madras

Dated 25 Rumzaun 1206 Hegery

or

17. May 1792.

Recived 18th Do. ____ Do.

From the Nabob entreating in the Most earnest manner that Bills for 20000 Pagodas may be immediately granted him

I have recived your Letter dated the 25th Rumzaun 1206 Hegery answering to the 12th of May 1792 and understand its contents. –

The distress which I now labour under for want of Money for my current expences is such as cannot be expressed in writing – and when I have such a freind as you here, I trust that I shall not be suffered to remain in Distress: – with Respect to my Debt to Venkata Soobiah, I shall explain it to you hereafter – Necessity obliges me to Request that, for the present, you will be pleased to direct the Sum of Twenty thousand Pagodas to be paid me from the Company's Treasury, for I am at this time much in want of Money for many Articles of expences. –

Previous hereto I desired you would furnish me with Bills for Twenty thousand Pagodas at one time, and Bills for the same

Amount

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Amount at another period,- and my Reason in making this Request was, that I might pay Twenty Thousand Pagodas to Venkaty Soobiah to whom I am indebted, and receive the twenty Thousand myself

Your granting permission to Mr. Mowbray to attend my Durbar for the purpose of giving the explanations which I require regarding the Accounts, I consider as an instance of your Justice, Goodness and greatness of Mind, and am made happy thereby.- What can I say more?

A true Translation

(Signed) David Haliburton

Persian Translator

Agreed to inform the Nabob that it gives the Board great pain to be obliged so often to represent to him that it is incompatible with their duty to comply with his Requisition on the points of which his late letters have been directed - that if it could have been done with any Propriety there would not have been the smallest occasion for a second letter on the Subject, as the Board always feel pleasure in it conforming

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conforming to his Wishes and proportionable uneasiness whenever they are forced to the disagreable necessity of with-holding their Assent to any requisition coming from him - and that they trust he will not be displeased, if they refer him to the Arguments already used & against further payments on Account of his Fifths until such time as the State of the net Collections will admit of them -

The following Statement shewing the Establishment of the Military Paymasters Office, as it stood on the 30th April 1792 is now read. -

List of Servants Employed in the Military & Paymaster Generals Office with the Salary and Emoluments of each on the 30th April 1792. -

Read a Statement shewing the Establishment of the Military Paymasters Genl Office as it stood on the 30th April 1792. -

Benjamin Roebuck Military Pay Mr. General Emoluments of Civil and Military Paymaster General including the Payment of the Garrison of Poondamally and Tripasore and the Cantonment of the Mount	600. " "
Mr. Joseph Garrow Deputy Paymaster	42. " "
Mr. Astlin	30. " "
Mr. Rt. Abbot	20. " "
Carried Over Pagodas	692. " "

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Brought Over - Pagodas	692	"	"
Head Conicoply Namsingiah	25	"	"
Ponnapah	15	"	"
Cash Keeper	5	"	"
Vincatanarsiah	18	"	"
Kistniah	10	"	"
Singanah	10	"	"
Rayapah	13	"	"
Mooniyapah	10	"	"
Vizyanagavah	10	"	"
Venatashem	6	"	"
Appavamy	8	"	"
Robert Scowan	4	"	"
Comarapah	3	"	"
Coulattee	4	"	"
Vasodavah	4	"	"
2 Moschys and 1 Sweeper	4	23	"
4 Peons	8	"	"
1 Superintendant Peon Pensioned by Government	4	"	"
1 Gollah	2	"	"
1 Shroff	2	"	"
Mootoo Mooneyapah for Bengal Accounts	10	"	"
4 Conicoplys for Garrison Charges	8	"	"
7 Peons Do Do	9	"	"
Servants Employed for Investigateing the King's Accounts			
Mootiah Writer	15	"	"
Mootoo Kistnah Do	10	"	"
Veniatachellum Do	7	"	"
1 Mootchee	3	"	"
1 Peon	2	"	"
	37	"	"
	Pagodas 921	23	"

Fort St. George
Pay Office -

(Signed) Benj Roebuck
M.P.G.

&c

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Resolution regarding Mr Roebuck's Salary from the 1st Instant. –

The Change of System in the mode of Keeping the Military Accounts, having deprived the Military Paymaster General of those Emoluments which were heretofore annexed to his Office – and the Board observing by the above Statement that Mr Roebuck's Salary and Emoluments for the Month preceding the new Regulations amounted to Sicca Rupees 1600/ Pag.a it is resolved that he be permitted to draw that Sum Monthly, beginning from the 1st Instant, which is to be considered as his full Salary, in lieu of all Emolument whatsoever, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known. –

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis

To
The Honorable General Medows
Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

From Lord Cornwallis
Sir,

I have been honored with your Letter private Tonnage to be engaged for conveying the European Artillery Men and Lascars to Bengal. –

dated the 12th Instant, informing me that tenders have made by several Masters and Owners of Vessels for carrying troops to Bengal. –

As I conceive that the Honorable Company's Ships destined for Bengal this Season

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can convey but a small portion of the European troops and Lascars that are to return to that Settlement, I should recommend your engaging freight for the Bengal & Artillery and Lascars, provided it can be obtained on & reasonable terms, and above all that the Ships shall be good and well manned, as boisterous weather may be expected about the time of their arrival in Balasore Roads.

There are about 400 European Artillery Men besides Officers and 13 or 1400 Lascars and they will be ready to embark by the Middle of next Month.—

I have the honor to be.—
&c. &c.
(Signed) Cornwallis.

Camp at Amboor
May 16th 1792.—

Agreed that the following Advertisement be published in the Madras Courier.—

Notice is hereby given, that Sealed Proposals will be received by Government on or before the 1st. day of June next for letting to them a Ship or Ships for the purpose of Conveying European Troops and Lascars to Bengal.— The Vessels to be well found in all Respects and commanded by Europeans— The Tenders to specify the Number of Men each Ship can accommodate, and the Freight required for

Advertisement to be & published for receiving & Proposals for conveying & European Troops and Lascars Bengal.—

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for each Man -

Dated in Fort St. George
18th May 1792 -

By Order of the Honorable the Governor
in Council - (Signed) W.C. Jackson Secry

Read the following Letter from the Revd
Revd M. Swartz -

To the Honble General William Medows
President and Governor;

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From the Revd M. Swartz - applies for Instructions regarding the Distribution of the Property of the late Rajah's Widow, who is Deceased -

The determination of the Honorable Board in Respect of the funeral rites, that they are to be performed by His Excellency, I have made Known, first by Writing & and afterwards in a Conversation with his Excellency I assured him that Serfoje, in Order to avoid all confusion, should remain in his house, begged at the same time & that His Excellency might keep this in his mind till the Rajah's Mother was dead, May that He might act very cautiously in taking the Corpse out of the room least a tragical event should happen; His Excellency approved of all - To day He wrote me a letter desiring me

to

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to send a Message to the late Rajah's Widows, and to Charge them strictly not to take any thing of the Jewels, Gold, Silver, and money which belonged to the Mother of the late Rajah, whose death is now daily expected, letting them Know that He was the only heir of all those things. But I hear that the dying Lady has bequeathed all Her Jewels and Money to the eldest Widow of the late Rajah - and ordered it to be written, and desired that this Her last will should be communicated to me - In answer to His Excellency Letter I beg leave to refer that Point to the determination of the Honble Board as I could not presume to be judge in this affair - I therefore have mentioned the whole in a plain manner hoping that the Honorable Board will be pleased to let me Know their determination by which alone this dispute can be decided. -

I have the Honor to be, respectfully,
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
14th
May 14 - 1792.

Minute thereon -

Agreed to inform Mr. Swartz that the Board would be glad to have his opinion whether the late Rajah's Mother, according to ancient and acknowledged Customs, can bequeath to whomsoever she thinks proper, the Money &

and

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and Effects of which she may die possessed; or whether the Property can of right Claim be claimed by his Excellency as Head of the Family - and that, if he be not prepared to give an Opinion upon this point, he will state the question of such of the Pramions at Tanjore as may be competent to Answer it, and Report the result to the Board.-

Read the following Letter from

Nagapah Chetty.-

To the Honble. Major General
William. Medows.-
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir, Fort St. George

From Nagapah Chetty. requesting that the Amount due to him for Ground sold to the Company in the year 1781 may be discharged.—

I most humbly Represent to your honor in Council That in the Year 1781 the Honorable Governor and Council Notified by Public Advertisements that they were willing to receive Proposals for purchasing Certain Quantities of Ground to distribute among the Inhabitants of Hog Hill whose Dwellings had been pulled down in order to enlarge the Esplanade before the Fort

That

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That in Consequence of the said advertise-
=ments I delivered in a Proposal to the Government under
date the 6th February 1781. Offering to dispose of
Certain Grounds belonging to me Situated in Mannady
Street in the Mahratta Town at the rate of Pagodas
120 ₱ Lott of Ground, and to receive Pagodas 2000 in
part in ready Cash, and the remainder in a Company's
Bond bearing the usual Interest

That it pleased the Honorable the Governor
and Council to Accept my said Proposals and that the
said Grounds Consisting of 98 5/8 lotts were accordingly
measured out by Mr. Maxwell the Company's
Surveyor, and appropriated by the Company for
the aforesaid purpose; and the Value of the said
Ground according to the aforesaid price of Pag.s 120 ₱
lott amounted to 11,835 Pagodas.-

I also most humbly represent that I had
every reason to expect that the Conditions of my
said proposal having been fulfilled on my part,
I should have experienced an equal Punctuality
in the Performance on the part of the Honorable
Company; but with Concern I beg leave to Observe to
your Honor that, notwithstanding my repeated

Represen-

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Representations and Remonstrances in Succession to
Governments since the Year 1781. I have not to
tell met with any Compensation whatsoever for
so Considerable a Part of my Peternal Property I
sold to the Honorable Company at a fair Bargain
In proof of the authenticity of the
said Purchase, I beg leave to enclose to your Honor
Copy of Mr. Maxwell's Report to the Committee of
Works regarding the Purchase of these and other
Grounds from Sundry other persons at the same
time and for the same purpose; I hope to be excused
in calling to your earnest Attention the distressing
hardship of my Situation, which your Honor
will admit to be the more so, when I inform
you that of the Number of Proprietors mentioned
in Mr. Maxwell's Report who sold their Grounds
to the Company on the same Occasion Venkataram
Brahmin, the Chief Peons, the Weavers and myself
are the only Persons who have not received
Satisfaction for their Property, Mr. Cavanagh &
Mr. Sourdan and Mr. Popham, which last
Gentleman stood forward as Owner of the Ground
mentioned

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mentioned in the name of Manar Chitty, having re-
ceived Payment of their full Demands from the
Honorable Company at the time or soon after the
Purchases were made. —

To the Justice and Honor of the
Company's Government I take the liberty to Submit
my hard Case, and I trust that, in Consideration
thereof, you will be pleased to order Company's
Bonds to be granted to me for the Amount of my
Property Sold to the Company, with Interest
from the time that the Purchase was made
agreeably to the Terms of my Proposal
accepted by the Government on the 26th February 1781

I am, with the most profound Respect,

&c.a &c.a

Madras
9th May 1792. (Signed) Nagapah Chitty

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of
Works Dated the 22d. August 1783. —

To. Alexander Davidson Esqre
President &c.a Members of the
Committee of Works

Gentlemen,

Herewith send you the measurement
of such Gardens as have been purchased by the Company
for

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For the use of Inhabitants whose houses were demolished, together with the prices of those Gardens that were settled at the time of purchase, but as several owners of ground considered the compensation offered them as inadequate to the value of the ground the prices of some remain to be settled –

Mr. Casamaijors	No. of Lotts 33	@ 100 ℔ Lott
Nagapah Chetty 108 5/8 Lots, out of which the owners reserved for themselves 10 Lots	98 5/8	@ 120 ℔ Lott
Remains		
Mannar Chetty	44 3/8	@ 100 ℔ Lott
Chief Peons Garden Lots not settled but valued by the owner at 100 ℔ Lott	75 1/8	
Vencataram Brameny joins with the above Garden, prices not Settled	2 1/8	
Weavers Gardens, they refused to accept 150 Pagodas for each Lott	15 1/8	
Mr. Jourdan expected to receive for his ground what was paid for the Gardens	24	

besides, a large quantity of Ground near the Jail Gate was intended to have been purchased, but as the Inhabitants positively refused to accept of it, being

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being too far from the Fort: four small houses were built on it at the time people were so much distressed for place to put their Materials on, and I understand the owner, Kistnamah Chitty, Considers it as the Company's property altho' there is a law Suit between him and Mr. Popham about this very ground. &

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Hugh Maxwell

Fort St. George
14th June 1783.—

/A true Copy/

(Signed) J. Balfour
Clerk Com.te of Works

Minute thereon—

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to ascertain from the Records of the Committee of Works the Nature of the Claim preferred by Nagaiah Chetty, and the Cause /if any appear/ why the Demand has been so long unadjusted

Read the following Letters from the Adjutant General—

To The Honble. Major General Medows

Governor and Commander in Chief

&c. &c. &c.

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From the Adjutant General enclosing a Copy of Orders issued by the Commander in Chief relative to the Distribution of the Effective Troops and the Brigading of the Native Corps on this Establishment—

Honble Sir,

At the desire of Lord Cornwallis I have the Honor to transmit you herein, Copy of His Lordship's Orders

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Orders published this Day in Camps, containing a distri-
-bution of the Effective Troops serving under the Presidency
and a new Brigading of the Native Corps of the
Establishment, formed on the principle of having
the Battalions composing a Brigade stationed as nigh
to each other, as the nature of the General Distribution
will permit.—

Head Quarters
Camp near Venketgherry
12th May 1792

I have the Honor to be, with Respect
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) B.J. Close
Adjt General of the Army

Head Quarters Camp near Venketgherry 12th May 1792

General Orders By Earl Cornwallis.

The following Distribution of the
Troops ordered. Directions for their March to their
several destinations will be given hereafter.—

Fort St. George	The 1st and 2nd European Battalions, with the 3d and 8th Native Battalions —
Mount	The 1st Battalion of Artillery
Pondamallie	The 36th Regiment and five Companies of the 52d.
Trispassore	Five Companies of the 52d. Regiment.
Vellore	The 3d Battalion of European Infantry and the 16th Native Battalion.—
Amboor	The 6th Native Battalion.—

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Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot	The 1st 2d and 4th Regiments of Native Cavy
Arnie	The 4th European Battalion (for the present)
Conditore near Arnie	The 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry
Wallajahbad	The 72d Regiment, and the 20th 24th and 30th Native Battalions.
Chevelamodoo	The 19th Dragoons.
Kistnagherry	The 15th Native Battalion.
Pennagra	The 4th Native Battalion
Salem and Sankerrydroog	The 22d Native Battalion
Attoor & Namcull	The 23d Native Battalion
Ongole	The 10th Native Battalion
Nellore	The 27th Native Battalion (for the present)
Guntoor Circar	The 12th Native Battalion
Tyagar	The 14th Native Battalion.
Trichinopoly and Warriore	The 3d Regiment Native Cavalry the 2d Battalion of Artillery, the 71st Regiment, the 1st 5th 7th and 25th Native Batt.
Tanjore	The Royal Artillery, the 74th Regiment (having a part of the Corps at Vellum, and two Companies at Dindigul) and the 2d and 21st Battalions.
Madura	The 9th Native Battalion

Pallamcot

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Pallamcottah ... The 19th. Native Battalion

Dindigul ..... Two Companies of the 7th. Regiment
and the 13th. Native Battalion.

Ellore ..... The 17th. Native Battalion

Masulipatam The 26th. Native Battalion

Cassimcottah ... The 11th. Native Battalion.

Arkat ..... The 18th. Native Battalion

With the Nizam The 28th and 29th. Native Battalions
The 73d. and 76th Regiments destined
for Bengal.—

In consequence of the above Distribu-
tion the Native Troops on the Establishment to be
Brigaded as follows

1st. Brigade

1st, 1st, 5th, 7th, 21st, 23d, 25th. Native Battalions ..... Lieutenant Colonel Oldham
Major Langley
Brigade Major Cosby
Brigade Mr. Master Rand

2d. Brigade

6th, 10th, 14th, 16th, 20th, 27th. Native Battalions ..... Lieutenant Colonel Hunt
Major Burn
Brigade Major Grant
Brigade Mr. Mc. Donall

3d. Brigade

2d, 4th, 9th, 13th, 19th, 22d. Native Battalions ..... Lieutenant Colonel Clarke
Major Sale
Brigade Major Bannerman
Brigade Mr. Gibbings

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4th Brigade

1st 11th 17th 18th 26th 28th 29th	Native Battalions	Lieutenant Colonel Durand Major Bonneveaux Brigade Major Ogg Brigade Major Blair

5th Brigade

3d 8th 12th 15th 24th 30th	Native Battalions	Lieutenant Colonel Bilcliffe Major Roberts Brigade Major Turing Brigade Major Graham

The Brigade Staff posted as follows

Trichinopoly ..... Brigade Major Cosby, Quarter Master Brigade, Rand

Wallajahbad ..... Brigade Major Grant, Quarter Master Brigade, Mc Dowall

Pallamcottah ..... Brigade Major Bannerman, Quarter Master Brigade, Gibbings

Ellore ..... Brigade Major Ogg, Quarter Master Brigade, Blair.

Madras ..... Brigade Major Turing, D. Master Brigade, Graham,

Officers of the Corps of Engineers now serving in the Field -

Lieut. Russell to return to his Station at Pondamalee

Lieut Norris to survey the Fort in the Baramahal

Lieutenant Johnstone to survey the Fort in the Sankerry droog and Salem Countries -

Ensigns Wood, Caldwell, Pyefinch, Pittman, and Farquhar to return to the Presidency -

(signed) B. Close
Adjutant General

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To
Willm Collins Jackson Esqre
Sanitary Military Department.

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Cornwallis to transmit you the enclosed Letter, in Order that it may be laid before the Honorable Board, for their decision on the application it contains, and to request that you will, at the same time, intimate to Government, that, if they are disposed to acquiesce in Mr. Blackaders request for permission to resign the Service, there is no Objection whatever on his Lordship's part, from many circumstances arising from his being at present, under arrest.

From the Adjutant General re-ferring an application made to the Commander in Chief by Mr. Blackader for Permission to resign the Honble Company's Service—

Head Quarters
Camp at Vinkelgherry
13th May 1792.

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

Lieut Colonel Close
Adjutant General to the Army.

Sir,

My Situation has become so irksome from the late unhappy Business, that I have

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to request, you will mention my desire to the
Commander in Chief of returning to Europe when
opportunity may serve, and to lay before him my
request of being permitted to resign my Commission
on the Honorable Company's Service. —

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Blackader.
Surgeon

Camp
May 13. 1792.

Ordered that a Copy of Lord Cornwallis's
Distribution of the Effective Troops serving under
this Presidency, be transmitted to the Honorable
Court of Directors, a Number in the Manship's
Packet. —

Minutes of the two
ongoing Letters from
e Adjutant General —

Lord Cornwallis having Signified that
he has no objection to the Resignation of Mr. Blackader
Resolved that he be permitted to resign accordingly,
and that the Subject be mentioned in such terms to
the Honorable Court as to preclude the possibility
of his ever being allowed to Return to the Service
in any capacity whatsoever. —

Read the following Letter from the
Military Board. —

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To the Honble. Major General Medows

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Board representing that Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott, by an Article of their Contract, have the Privilege of Providing themselves with Bricks and Chunam at the Expiration of the prolonged Period of Mr Garrow's Contract

We have been honored with your Letter of the 9th Instant, acquainting us of your Prolongation of the Contract for Bricks and Chunam, to a Term of Six Months from the above date

Upon this Occasion We feel it a Duty incumbent upon us to State to your Honorable Board that an Article of the Contract made & with Messrs. Roebuck and Abbot, confirms to them the privilledge of providing themselves & with Bricks and Chunam for the Public Works at the Expiration of the prolonged period of Mr. Joseph Garrow's Contract, and, in fulfilment of the same, We presume to recommend that those Gentlemen be permitted to carry it into Effect, & should it be optional to them to do so. Had Mr. Garrow made his application, in the first instance, through the Channel of our Board, for the Indulgence of a further Extension

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Extension of his Contract – We should, in that case, have had the means of submitting to you, in the due course of proceeding, what, from the Irregularity set forth, is now become Ex post facto Information – We would indeed gladly assume unintentional Neglect on the part of Mr. Garrow in this Instance, but when a similar Application for a similar purpose was made by that Gentleman to the Military Board in the Month of October 1790 which was at the same time recommended to you, and considering that he holds his Contract expressly with them, It is with concern we perceive that such a Deviation is not justified under any ignorance of the mode, which a due attention to Official Forms would, we imagine, have dictated

We have the Honor to be with Respect

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&c. &c.
/Signed/ Edwd Collins
Geo: Maule
Geo Hall

Minute thereon –

Upon the occasion of Mr. Garrow's letter the Board certainly did not advert to that Article of the Contract made with Messrs. Roebuck and Abbot which confirms to them the Privilege of providing

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providing themselves with Bricks and Chunam after the expiration of the prolonged period of Mr. Garrow's Contract - Resolved however, that the Mistake be corrected by directing Mr. Garrow to leave it to the option of the Contractors for repairs to take the Materials from him or not, as they may think proper. -

The Board are of Opinion that the application made by Mr. Garrow in october 1790 ought, in the first instance, to have been made to Government, and that any reference to the Military Board if such were necessary should have been immediately from the Superior Board. -

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

To the Honorable. Major General William. Medows.

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George.

From the Board of Assumed Revenue communicating that the Customary Letters accompanied by Khelats, be written to the Rajah of Calastry and the Veneatagherry, on the occasion of their having completed the Payment of their Peishcush for the present Year. —

Honble Sir,

The Rajahs of Veneatagherry and Calastry having completed the payment of their Respective

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Respective Peishcush for the present Year, We take the liberty of recommending that the Customary Letter be written to them on the occasion, to be accompanied with a Khelât from the Honorable Governor in Council.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) David Haliburton

" Wm. Balfour.

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Agreed that Letters be written to the Rajahs of Calastry and Venkatgherry in consequence of their having completed the payment of their respective Peishcush for the present Year, and that a Khelât be sent to each of them.—

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Read the following Letter from Captain Bell.—

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

Honorable Sir,

From Captain Bell. representing his Inability to furnish sundry Vouchers required by the Auditor General and requesting that the Board will sanction such Bills as are moderate in their Prices.—

Having been called on by the Deputy Comptroller General of Army Accounts for Certain Documents deemed necessary towards enabling him to Audit my Accounts whilst Commissary of Stores with

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with the Army from April to November 1790 which
It is out of my Power to produce; I entreat Permission
to lay before you such Letters on the subject as will
at Once clearly prove the Impracticability of
complying therewith, and from which your Honors
will see the Justice of dispensing with such documents

In the Month of February I received
Intimation from Lieutenant Boswell the Dep.
Comptroller General that he was directed by
Government to Reaudit my Accounts from April
to November 1790 In order to enable him to which,
he called upon me for the Original Bills paid by
me to the persons from whom I purchased Stores,
to Enable me to supply the Army &c. Paper No. 1.

Such Requisition never before having been
made, and in fact not possible to be complied
with, I acquainted The Deputy Comptroller General
therewith, but expressed my readiness to give every
Information and Explanation that might be required
respecting such Supplys. No. 2.-

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Brunton having laid my reply before Government, they were pleased to direct him to apply again to me for such Bills, or to give a more Satisfactory reason for with holding them than appeared in my Letter, and to apprize me that unless they are forthcoming it is highly probable my Bills will be rejected altogether for want of Documents to go upon to determine the propriety of the Charges /No. 3/

On receipt of which I addressed Lieutenant Brunton, for the Information of Government, stating more fully the Impossibility of complying with the Requisition &c.-

Since that time I came to the Presidency in order to attend the Readit and to give every &c. Explanation necessary but have not been called on

The Papers above referred to give a General Idea of the Present State of my Accounts and &c. I anxiously wait the pleasure of Government for the Readit.-

As the Impossibility of producing Bills of Parcels, will be obvious, for the various Articles supplyed the Army being frequently the Manufacture of the lowest Natives in Camp and the

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the Produce of Slaughter Cattle in the Instance of Grass Hides &c. &c. I trust your Honors will dispense with such Documents.—

I beg permission to make one remark in addition, which I presume will serve to substantiate the Bills, namely that I constantly acted under the Guidance and direction of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, at whose particular desire I procured Articles for the Supply of the Army and that on General Medows joining the Army and any Monthly Bill being presented for Signature The General desired the report of Colonel Moorhouse thereon, who, in consequence, Countersigned the Bill this will appear on reference and as I dare say recollect by Colonel Harris.—

Therefore trust that when your Honors are Satisfied of the necessity of such supplys, of their Receipt, and of their delivery on Authorized Indents, that you will be pleased to sanction such Bills as may appear Reasonable in their Price.—

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

(Signed) Robert Bell
Com. of Stores

Madras
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If Captain Bell have no Vouchers to produce shewing the rates at which the Stores were provided, it is impossible that the Auditor can enter upon the examination of the Accounts with any degree of Satisfaction to himself or of Justice to the Company; for, in a Matter where the Public Money is concerned, too much Caution cannot be observed, nor is it sufficient that the Person making the Disbursements declare them to be valid. If it were, there would be no necessity for an Auditor or for any of those Checks required by the Regulations of the Service, which Captain Bell has broken through in every instance, and thereby or forfeited all Claim to Reimbursement, as it is not to be disputed, that he, in his commissarial Capacity, was the last man in the Army who ought to have provided Stores, since, by his Office, he was expressly precluded therefrom.—

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Captain Bell

Captain Bell has requested that the Board will be pleased to sanction such Bills as may appear moderate in their Prices—but he has given them no Clue by which they can form any Judgement whether the Charges he has made are or are not not reasonable

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reasonable, consequently no determination can be had upon his Accounts in any respect favorable to him without an Affidavit, expressing that to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, such and such Sums (particularizing them) were actually and bonâ fide expended by him for the Provision of Stores appropriated to the Public Service.-

Resolved, that the above be communicated to Captain Bell.-

Ordered that a letter be written to Lord Cornwallis, informing his Lordship that it is intended to dispatch the Manship on the 26th. Instant.-

Lord Cornwallis to be advised of the Board's Intention to Dispatch the Manship on the 26th. Instant.-

Chas Oakeley

P. Hall Offg Secy

George Parry Esqr

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. Nos 123.124.125.125.126—

To Mr Robert Dashwood desiring him to inform the Board by what authority he issued orders to Lieutenant — Crump to draw the Pay and Allowances of his Battalion from Cuddalore. —

To Mr Robert Dashwood at Cuddalore —

To the Military Board inclosing Copy of a Letter from Nagapah Chetty, and desiring them to state why his Claim on account of Ground sold to the Company has remained so long unadjusted — enclosing also Copy of a Letter from the Barrack — Master in the Center Division desiring them to report their — opinion thereon, and upon a Claim made by the Commander of the Snow Crescent for Freight of 14 Tons of Baggage from — Negapatam. —

To the Military Board

To the Military Paymaster Penral commu = nicating the Boards Resolution of annexing to his office from the 1st Instant, a Salary of Six hundred Pagodas pr Mensem, in lieu of all Emoluments whatsoever, until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors can be known. —

To the Military — Paymaster Penral —

To the Commandant at Arnee directing him to deliver over the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Arnee to the Senior officer of the 4th Battalion of European Infantry, on its arrival there, and afterwards to join his Corps at Vellore. —

To the Commandant at Arnee. —

19th Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M B Nos 127.128.129. —

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From Captain Thomas Parr.

From Captain Parr enclosing a Bill for off Reckonings and requesting that Government will order the Payment thereof.

From Wm. Robert Dashwood at Cuddalore advising of his Intention to set out immediately for the Presidency.

From Wm. Benjamin Sulivan.

From Wm. Benjamin Sulivan requesting to be furnished with a Transcript of such Parts of the Boards' Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors &c. Manship as relate to his Claims.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M B. Nos 130.131.132.133.134.135.136.137.138.139.

To the Reverend Wm. Swartz desiring him to take the opinions of the learned Bramins at Tanjore, whether the late Rajahs Mother, according to the ancient and acknowledged Custom can bequeath to whomsoever she thinks proper, the Money and Effects of which she may die possessed, or whether the Property can of Right be claimed by the present Rajah as Head of the Family.

To the Reverend Wm. Swartz.

To the Board of Accounts Revenue informing them that Government cannot consent to Mr. Rams quitting his Station until the End of the present Revenue year, but that they have no Objection to Mr. Innes's visiting the Presidency agreeably to his request advising them of the Presidents Intention to write to the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry conformably to their Recommendation.

To the Board of Accounts Revenue.

To Captain Robert Bell informing him that the auditor cannot enter upon the Examination of his Accounts with any Degree of Satisfaction to himself or of Justice to the Company, until he is furnished with Vouchers, shewing the Rates at which his Purchases of Stores were made and that Government cannot come to any Determination favorable to

To Captain Robert Bell of the Artillery

19th to his Claim, until they are furnished with an Affidavit expressing that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the Sums charged have been actually and bonâ fide expended for the Provision of Stores appropriated to the public Service —

To the Chiefs and Council at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam informing them of the Amounts for which the Paymasters at Ellore and Chicacole have been instructed to indent upon them for the purpose of discharging Bills drawn upon them by the Military Paymaster General for Temporary allowance. —

To the Chiefs and Council at Masulipatam and Vizagapatam

To the Collectors in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country at Trichinopoly Tinnevelly and Madura stating the Amount for which the Paymasters at their respective Stations have been instructed to indent upon them on the above Account. —

To the Collectors in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country at Trichinopoly Tinnevelly & Madura —

To the Military Paymaster General desiring him to draw Bills, at 20 Days Sight, on the respective Paymasters for the Arrears of temporary allowance noted in his Letter of the 17th Instant. —

To the Military Paymaster General —

To the Barrack Master in the Northern Division desiring him to comply with Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast's Indents for twelve new Cotts. —

To the Barrack Master in the Northern Division —

To Lieutenant Colonel Prendergast desiring him to see that the twelve Cotts provided by the Barrack Masters are entirely new. —

To the Commandant at Vizagapatam —

To the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam informing

To the Contractor for Bricks and Chunam —

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19th informing him that the Contractors for Repairs, by an Article in their Contract, have Permission to provide themselves with Bricks and Chunam at the Expiration of the prolonged period of his Contract. —

To the Military Board informing them that the above Circumstance alluded to in their Letter of the 14th Instant has been communicated to Mr. Parrow. —

To the Military Board.

20th Sent the following Letter to Lord Cornwallis —

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

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordships Letter dated the 9th and 16th instant —

To Lord Cornwallis advising of the Boards Intention to dispatch the Manship on the 26th Instant. —

We beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that we purpose to dispatch the Manship on the 26th Instant, as her Lading will by that time be completed. The strong Southerly winds which have of late prevailed, retarded the arrival of the Bales, and Account for the detention of the Ship so much beyond the period we had originally fixed for her departure. —

We have the Honor to be,
with great Respect and Esteem
My Lord,
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servants
Signed W. Meadows
&c. Council

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20.th Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C.C. N.o 76 assuring His Highness that could the Board with Propriety have acquiesced in his Application for Bills for 40.000 Pagodas on account of his Sifth, there would not have been the smallest Necessity for a second Letter on the subject.—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

Sent Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry as entered in C.C. N.o 77 expressing the Board's Satisfaction at their having completed the Payment of their Peishcush for the present Fusley Year and requesting their Acceptance of a Khelat.—

Substance of Letters to the Rajahs of Calastry and Vencatagherry.—

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 140. 141. 142. 143.—

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From the Offrs Commanding His Majesty's 19.th Regiment of Light Dragoons.—

From Colonel Floyd offering to purchase some Draw belonging to the Company.—

From the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country acknowledging Receipt of the Board's orders for complying with M.r Corbett's Indents of Cash.—

From the Collector in the Eastern Division of the Tanjore Country.—

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From the Commandant at Arnee expressing his Concern at having incurred the Displeasure of Government—

From Captain Mackay Commanding at Arnee.—

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam acknowledging Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 8.th Instant regarding supplies of Grain for the Bengal Detachment, and enclosing Returns of Stores, and Consultations for the Month of March.—

From the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M.B. N.os 144. 145.—

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21st To the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire enclosing a Duplicate of Mr. Secretary Jacksons' Letters of the 14th Instant, and desiring him to reply thereto without Delay.

To the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire.

To the Paymaster of the Army desiring him to report the particular Application of the Company's Share of the first Payment received from Tippoo Sultaun, and the Balance remaining in the Money Tumbrills.

To the Paymaster of the Army.

22d. Received the following Letters.

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary.

Sir.

The Tappall dispatched from Madras the 5th Instant arrived here the 9th and was forwarded for Paligaute=cherry immediately, but at Tavum Pilly, in the Coimbetore Country and Twenty Two mile from Pauligautcherry the Tappy Men, were made Prisoner, beat, and then obliged to return hither, with the mail. You will perceive in my Letter of the 5th and 9th Instant, what Urgently I recommend. so that I cannot do any thing further, Thon wait Instructions and I could not take upon me, without the Authority of Government, to write to the respective Keladars of Darraporam and Coimbetore, may I therefore request that you will be pleased to Communicate the above to Government.

From the Commandant at Dindegul. Tippoo's People Stop the Tappal from Madras, passing through the Coimbatore Country, and maltreat the Tappy men.

I have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signd T. Bowser

Capt. Comm.

Dindegul
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22.nd

William Collins Jackson Esq.re

Secretary Fort S.t George.

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 9.th instant.—

From the Paymaster at Trichinopoly inclosing Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to open and report the Contents of a Box of public Papers left at Tranquebar by Mr. Samuel Johnston — and a List of unliquidated temporary allowance Bills drawn by Major Langley.—

Amongst the Batta Bills lately delivered in to the Commandant myself and Fort Adjutant, I now appear upon Examination, as no abstract accompanied them, a number drawn by Major Langley as per the accompanying List, and which do not appear to have been liquidated — The General Terms in which the Major's Certificate was given expressive, in common with some others of a larger amount, of neither Periods of date, or Officers Names, made me decline giving Bills for them till I received an order from Government for the purpose.

I have the Honor to be,

S.r S.r

Signed Edward Farrow

Pay.r

Trichinopoly
15.th May 1792.

Proceedings of an Examination, by order of Government — into a Box of publick papers left by Mr. Samuel Johnston late Military Paymaster here —

Trichinopoly 27.th March 1792

The box being produced in the presence of Vidwada Pilla a Servant of Mr. Johnston, and the Person who had charge of it from Tranquebar, by name

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Abraham, who declares it to be in the Same State in which he received it at that Place from Mr. Johnston, on the 26th of January 1792 accompanied with a Letter as follows.—

Tranquebar 15th December 1791

"Videnada Pilla.

"Trichinopoly"

"There was a box, which appears to contain a "Number of half-calla Chits, which came here with some of "my Baggage, as I have no business with them, I return "them, and You and Ramia who had the Charge of them "will of course take proper care of them".—

I am, Yours &c".

Signed Samuel Johnston

Observed..... That the Box is Country made, Covered with a Wax Cloth, fastined by a String, is neither Locked nor Sealed, and has one hinge broke.—

The Box being opened and Examined in the presence of the abovementioned Videnada Pilla and Abraham Servants of Mr. Johnston, is found to Contain papers in a loose State agreable to the following List and Amounts of Cash.—

Witnesses
Videnadah Pillay
Abraham — in the Moorish Language

Signed
Thomas Bridges
Col. Commt.
Edward Farrow
Pay.t.
Edward. Fergusson
Fort Adjutant
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Temporary Allowance Bills drawn by Major Langley

found in the Box = unliquidated. -

December	1788	24	33 48
January	1789	24	33 48
February		22	16 64
March		24	33 48
April		24	" —
May		24	33 48
June		24	" — "
July		3	8 32
August		24	33 48
September		24	" — "
October		24	33 48
November		24	" "
December		24	33 48
	Pagodas	295	8 32

Trichinopoly
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Signed Edward Garrow Pay

To the Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor in Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Messrs. Mitchell, Innes and Baker — Mr. Haliburton requests that he may peruse the Depositions taken by them in the course of their Investigation. —

W. Haliburton having requested a perusal of the Depositions we have taken during the Investigation now before us, relative to his removal from the Board of Revenue during the Administration of Mr. Holland, we have thought proper, previous to a Compliance with his request, to submit it to Your Honorable Board. —

We at the same time take the Liberty to Signify it as our opinion, that the granting it, so far from being — objectionable, may, by tending further to elucidate the subject, be

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29th be an additional means of promoting the Objects of Our Enquiry

We have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

H. G. Michell.

Signed Daniel Ince.

Charles Baker.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Major General Medows

Governor & President

Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart.

William Petrie & E. W. Fallofield Esqrs

Tuesday 22d May 1792

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as interpreted into E. C. by Sr. B.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honorable Major General Medows

Governor in Council &c &c.

Dated 17th May 1792.

From the Rajah of Tanjore regarding his Right of performing the Funeral Ceremonies of Dropadi Baii Saheb and of succeeding to her Jewels, Pardons &c. Effects.

In the Letter, which I had the honour of addressing to Your Excellency on the 11th Instant I requested, that, as Dropadi Baii Saheb the first wife of my father Pretaap Sing was reduced to the last extremity, You would be pleased to dispatch a Speedy order to the Commandant relative

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relative to the Consequences of that event. - on the 12th. Instant Mr. Swartz came to wait upon me. I then informed him that the death of the Mata Sree might soon be expected; that I had remained quiet in consequence of what he had formerly told me; that Sherfogee and the Women of Tulja maharaj had resolved to dispute with me and to perform her funeral rites by means of Sherfogee; and that he must make a proper Arrangement to prevent this fruitless contention at her death: I also asked Mr. Swartz whether he had informed your — Excellency of these matters or whether he reserved them for — a future communication. In answer to this Mr. Swartz — informed me that he had written to your Excellency; that he had received your instructions; that it was intended I should conduct the ceremonies after her death; that Sherfogee was to have no interference; and that, as he had provided for the event, I ought to remain quiet. In consequence of this I was easy; mean while the first wife and other ladies of Tulja maharaj have collected a certain number of people in order to dispute with me: as I received information — yesterday that they had resolved upon performing the Ceremonies themselves, and to exclude me, I sent to inform Mr. Swartz of their determination: Mr. Swartz replied that — Sherfogee would not interfere, and that if, upon the Death of Dropadi Bai saheb, the wifes of Tulja maharaj should appear obstinate in disputing, himself and the

Commandant.

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Commandant would attend at their door, and explain the orders that had been received from Madras: M.r Swartz added "if they should listen to my suggestions, it will be well; if unfortunately, they should not, what can I do? If instead of performing the Ceremonies Yourself, they could be done by the means of any other person, no dispute will come: this answer of M.r Swartz gave me great uneasiness. I have therefore this day written him a letter, copy of which I inclose for Your Excellency's information; from it you will be fully acquainted with my Sentiments. ——

I have further to inform Your Excellency, that, as Drapadi Baie Saheb was the first wife of my father, I must, according to the laws of the Shaster and the Customs of our persuasion, perform her funeral obsequies. I cannot therefore consent to have them performed by means of any other person: while I, a son, am alive, no other person ought: Theodore however, who, by ill advising the Baie Sahebs, strengthen their resolutions of disputing with me, as I am under the Company's protection. I have to request that Orders may be speedily sent to the Commandant to attend me with a party of Troops, while I perform these ceremonies, in order to prevent any disturbances. ——

Besides this, as I have the rights of performing these honours to the Nato Sree, I succeed also to all her jewells, cloths, Pardins, Lands, and effects, to her place of residence, and all places under it. Your Excellency may obtain information on this subject from whomsoever you may

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chuse to consult. I rely upon your Excellency; I write nothing contrary to justice, I have written every thing for your information according to our practice and the tenets of our religion. I am ignorant of what others may write to you from hence. as your Excellency is just. I request you will favour me by acting — according to justice and your own dignity. Believe me your Sincere Friend. To a friend why should I write more.—

A true translation

J. Lindy L. Webbe
m. T.

From the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. Swartz.

You sent me a letter yesterday the 15th. May by — Chimmy, which I understand; as I received some information Yesterday, I sent to inform you of it by Rehemut Khan and Chimmy: you returned for answer that you had made an — arrangement to prevent Shirfogee from interfering in the — Business of the Funerals that the Baie Sahebs - appeared to be obstinately resolved, that upon the dissolution of the Mate I, you and the Commandant together would go to the door of their Apartments and inform them that permission was arrived from Madras for the Rajah of Tanjore to conduct her Funeral Ceremony, and that they had no occasion to interfere; You add that if they listen to you, it is well; if not, what will Your exertions avail? you think a dispute will ensue and — therefore propose that, instead of performing the funeral — Ceremonies myself, I should have them conducted by the means of some other person, by which all disputes may be

avoided

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avoided, and very thing properly carried on. I was much surprized at this your recommendation. as Dropadi Baie Sahib is my Step mother, I alone have a right to perform her funeral ceremonies: since it is directed by our Shaster that I should officiate at the death of my Step mother, and since permission is arrived from Madras for that purpose, I never will consent to have the obsequies performed by another person: I know not upon what grounds the Baie Sahebs will fix their obstinate dispute: while I have the right in every respect. it can never be justice to comply with the perversenes of the Baie Sahibs. If you make enquiry into the practice of our religion and the doctrine of the Shaster, you will then be informed. Dada and some other evil disposed persons endeavour to excite divisions in my family by giving the Baie Sahebs pernicious counsel, no one has a right to interfere in my family concerns. According to the Shaster and our customs, a woman has not the smallest, the most insignificant authority after the death of her husband, it is only necessary then to feed and clothe them. as this is the law, by what authority can the Baie Sahebs claim to themselves the performance of the funeral rites, and succession to the effects of the mate Srie— I will without reserve make known to you my resolution. as Dropadie Baie Saheb is my Step mother, I alone am to officiate at her death neither Shropgee, nor any other person is to officiate, as I have the authority of performing the ceremony, the mate Srie's Jewels

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jewels, cloaths, and effects, gardens, lands, and villages, her place of residence, and all the places under it, must come to me: of these I will not forgo one Article. as you are my mediator you — must use every endeavor to reconcile the Baie sahebs and — prevent them from interfering in the funeral: If, without — listening to you, they should persist in their obstinacy, I will, upon the death of the mato sree, put an entire stop to the funeral; and I will see by what rights or by what force they will take it up and proceed, let any confusion or dispute — ensue, or if any person die, let him, I will not forego. I have written these my sentiments for your information: if, after — paying attention to them it be necessary to write to the Governor, I request you will do so: I too shall write to the Governor, who will assuredly make a distinction between — right and wrong.

You say that mato sree Drupadi Baie saheb has delivered all her Ornaments to the Baie sahebs, and — declares it is just to do so, and therefore positively assure me that you will not adjust this affair; as I am right full — heir to all the matoo sree's effects whatever she may — she may dispose of with my knowledge and consent. — may be legally done; but whatever she disposes of without my consent will never be acknowledged; you must effect that every thing come to me according to law. I have

written

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written for your information - To a friend why should I write more?

Dispatched the 16th. May 1792

Above translation

Signed L. Webbe m. pr.

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr Swartz

To the Honorable Major General William Medows

Governor and President.

Honorable Sir & Sirs,

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz, advising of the Completion of the Funeral Ceremonies of the late Rajahs Mother without the smallest Interruption or Disturbance.—

Yesterday morning the late Rajahs mother expired - His Excellency acquainted me with Old Ladys decease; Immediately I went to the Palace, in Company with Captain Flandoning; Intreated his Excellency, not to do any thing precipitately, but to give me leave to acquaint the Widows with the order of Government. The eldest Widow disputed long, but at last Captain Flandoning sent a Guard not far from their quarters - The three Widows retired to their apartments leaving the Corpse to His Excellency's people: this morning she was carried in great Pomp to the river Side and burned without any disturbance. —

I have the honor to be,

respectfully. -

&c. &c. &c.

Signed C. F. Swartz

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Minute on the two foregoing Letters

The Board are well pleased to observe that the Funeral rites have been conducted without any of those Disturbances of which the Rajah and Mr. Swartz were so apprehensive.—

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board.—

Hospital Board.

25. May 1792.

From the Hospital Board recommending that William Casimere be appointed Deputy apothecary with the same allowances as were granted to his Father and that Mr. George Wilson be removed from the 20th to the 26th Battalion Native Infantry.—

The Hospital Board have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Funeral Orders by Government regarding the resignation of Mr. Blackadder Surgeon, which they have directed their Secretary to enter on the Proceedings.—

Read a letter from Mr. Ruddiman, Apothecary, stating that his Deputy Mr. Casimire is dead, and that his Widow and Seven Children are left in the greatest distress, all unprovided for except the eldest, named William, a very promising and well educated Young man who was lately made a Sub Assistant. and who

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who Mr. Ruddiman wishes may be appointed to succeed, as the only means of supporting so large a family.

In consideration of Mr. Casimiers long services, near 35 years, the situation of his distressed family, and that the son will in a very short time be well qualified for the station from what he already knows of the Duty in having assisted his father, and that Mr. Ruddiman has promised to give him every instruction.

The Board hope that Government will be pleased to appoint him Deputy Apothecary with the same Allowances as were granted to his father.

Approved.

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. George Wilson, who was formerly appointed to the 20th Battalion native Infantry but removed to

Approved

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to attend the Sick at Carrore, be
reappointed in Genral Orders to
the 20th. Battalion.

James Anderson
Physician Genral

Signed
William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant
Rand.

To the Honorable Major Genral Williams Medows
President and Governor &c. in Council
Fort S. George

From Lieutenant Rand requesting that he may be permitted to draw the Pay and allowances of Deputy Quarter Master Genral while acting, as such, with the Center Army.

Sir.

The late Commissary Genral, Colonel James Capper, having omitted to communicate to me the contents of the Enclosed Copy of an address to him from Colonel Secretary Harris on the subject of my Batta while I acted as a Deputy Quarter Master Genral to the Center Army — a under the late Colonel Kelly, the amount continues still undischarged, and as the present Auditor Genral Colonel Malcolm declines auditing the accounts as it arises from a transaction previous to his appointment, I humbly presume to solicit your Honor to give Colonel Malcolm such orders as will enable me to receive this

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I have the Honor to be.
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Charles Rand.

To Colonel Capper.
Comptroller General

Sir.

In consequence of Lieutenant Rand's application for Major General Medows's sanction to his receiving the Pay and allowances of Deputy Quarter Master General while acting as such with the Army under the late Colonel Kelly. I have the Generals' directions to inform you that he does not see any objection to Lieutenant Rand receiving the allowances for the period he acted, as the Government authorised Colonel Kelly to appoint acting Deputy Q.r Master and acting Deputy Adjutant General. The General is certain that your attention will prevent two being paid for the same period.

Camp
December 14th 1792

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I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed Geo. Harris
Lieut.

A true Copy.
Signed J.s Brunton
Dy M. A. Genl

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Lieutenant Rand.

Agreed to inform Lieutenant Rand. that before the Board can come to any determination upon his

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his Letter. it is necessary he should satisfactorily explain the reason why the allowances which he claims were not drawn for during the time he acted as Deputy Quarter master General to the centre Army.

Read the following Letter from Mr. William Drake. late midshipman of the Hannibal.

To The Honorable Major General Medows.

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

From Mr. William Drake - requesting that the Board will order a further advance of Cash to be made him.

Honorable Sir.

Give me leave to represent to you, that the necessary expences. During my Residence in this Settlement, since my return from ten years imprisonment in the Prisons of Tippoo Sultaun, much exceed the amount I have already applied for. and likewise for my Voyage to Europe.

Permit me therefore to request. that you will be pleased to advance whatever may appear to you, to be adequate to the Wants I have represented.

And I remain with perfect Respect

&c. &c. &c.

William Drake.

late Midshipman of

H. M. Ship

Hannibal.

Fort St. George

25th. May 1792.

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Minute thereon -

Agreed to inform Mr. Drake that the Sum.

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Sum which he has already received from the Company since his arrival at Madras / being nearly the Pay of an Ensign for one Year / is deemed quite sufficient to answer every reasonable purpose during his residence in India

Read the following Letter from the Company's Steward. -

William Collins Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary.

From the Company's Steward - the Proprietor of the large House near the Portuguize Square refuses to let it for a period of three or four - years to execute the Repairs it requires. -

Sir,

In conformity to the orders of the Honorable Governor in Council, I have inquired respecting the repairs of the house near the Portiguese Square and beg you will inform the Board - that the House is the property of his Highness the Nabob, and mortgaged by him the mortgagee is in expectation of the mortgage being cleared off. in which case it must be delivered up, he therefore declines letting it for the term proposed - he also declines making the necessary - repairs, as he observes the expence will exceed the amounts of the annual rents paid for the premises. -

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Signed Joseph Parrow

Steward

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that the Military auditor General be directed to enquire and report whether proper Accommodation can be provided elsewhere..

Sir Charles Oakeley delivers in the following Minute. -

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Sir Charles Oakeley's — a Minute submitting an Affidavit regarding the Reason of his Name's appearing on the Books of the Nabobs Creditors under the Arrangement of 1784.

It is necessary, in my present situation, that nothing like a doubt should exist any where in regard to the disinterestedness which I personally feel upon every subject likely to come into discussion at this Board. —

I beg leave therefore, as my name appears on the Books of the Nabobs Creditors under the arrangement of 1784, to enter an affidavit explaining the reason of its so appearing, and declaring that I have no property or concern whatever, directly or indirectly, in the Consolidated debts either of His Highness the Nabob, or the Rajah of Tanjore. —

I trust indeed the Court of Directors will do me the justice to suppose that I should not have occupied any situation in the Government of this place if I had professed the smallest Interest in those debts; yet it may be satisfactory to them, under the circumstances above stated, that I record my declaration on the subjects. —

I Signed Charles Oakeley

The Affidavit referred to in Sir Charles Oakeley's Minute. —

I Charles Oakeley do make Oath that, at the time of my appointment to succeed to the Government of Fort St. George, I did not hold any property or concern — of whatsoever, in the Consolidated debts either of the Nabob of the Carnatic or the Rajah of Tanjore, and that I have not

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not since purchased, or otherwise acquired, directly or indirectly, any Interest in those debts; but as my name appears on the Books as a Creditor of the Nabob of the Carnatic, I think it necessary also to declare upon Oath, that, previous to my departure from India in 1789, I did possess certain property in the Consolidated debts of the said Nabob - That the whole Amount of such property was bonâfide sold and transferred to Messrs. Balfour Spalding and Colls of Madras, by an Agreement dated on the 15th December 1788; and that the only reason why no transfer was made at the same time on the Books of the Debts, arose from an objection on the part of those gentlemen to be at the expence of such transfer conceiving their Rights perfectly secured by the Assignments and Power of Attorney which I had executed in their Behalf - So help me God. -

/ Signed Charles Oakeley

Sworn before me
this 22d. Day of
May 1792.

/ Signed William Medows
Governor -

A true Copy

/ Signed George Parry
Actg. Depy. Secy.

Remarks of the Board upon Sir Charles Oakeleys Affidavit &c.

The Board do not require this, or any Proof to convince them of the Propriety and disinterestedness of Sir Charles Oakeley's conduct - they cannot but approve, however, of the Step he has taken, as it must effectually remove

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remove all possibility of Doubt, in the minds of others, with respect to the Circumstances Stated in the affidavit. —

Mr. Petrie's observation on Sir Charles Oakeley's Minute. —

Mr. Petrie begs leave to observe that independent of his knowledge of the sale of the property, as explained in Sir Charles Oakeley's affidavit, he could safely have inferred, that he —a /Sir Charles/ was totally divested of all Concern directly or —a indirectly in this or any other transaction with the Durbar. —a from the fairness and impartiality of his Conduct, on every occasion when the Interests of the Nabob had come under dis= =cussion at the Board. —

Ordered that the affidavit, and Copy of the Minute be sent, numbers in the Manships Packet. —

Death of Captain Daniel Kennedy of Invalids. —

The President reports to the Board the Death of Captain Daniel Kennedy of Invalids. —

Lieutenant Samuel Hunter admitted on the Establishment without prejudice to his rank. —

Lieutenant Samuel Hunter having returned to India with the permission of the Honorable —a Court of Directors. Ordered that he be readmitted on the Establishment without Prejudice to his rank. —

The Genral Letters in the Military and Political Departments to go by the Manships read and —a approved. —

The Genral Letters in the Military and Political Department to go by the manship being

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read and approved — Ordered that they be copied Sair. —

" Chas. Oakeley.

" G. Hallifax

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George Parry Esq.

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Diary

Receive Letter from the Zemindar of Ramnaudpooram / as entered in C. C. No. 79 / congratulating the President on the Termination of the War, and on his Return to the Presidency.-

Substance of a Letter from the Zemindar of Ramnaudpooram.-

23d Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. No. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152 153. 154. 155. 156. 157.-

To the Garrison Storekeeper - desiring that the Gram belonging to the Company, under his Charge may be disposed of at Public Outcry.-

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To Colonel Floyd - informing him that the Gram belonging to the Company, now under Charge of the Garrison Storekeeper, will be sold by Public Outcry.-

To the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons.-

To Captain Parr - informing him that as Commanding Officer of Carour he is not entitled to the Allowance claimed in his Letter of the 18th Instant.-

To Captain Parr.-

To the Military Paymaster General - enclosing a List of Papers found in the Box sent by Mr Samuel Johnston to Trichinopoly from Tranquebar, and desiring him to give Orders to the Paymaster for discharging such Bills for Temporary Allowance as are still unliquidated.-

To the Military Paymaster General.-

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To Major Langley informing him that the &

To Major Langley Paymaster at Trichinopoly will be instructed for &
discharge his Bills for Temporary Allowance from
December 1788 to December 1789 inclusive.—

To the Commandant at Dindigul informing

To the Commandant at Dindigul— him that the Post Master General has received the &
necessary Instructions regarding the Disposal of
Letters addressed to Persons residing at Caligautchory

To Lieutenant Reid desiring him to &

To Lieutenant Reid explain the Reason why the Allowances which he
now Claims were not drawn for during the Time
he acted as Deputy Quarter Master General to the
Center Army.—

To Mr. Benjamin Sullivan informing

To Mr. Benjamin Sullivan him that as he is already in Possession of the &
Sentiments of the Board regarding his Claim, it is
not considered necessary to furnish him with &
Transcripts of such Parts of the General Letter &
Dr. Manship as relate to it.—

To Mr. William Drake informing him that

To Mr. William Drake the Sum which he has already received from the
Company since his Arrival at Madras, is deemed &
quite sufficient to answer every reasonable Purpose

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during his Residence in India.—

To the Military Auditor General advising

To the Military Auditor General— of Mr. William Casimere's Appointment informing him that the proprietor of the large House near the Portugueze Square has refused to let it for any given Time, or to execute the Repairs it stands in need of—and desiring him to enquire and Report whether proper accommodation can be had elsewhere—

To Messrs. Mitchell, Imee and Baker informing them that Mr. Haliburton's Request may be complied with.—

To Messrs. Mitchell, Imee, and Baker

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24. Received the following Letters.—

To. The Honorable. Major General
William. Medows
Governor in Council and Commander in Chief
Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 4th 12. Instant, directing me to take the necessary measures for apprehending the person of a Frenchman that has been reported to your Honorable Board to have landed at Nairpilly in their Cirear with two Sice Pounders and inlisting Recruits for the Service of the Nizam.—

Officer Commanding in Cirear—and to execute the Orders regarding the Frenchman lately at Nairpilly—

I am

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24. In consequence of which I have this day dispatched a force sufficient to execute this Service, with instructions to the Officer, to apprehend the Person of the Frenchman and secure the Guns, in case it shall Sound that he is not properly authorized by his Highness.- And should it be ascertained that he is (unofficially) by the Nizam, to desire he will proceed no further in this Service without permission. All matters relative to this Subject shall be stated to your Honble Board as soon as I am informed of the circumstances.

I have the honor to be most resp
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Daniel Burt

Guntoor
19th May 1792.

To W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Government.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant, and request you will be pleased to lay the enclosed Statement made me by the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore before the Honorable Board. I don't know that there ever was any Stipulation made regarding the price of Rice deposited in

From Major Cuppage regarding the Appointment made by the Rajah of Travancore of Collectors in the Rajah's Pollygarships, Carkon and Cauvelcad.

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on the Stores of Palghautcherry, but always understood it to be at the Current price of the Country, and which the Storekeeper M.r Corbett informed me he regularly reported to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

In my Letter to Sir Charles Oakeley of the 28. April 1791 I informed him that the Arrangements was made by the Rajah of Travancore's Dewan, and which I had in no respect whatever interfered; and enclosed him a Statement of Assessment on the different Rajahs.—

The Average price of Rice during my Command at Paligautcherry came to about 8 Palghaut or 9 1/2 Arcot Seers for a Veroy fanam 3 1/2 Veroy fanams make one Pondicherry Rupee.—

The other Articles of Provisions laid in by the different Rajahs was but trifling.—

In my Instructions from General Meadows I was directed to use my utmost exertions in placing in Palghautcherry a Magazine of grain and other Provisions sufficient to supply the Army in the most ample manner.—

Consequently I did not think myself authorized to make any Arrangements respecting that part of the Tribute paid in Cash, and which I conceived to be entirely vested in the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore He alone assessed the different Rajahs and received the whole of their Tribute, except the Grain and provision

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which was deposited in Palghautcherry. —

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

Camp at
Surgery Durgum
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Statement of Assignment made by the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore on the Rajahs of Palghautcherry & Cochin and Calicut, to the following Amount

Palghautcherry

Marealls or Purrahs of Rice		110,000 " "
The Districts of Manour Yarattierry Conadoo and Cavalparry the three first 11,000 and the latter 8000		41,000 " "
		151,000 " "
Received from Palghaut	69,000 " "	
D° from the above Districts	17,000 " "	
	86,000 " "	
Balance due	65000 " "	
		151,000 " "

Cochin

Marealls or Purrahs of Rice		100,000 " "
Received	15,000 " "	
Balance due	85,000 " "	
		100,000 " "

Calicut

Marealls or Purrahs of Rice		200,000 " "
Received	64,170 " "	
Said to be delivered to General Abercromby and Colonel Hartley	80,000 " "	
Balance due	55830 " "	
		200,000 " "

Palghautcherry
April 1792. —

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Major Commanding

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To W.m C.n Jackson Esqre

Military Secretary

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Sir,

I do myself the honor of enclosing you a Letter from M.r Watson, Conductor of Stores at this place, requesting you will be pleased to lay the same before the Honorable Governor in Council for their determination thereon. —

There not being a sufficiency of Quarters for the Officers who have been ordered into Garrison with me, I am under the necessity of pitching Marquees, for those without any, and have done the same for M.r Watson, for the present, with which he does not seem satisfied. —

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Alex.r Macpherson
Captain Comm.t Amboor

From the Commandant at Amboor M.r Conductor Watson claims a Right to be provided with Quarters in preference to the Subalterns of the Battalion doing Duty in that Garrison

Amboor
the 20.th May 1792.

Captain. Macpherson

Sir,

Having been appointed to this Garrison by Major General Musgrave in General Orders bearing date 2.d January 1792, and arriving here soon after, I was accommodated with a Quarter by Lieutenant Cuppage, who then Commanded the Garrison, which Quarter I have

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resided in ever since my Arrival, and have been at Some
expence and a great deal of trouble in making it a Comfortable
Residence, after which, upon the Arrival of your
Battalion in this Garrison, there not being Quarters
sufficient for all the Officers who belong to it, and it
being the Opinion of you and of the Officers belonging to
your Battalion, that their Claim to the Quarters that
are in the Garrison, is superior to mine, in consequence
of which I have your Order to resign my Quarter to
the Officer to whom it may be allotted, and there being
no place in this Garrison that is particularly allotted
to a person in my Station, and I in consequence of your
Order / not having any place to live in except a Marqu-
I request that you will be so good as to apply to
Government, to know whether I am not equally entitled
to a Quarter with an Ensign, or if not, whether
Government will not permit a Quarter to be built
for the use of those in my Station, who are appointed
here in Charge of the Artillery and Stores; should
Government not be pleased to allow some place to be
built for me to reside in, and it should appear that
I am not equally entitled with an Ensign to a Quarter,

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my Situation here will be rendered perfectly distressing, as, should I at any time, from a Quarter becoming Vacant be permitted to go into it, the moment a Commissioned Officer Arrives I must be obliged to leave it, should he wish to come in, I trust from what I have stated, that you will excuse my troubling you in a Matter that so essentially concerns my Comfort while belonging to this Garrison — and

I Remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) Samuel Watson

Commissary of Stores.

Amboor

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Wm. E. Jackson Esqre

Dear Sir,

I have just Recived intimation from Colonel Ross that Lord Cornwallis does not wish any thing to be done towards Repairing the Shevalamoodoo Barracks — will you be so good, at the General's desire, to signifie the purport of this to the Military Board. —

From the Secretary to Major General Medows desiring that no Repairs given for repairing the Barracks at Shevalamoodoo may be countermanded —

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Sam, Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

(Signed) George Harris

Lieut

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Sent Letter to the Military Board (as entered

To the Military Board.— in M.B. N.o 157) desiring them to countermand any orders

they may have given for the Execution of Repairs to the

Quarters at Sheralamoodoo

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Received the undermentioned Letters (as

entered in M. B. N.os 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163.—

From the Collector in the Southern Division

From the Collector in the Southern Division of the Jaghire— of the Jaghire— stating that ten Garce of Rice will

be in readiness for the use of the Troops, on their

Arrival at Conjeveram.—

From the Commandant at Arnee— acknowledging

From Captain Mackay Commanding at Arnee.— Receipt of the Board's Orders for delivering over the

Command of the Fort and Garrison to the Senior Officer

of the 4th Battalion European Infantry.—

From the Contractor for Cloathing desiring to

From the Contractor for Cloathing.— be furnished with Instructions on the Subject of

Lending off the Cloathing of the different Corps for the

Year 1791.—

From the Private Secretary to the Governor

From the Private Secry to the Governor General General— enclosing Dispatches to be forwarded to

Europe on the Manship.—

From Do— From— Do. enclosing further Dispatches.—

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From the Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly &c requesting that the Board will appoint Mr. Puttenney Meir an Assistant Surgeon until the Pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors be known.—

From Mr. Nicol Meirs Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Major General Medows
Governor President

Friday 25th May 1792

Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet
William Petrie & Ernst Willm Falloofield Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

Read the following Letter from Captn Bell

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

Honorable Sir;

I had the Honor to receive yesterday &

M. Secretary Jackson's letter under date 19th Instant, and now intreat permission to again point out the impossibility of producing the documents required towards Auditing my Accounts for Stores supplied the Army—

From Captain Bell representing his Inability to produce the Documents required by the Auditor General and repeating the Replies contained in his last Letter.—

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this Letter acquaints me that unless I have Vouchers to produce shewing the rates at which Stores were provided, It is impossible that the Auditor General can enter upon the examination of my Accounts with any degree of Satisfaction to himself or of Justice to the Company. With Deference I beg to refer your Honors to my Letter of the 8.th Instant, shewing the Impossibility of complying therewith, and, in addition, I can only say that I am ready to give the attestation that I am not, or ever have been, in Possession of the Vouchers required, not having deemed them of any consequence to the Settlement or Auditing of my Accounts, for the reasons already set forth.-

Having taken up so much of your Honors time on this Subject, shall only repeat the Prayer of my former Letter, that your Honors may be pleased to direct the audit of such Bills, on the Proof of the necessity of the Supplys, of their receipt, and Delivery on Authorized Vouchers: The Rates or Prices to be settled agreeably to the Pleasure of Government at the rates allowed in Similar Situations, to which I trust your Honors will not deem unreasonable as I hope I have proved that my acting as Commissary &

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of Supplies was originally a matter of necessity & arose from a desire to promote the Service, and that it was in Consequence of my application the Paymaster in the Field was appointed to that Office.—

Madras
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I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Robert Bell
Comm.y of Stores.—

Minute thereon

The Board are surprized to observe, that in so considerable a Charge as Captain Bell has made upon the Company, and under the glaring irregularity of the transaction, he should not have deemed it necessary to procure Vouchers for any part of the Sum disbursed by him particularly, as he could not have been ignorant that such Vouchers were the only just Criterion by which any Judgement could be formed of the prices he had Charged.—

Considering all the Circumstances of this extraordinary Case, the Board think it their indispensable duty to the Company to reject the whole Charge, and they accordingly Resolve that Captain Bell be & he is immediately required to refund the Sum of Seventeen

Thousand

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thousand, five hundred and Seventy three Pagodas, thirty Seven fanams, and seventy eight Cash 17,573. 37. 78/ being the Balance of the Amount of Charges for which he received Payment in Camp subject, at the time, to the consequences of a future Audit.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

To the Honorable Major General William Medows.—
Governor and Commander in Chief
in Council of Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your Commands in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 15. Instant, and shall, in consiquence, pass such new Charges up to the Month of April 1792 inclusive, as I may find to have been authorized by Chiefs and Councils or Residents, advising the Paymasters at the same time that Charges of that discription are not admissible for any period after April 1792

I beg leave to lay before the Honorable Board Copy of a letter received from Mr. Torriano Paymaster

From the Military Auditor Gen.l opinion on a Bill presented by Captain Forjay for Prize Batta and upon Claims in a general of a similar Nature and also upon Captain Bell to report the Amount of Arrears & Charges in his Accounts.—

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Paymaster at Vellore, respecting a doubtful bill, and
request to be honored with the Commands of Government
on the Subject - the subject Matter of the Charges &c
involves others of the same nature at this particular
period, and the precedent being so distant in point
of time are the causes which prevent my sanctioning
the payment of the Bill without the Orders of the
Honorable Board, although Mr. Torriano has stated
correctly what was the practice of the Service
after the former War; and which was also extended
to the Non Commissioned and private Europeans
who were prisoners as well as to the Officers.

In regard to the Native Troops who fell into
the Enemy's hands during the former War, it was at
first regulated that none should be eligible to
receive Arrears of pay, reckoning from the date
of their being taken prisoners, who did not
return to their Colours before a given period,
which was fixed at three Months from the date
of the Order - this Regulation was directed to be
circulated in the most public and Comprehensive
manner through every Province under the Authority
of the Presidency, in the hope that, by such means,

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it might become known to the Prisoners / Natives / many of whom it was supposed might otherways decline to return during a considerable period of time with a view of establishing a Claim to along Arrears of pay and Allowances from the Company either after they had taken Service from the Enemy, or after their return to the Carnatic, without reporting themselves - But, this requlation not having been strictly complied with, it was after Ordered that no pay or Allowances should be drawn, for the Native prisoners, exceeding three Months, and for that period only on its appearing clearly that they had no opportunity of making their escape earlier than was stated in their reports. -

I have used the freedom of giving the above information, in case the Honorable Board shall judge it expedient to refer to precedent on the Subject of Mr. Torriano's Letter and to regulate at the same time, the pay and allowances affecting the Prisoners of every description; as, by doing so, on the present occasion, future references on that head will become unnecessary. -

I have

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I have the honor to report to the Honorable Board that I have signified to Captain Robert Bell, late Commissary of Stores with the Army, that he is to refund Seventeen Thousand Five hundred and Seventy Three Pagodas, Thirty Seven Fanams and Seventy Eight Cash / Pagodas 17,573.. 37.. 78 / being the Ballance of the Amount of Charges for which he has been paid, by Order, subject at the time to the consequences of future Audit - for the following Reasons -

1st ..... Because he has not produced the Bills of Charges required by the Honorable Board as documents necessary in the first stage of Audit, whereby to determine on the propriety of the Charges he has made -

2d. Because he has declared his inability to produce the Bills of Charges, as above as will appear from his letters of the 16th. February and 6th March last which were transmitted to Government immediately after they were received at the Office of the Military Auditor General -

3d ..... Because I see no prospect of the bills of Charges required by the Honorable Board being forthcoming

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forthcoming at any given period, and, therefore, that it appears necessary to bring the Matter to issue speedily, Captain Bell having received a considerable time since, the Amount of the sum to be refunded.

I have considered that it is not intended by the Honorable Board, that I should go into a particular audit of Captain Bell's Charges, untill he produces the Vouchers which have been thought necessary as a first principle to guide the Audit; but, in case I have misconceived the intentions of the Honorable Board, on reference to the Secretary Jackson's Letters to the Auditor General's Office of the 11th and 27th February, I beg leave to mention a mode of Auditing the Charges in question, although it cannot be so compleat or satisfactory in any respect as when accompanied by the Bills of Charges made by the persons from whom Captain Bell purchased the Several Articles.—

1st By Comparing the Indents of each Month on Captain Bell, offered as Vouchers with the Corresponding Bill of Charges for the same Month stated to have been incurred by him for purchases; and by extracting from the former

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former the total of each Article said to have been purchased in the latter, and for which Receipts, as well as Indents, have been passed.—

2d By making a reference to the returns of Stores at the Presidency and the Southern Garrisons to ascertain the issues, on Account of the Army in the Field, of the Stores of the same description, with those that have been brought under comparison by the first proceeding, whereby some judgement may be formed of the necessity of the purchases stated to have been made by Captain Bell and the uses to which they have been applied.—

3d. By admitting as purchases at a reasonable rate such Articles of Stores as shall appear to have been necessary to be purchased for the use of the Army under the Comparison and reference.—

But, I beg leave to be understood as only suggesting the above mode of Audit, under the apprehension that the Honorable Board may have expected me to enter more particularly into the Audit of Captain Bell's Charges than I have supposed to be proper on my part, before he produces the Vouchers required as documents necessary

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necessary in the first stage of Audit, whereby to determine on the propriety of the Charges; and I also beg leave to use the freedom of expressing my Opinion to the Honorable Board that the Copies of Returns proposed to be produced by Captain Bell - his day book - and a reference to the prices admitted in former Accounts of the same Nature would be very inadequate to the purpose of Auditing properly the Charges in question; and, that the Indents, as in his proposal, even when accompanied by the Corresponding Receipts, as in my suggestion, have been provided as a Rule of the Service to ascertain the exact quantum of Stores issued, and not to Authenticate a Bill of purchases, although, in some particular cases, they may afford a degree of collateral proof of the latter. I have the honor to remain, with the highest respect. -

Honorable Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant,

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor Gen.l

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
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To Colonel Henry Malcolm

Comptroller General of Army Accounts

Sir,

Lieutenant Godfrey, of the 15th Battalion of Sepoys, who was taken Prisoner at Tripatore, has presented me Bills for Batta during the time of his Imprisonment. — This Charge was allowed to Prisoners taken by the Enemy in the last War — But as I do not know of any written Order for such payments — I beg ..... the favor of your Sanction to M^r. Godfrey's Demand before I pay it. —

I am &c. &c.

Vellore
18th May 1792.

(Signed) W. H. Torriano
Paymaster

A true Copy
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General. —

Minute on the foregoing Letter
by the Military Auditor
General. —

Resolved, that all Officers and Soldiers, European and Natives, captured during the late war and detained by Tippoo be allowed Batta upon the same principle and in the same proportion as it was granted in the former War, with the exception of such as may have been released upon their Parole.

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Read the following Letter from the

Military Board

To the Honorable. Major General Medows

Governor and President in Council

Honorable Sir,

We take the liberty to lay before you

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Benjamin Harris,

representing to us the Expenses to which he has

been subjected, during the Period of his acting as

Fort adjutant at Madura, and soliciting an

allowance of five pagodas Monthly for a Writer

for keeping the Family Rolls at that Garrison,

and for performing the other Duties detailed by him

upon the principle that a similar Allowance is

granted to the Fort Adjutants at Vellore and

Trichinopoly.—

Having Referred this Application to

Major Dale, We received from him the Enclosed Reply;

and, as the Testimony he has borne upon this occasion

is very Satisfactory, We are induced to recommend the

propriety and Justice of Granting the request made

by

From the Military Board
Opinion on application from the acting Fort Adjutant at Madura for an allowance for a Monthly Writer, and from the Officer Commanding the Artillery at Tanjore for leave to appoint Serjeant Battalion to superintend the Expence Magazine and Ordnance Stores. Causes of the Delay in reporting upon a Captain Arthur's Claim for Stores furnished the Company recommending that he will be shall remain the Artillery Barracks at the Mount. Observations on the superior quality of the Gun Powder arrived from Bengal on the Liverpool.

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by Lieutenant Harris, as also of admitting the
Discharge of the Arrears due to him, which, upon the
same principle, he appears to us equally entitled to

The Commandant as also the Officer
Commanding the Artillery, at Tanjore, have
represented to us the necessity of a person being appointed
to Superintend the Expense Magazines and Ordnance
on the Fortifications at that place, and as they have
pointed out Serjeant Castletine, of that Garrison,
as a Man well qualified for this Duty - We take the
liberty to recommend his Appointment thereto, with
the Customary Allowance of four Pagodas p Month -

We think it necessary to state, in order to
account for the Delay that has Elapsed, without a
fulfilment, on our part, of your Orders respecting
the Claim of Captain Arthur Crawford, on Account
of Cattle supplied by him in the year 1781 and
1782, that on receipt of the same, We called upon
Mr. Josias DuPre Porcher, as Agent of that Officer,
to produce to us such Documents as were in his
possession in Support of this Claim, and
particularly

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particularly the Orders of General Sir Eyre Coote, and General Stuart for Supplying the Cattle in question — Mr Porcher, in consequence, on the 10th November, laid before us Copies of the Agents Receipts for Cattle Supplied, informing us, at the same time, that tho' he was, for the present, disappointed in the Expectation of having been able to accompany those Receipts, with the orders abovementioned, yet he had still Hopes of Submitting the Testimony of Mr Graham, then Secretary to Sir Eyre Coote, having written to him on the Subject —

Having lately again called upon him, he expressed to us his Mortification at being yet unable to produce the above Testimony & altho' he was still in daily Expectation of receiving it, but as your Honorable Board might deem it necessary to address the Honorable Court of Directors upon the Subject of this Claim, We have judged it proper to state the matter as it now stands. —

I have the Honor &c
At the Instance of Major Scott,
Commanding

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Commanding the Artillery at this Mount We beg
leave to inform, you that a Wall, in front of
the Artillery Barracks at that Cantonment,
with a double gate, is absolutely necessary to
the Confinement of the men to their quarters &
more particularly at night and to request your
permission for an Estimate being made of the
Expence attending the same.-

As the quality of the powder Received
from Bengal on the Liverpool, appears, on proof, to be
extremely superior to any that has been manufactured
on this Coast, We are very desirous of being acquainted
with the proportion of Ingredients, as well as the
particular process observed in the Manufacture of
this Article at Bengal, and request you will be
pleased to make an application to the Government
General to this Effect.-

We have the honor to be, with respect
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) „ Edw.d Collins
„ George Maule
„ George Hall.-

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To

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To

The President and Members of

the Military Board

Gentlemen,

Having done the Duty of Acting Fort

Adjutant in the Garrison, ever since August 90 which Station

I was appointed to by Major Sale, I beg to address you,

in order to lay before you the Heavy expence it has been

to me in Consequence of the Number of Family Rolls,

for Nine Corps Pay Rolls for Pensioners, and half pay

Officers, and for recruiting Parties, also Garrison

Returns, all which were to make out Monthly besides

General Orders to Insert, Garrison Court Martial to

write for, and all other Duties belonging to a Fort

Adjutant, to attend—

& no other officer has been Stationed

here, whereby the Duty might have been carried on

by Rotation, nor a Serjeant that could give me the

least Assistance in writing I have been under the

Necessity of Keeping a Monthly Writer.

That I have therefore to Solicit, is, as no

allowance whatever has been made to me for it— that

you will be pleased to take it into Consideration, and,

if favorable, to send the necessary Orders to the Paymaster

to

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to allow me to Draw the same allowance Monthly as the Fort Adjutants of Vellore and Trichinopoly are Permitted to Draw, for a Writer - also for the Time, for a Writer, that, I have served as acting Fort Adjutant In order that, I may be Repaid the great Expence I have been at -

The Reason for my not making the application before is, I did not Know till the other Day - that such an Allowance had been Granted to other Fort Adjutants or I should have addressed the Board thro' Major Sale, But as that Gentleman is now at the Presidency - I beg to refer you Gentlemen, to him, for every Information you may judge Requisite in support of my Claim -

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

(Signed) B. Harris Lieutenant and Acting Fort Adjutant

Madura 29th April 1792

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

Sir,

I am favored with your letter, together with the one from Lieutenant Harris Acting Fort Adjutant at Madura, addressing to the President and Members of the Military Board, and, in Reply thereto, beg leave to inform you that Lieutenant Harris has stated nothing,

but

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but real facts in his Letter, and it will afford me very great satisfaction if Lieutenant Harris can be allowed to draw for a Writer for the time he has done the Duty of Fort Adjutant at Madura, which will, in some degree, recompence him for the expence and trouble he has undergone in that Station, and I will take upon me to say that he is very deserving of that or any other indulgence that can be granted him.—

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May 1792.

Sam. Hy. Hy.
(Signed) Robert Sale

A true Copy
(Signed) Hy. Lee
Secy. My. Board

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.

The Applications of Lieutenant Benjamin Harris and of the Commandant and Officers Commanding the Artillery at Tanjore — the former, for an Allowance for a Writer — and the latter for the Appointment of Serjeant Castellane to the Superintendence of the Expence Magazines &c. with the Allowance of four Pagodas P Month, should have been made directly to Government.—

Ordered that an Estimate be prepared of the Work at the Mount recommended by Major Frith.—

Agreed that an Application be made to Bengal, in the terms Recommended by the Military Board, regarding the Manufacture of Gun powder at that Presidency.—

Read

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Read the following Report from the Board of Assumed Revenue.-

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

Honorable Sir,

Para 1st We do ourselves the honor of laying before your Copy of our proceedings continued from 22d. Jany to the present date, and of pointing out such particular passages as may be most worthy of your notice.-

Cons. 5. May 1792 2d In consequence of your letter dated 28th Jany We acquainted the Rajah of Vencataghiery with the Circumstances complained of by the Dutch Chief at Pulicat, relative to the detention of Grain by one of his Amildars, and Directed that if the Amildar should, on a Strict enquiry, appear to be guilty of the charge, he would remove him from his Office, and report the particulars for our Information.-

3. We at the same time communicated to the Rajah of Calastry the complaints preferred by the weavers against his Amildar, and directed that enquiry should be made into his Conduct.- In

From the Board of Assumed Revenue, reporting their Proceedings from the 22d. January, forwarding their Proposed Set of Records, together with their Journal and Ledger brought down to the 30th. April 1792. and an Abstract of Collections realized on the 31st. December 1791 shewing the Sums advanced to the Malabar Account of this Fasli.-

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4th In answer to these instructions the

Comm. 13 Feby 29 Do. Rajahs of Calastry and Venadaghurry sent us such explanation as were deemed Satisfactory by us.—

5th 5 We have received from the Collector at

8th Do. 28 March of Tinnevelly constant Representations of the insolence, with which the Poligars have dared to treat his authority, and the obstinacy, with which they withhold their Peishuck: but as

Comm. 5th Feby we have so often and so particularly pointed out this matter to your consideration we refrain from any further mention of it at present

6th 6: Three Renters of the Tiekinopoly District have within a short period been carried off by

Comm. 6th Feby 17th March 4th April a disorder that has been prevalent in the Southern Countries, but by the timely attention of our Collector, Arrangements were made to prevent any confusion and to secure the Company from loss.—

Comm. 7th Feby 92. 7th We received an application from Gulam Hussen Ally Khan, who, upon enquiry, proved to be the nearest descendent of the well known Mooley Ally Khan, the former professor of the

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Fort and District of Vellore, and as he appeared from
the Collector's report, to be really without the
Diary Con: 15 Feby means of Subsistence, we recommended him to
your indulgence for a small pension. In this
recommendation your Honorable Board were
Cons: 15 Dr. pleased to acquiesce.-

8th In consequence of your Orders under
Cons: 15 Dr. date 11th February we issued Orders to the
Different Collectors for the Suspension of all
duties upon Articles provided for the
Company's Investment.-

Cons: 25 Febry 11th As however it appeared to us that the
Contractors had made their agreements previous
to the Suspension of these duties, and had
consequently included them in their
Calculation we recommended that the
Amount of these duties should be reimbursed
by the Contractors:-

In Cons: 7 March 10th You were pleased to signify your
approbation of this proposal, and directions
were accordingly sent to the different Collectors
to Keep regular and distinct Accounts of the
Customs which ought to have been levied on
the Articles of Investment. These Accounts
we shall do ourselves the honor of laying
before

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before you at the conclusion of the present
Fasly year.-

11th As the Recommendation of Mr. Kindersly
Lr Cons. 18 Feby we had the honor of suggesting to you a plan
for the Settlement of some Walagaunagur &
Merchants at Pondi, which they were desirous
of doing, and from which several advantages
would have resulted to the Company's Revenue-

12th We, at the same time, however, pointed
out that it could not be carried into execution
Lr Cons. 25 Feby without prejudice to his Highness the Nabob's
Sageer, and as his Highness's acquiescence
in the measure has not yet been obtained the
matter has been entirely dropt.-

13th In our General Report dated 27th April 1791
we had the honor of informing you that the
whole of the Madura Districts had been
vested to Mootoo Vellia Pelly the Pannaad
Minister; to this measure we were induced by
the Extraordinary good Character, which he was
generally allowed to possess; but we have been
concerned to find that the Rajah has expressed
great dissatisfaction at his administration.-

Upon

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14.th Upon this plea we received several applications from the Rajah that Mootul Alla Pilly should be sent to him in order to settle the Accounts of his Ministry.-

15.th As long as there were any outstanding Accounts between him, as Renter of Madura, and Mr. Macleod, we thought proper to reject the Rajah's application; but as soon as the Accounts were adjusted we could not, in justice to the Rajah, any longer refuse his pressing Requests.-

16.th This idea left us not without embarrassment, for at the same time we acknowledged the equity of the Rajah's demand, and saw the propriety of compelling Mootul alla Pilly to a Settlement of his Accounts, we felt it indispensibly incumbent on us to guard him against the personal danger to which he might be exposed from his Enemies at Ramnaud. On the other hand we were doubtfull whether Thevery means we were doubtfull whether Thevery means taken for the preservation of his person might not tend to encrease his pertinacity in with-holding his Accounts from the inspection of

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of the Rajah's Servants.—

Dispatch from Bengal 29th February 17th: In this dilemma we directed Mr. Macleod to obtain Colonel Martin's opinion in writing, and transmit it, together with his own opinion on the subject, in the most explicit manner

18th: Under date 5th April Mr. Macleod

In Cons. 18th April made his report upon this Subject, and accompanied it with Colonel Martin's written opinion upon the best means of bringing Mootul Ulla Pelly to a Settlement of his Accounts without danger to his person.—

19th Having taken these necessary precautions and being satisfied of Ministers safety, we sent Mr. Macleod such farther instructions as the case seemed to require, and directed him immediately to send Mootul Ulla Pelly to Ramnad.—

20th In consequence of your orders under

Dispatch to Bengal 14th March date 7th March we sent instructions to the different Collectors to ascertain the names

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names of the Carnatic Inhabitants, who has been captured during the late and former Wars.—

21st We have received the Reports of some of our Collectors, and as soon as the List is completed, we shall do ourselves the honor of laying it before your Honor in Council.—

22nd Mean while however, we have great pleasure in informing you that we have received Accounts from the Collectors in the Arcot Farm of the return of many Carnatic Inhabitants: in particular Mr. Kindersley has made a Settlement of painters of fine Cloths, to the number of four hundred, besides their families, who were carried off last war by Hyder Ally and settled in the very Island of Serringapatam at Shahergaurgaum.—

In Consult. 12th May

23rd In our General Report of 22d. January last we gave the Honorable Board hopes of an increase of Revenue from the Pearl & Fishery at Tutacorin.—

24th Accordingly, upon the expiration of the time for receiving Proposals, Mr. Torin & informed

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informed us that the Fishery had been Rented
for Pagodas 20,100 to a person of Responsibility

Comm. 11 April 25th It being however represented by the
Renter, and confirmed by the Chief of Tuticorin,
that there was an impossibility of employing
the number of Boats stipulated, our Collector
was of opinion that the Renter was in-
-titled to some indulgence on this Account:
We therefore Recommended that Mr. Torin
should be authorized to make such a remission,
as he might think proper to vale with the
Chief of Tuticorin.-

26th In this recommendation the Honble
Comm. 22 April Board were pleased to acquiesce; but we
have not yet been informed by Mr. Torin of
the Sum remitted.-

27th Having explained the circumstances
Dirs to Comm. 12 May of a Claim amounting to Pagodas 16,000 on
the Mortgaged property at Tinnivelly, which
had passed through several intricate changes
from Mr. Samuel Johnston to Paupiah,
and which now stands under the head of
Comm. 12 May
Dirs to Comm. Jaggannada Pawter, your Honor in Council
was

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was pleased to direct that this Money should not be disposed of without further Orders: and we have accordingly sent the necessary instructions to Mr. Torin. –

28 We could not but feel the greatest anxiety at the long interruption, which had been fell in the Collection of the Palnaud Revenues; and this anxiety was much encreased by observing every large and constant Disbursement for a Detachment Employed under Lieutenant Beale in suppressing the turbulent Poligars. –

Consult: 25th Febry:

Consult: 29th Febry:... 29th We therefore called upon Mr. Erskine to report immediately the measures he had taken for settling that Country, and to inform us whether there was any prospect of subduing the insurgents under Rajeshwarow; that some more effectual steps might be taken; for it appeared to us that, under the then plan, the whole expected receipts from Palnaud would

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would be dissipated without
establishing any essential Goods.-

30 Under date 2d March Mr. Erskine
Con: 7th March reported to us that he had at length
been able to conclude a Settlement with
the Inhabitants of Palnaud for Pagodas
33,000, exclusive of the Land Customs
amounting to Madras Pagodas 6,500.-

31 Mr. Erskine at the same time
interceded with us, (at the request of the
Inhabitants, and, in consequence of
the losses they had sustained by the
failure of the Crops and the inroads
of the banditti) for indulgence in settling
their Accounts if the Season should
continue unfavorable.-

32 As we were no less anxious to
Directs Cons: 18th March establish the permanent prosperity of
the Country than to encrease the
Revenues immediately committed
to our charge - so we rejected every
idea of Magnifying the Company's
Receipts

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receipts at the Expence of the poorer class of people, we therefore directed Mr. Crokine to assure them of severy just remission after a fair and candid investigation of the Toomar Wasselat Accounts.—

33 Under date the 14th. April Mr. Crokine found it necessary to represent to us the distresses which the Inhabitants of Palnaud had suffered from the drought of the Season and the incursions of the Bandittie.—

Cons. 25th April.

34 Upon this occasion Mr. Crokine warns us to expect a considerable balance at the End of the present year, but as he, at the same time, informs us of the Capture of Ali Saheb, one of the principal insurgents, we trust, from this circumstance and the happy re establishment of Peace, that the deficiency will not be so great as the Collector at first apprehended.—

35 In consequence of a complaint preferred by the Dafspondies of Angole against

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against a Servant of Mr. Erskines, We have found it expedient to request the Commandant and Paymaster of Ongole to take upon themselves the investigation of the Petitioners and to report the result to us, and, in the mean time, directed that Mr. Erskine's Servants and dependents be removed from their Employ while the investigation is pending.—

36 We had the honor of playing before you, with our Letter of the 7th March last, a Persian Jummeh-Wasel Bauky and Jummah-Kherch account of the Carnatic Revenue for the whole Fusly Year 1200, and another of the Collections and disbursements of the Revenues of the Current year of Fusly 1201 Up to the 30th November 1791, in order to be delivered to His Highness the Nabob.—

37 These amounts were drawn out from the materials contained in our Accountants' Statements, which were transmitted with our last Report under

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under date the 21st January 1792. The inconsiderable difference which may appear between them is owing to some receipts from the Jaghires surrendered to his Highness, which, in the Accountants Statement, had been blended with the general receipts of Revenue. - This has been rectified in the Persian accounts which we trust are correct; and the Books, which are not yet brought up to that period, will be regulated according to them. The particulars of the differences abovementioned, and the mode we took to adjust them, are entered at large in our proceedings to which we beg leave to refer you. -

Consult. 7 March 1792

38 We now do ourselves the honor of sending you our Journal and Ledger closed the 30th April 1791 - with Copy of a letter from our Accountant

39 We also lay before you an abstract of the amount of Collections of the Current Revenue, and of the balances of the preceding Years, continued from the 1st December to the

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the 31st March last: during that period of four Months, it appears the gross Collections are Pagodas 6,65,129.34.54 and the net Revenue is Pag.s 5,81,375.15.49 This, when added to the Collections, according to the former abstract, makes the Gross & Collections from the commencement of Fusly 1201 or 12th July 1791 to the 31. March last amount to Pag.s 11,99,964.7.43. and the net Revenue to Pagodas 10,02,590.10.45-

40 In consequence of your orders under

In Cons. 29. Febry

date 25th February, we sent instructions to the Collectors in the Tanjore Country to take the most effectual measures for preventing the exportation of Grain from their respective divisions, except to the Presidency or the Northern Sircars-

41 As the Tanjore Revenue had not been debited for any part of the expence attending the establishment of the & Board of Assumed Revenue Salaries &c.

In Cons. 20. March 1792

We recommended that a proportion of these expences should be defrayed out of the Tanjore Collections, and in this your

Cons. 25. March 1792

Honor in Council was pleased to acquiesce-

Your

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42 Your Honor in Council having been pleased to inform us, under date the 24th March, that you had appointed Mr Strange to the temporary Management of the Eastern Division of Tanjore, We accordingly sent instructions to that Gentleman to receive from Mr. Tallofield charge of the papers and accounts belonging to his office, together with the Balance of Cash, and report the same for our information

43 Under date 21. April Mr Strange transmitted to us a representation from the Inhabitants of this division laying claim to a considerable remission in their payment for Faisly 1201. –

44 As we had never received any communication on this matter from Mr. Tallofield, we were under the necessity of intruding the above representation upon your Honorable Board without any comment.

Cons: 25th April

45 In consequence however of Mr. Tallofield's Minute upon this Subject you have been pleased to direct that a remission

Cons: 5th May

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remission to the Amount of Mr Strange's
Recommendation be made to the Inhabitants
of the Eastern division.-

46 We accordingly sent instructions
Compln. 5th May to Mr Strange for the remission of
Six Lacks, forty five Thousand three
hundred and thirty nine /6,45,339./
Cullums of Grain.-

47 As we supposed the Car crop to
have sustained the damage, we have
calculated the price to be fixed for this
quantity of Grain upon an average
of the prices fixed by the Collectors for
that crop, amounting to Gold Fanams
17,74.682.1/4 or Star Pagodas 73945.3.10
besides 6,000 Chuckrams or 2500 Pagodas
to the Suncum Renter.-

Compln. 12 May 48 Mr Ram having also recommended
that a remission should be made to the
Inhabitants in the western division
of Tanjore, your Honorable Board have
been pleased to direct that the sum of
Chuck 50,000 or Pagodas 20,000 be remitted,
which has been accordingly communicated
to the Collector.-

Sir

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49 In our report dated 22d January
last we had the honor of informing you
that there appeared a considerable difference
between the actual Receipts of Messrs. Ram and
Falloseild from the Revenues of Fasly 1200.
and the estimate which they submitted to
Government upon taking charge of the
Country.-

50 , Not having at that time sufficient
information before us, it was only left
us to hope that there still remained a
unsold aquantity of Grain the produce of
that year, which would make up the
difference.-

51 It appears however that our conjecture
was too Sanguine; for we feel infinite
concern in being now compelled to acquaint
you that very little has since been realized
in addition to the Sum which we reported
under date 22d January to have been
actually received on Account of the
Balance.-

It

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52 It appears also, by a &
Subsequent Statement received fro
those Gentlemen in their Capacity o
joint Collectors for that year, that,
as a considerable part of these balan
arose from the excessive drought of th
Season, the Puttuckdars, or &
farmers, were disabled from paying
the whole of their engagement, and
were even obliged to postpone the &
payment of so what they were willing &
to discharge to the present fusly Year
1201. They however express a hope
that the remaining balance will be
received from the preshanum, or last
Crop of the Year, if the Country &
should be retained under the Company's
Management till the 12th July next

53 . Notwithstanding this, we &
cannot take upon ourselves to give
you any Assurances of realizing this
balance; and, if it should ever be &
realized

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realized in the manner pointed out by these Gentlemen, it would, we fear, prove to be an appropriation of the current Revenue to the discharge of that Balance; and, hence, a Similar amount would be outstanding at the conclusion of the present year.—

54 When Mr. Ram assured us / as we have already had the honor of reporting to you / that the estimate transmitted by himself and Mr. Talloch in November 1790 had proved a very just one — we grounds his Opinion by adding these balances and Remittances to their actual Receipts.—

We have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

„ Wm. Petrie

/Signed/ „ David Haliburton

„ Wm. Balfour

Fort St. George
23d. May 1792.—

To

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to lay before you
for approval and Signature the Revenue Books of his
Highness the Nabob's Countries and those of his Excellency
the Rajah of Tanjore ending 30th April 1791 The entire
want of Assistance, from the time of my entering on
the Office, together with the difficulty inevitably
attendant on the making out a Set of Books from
Monthly Accounts Current which I could not for
some time get into a train of regularity, have
prevented my delivering them in sooner.—

It may perhaps be observed by
that two very material Circumstances relative
to the Revenues of the Highness the Nabob's
Countries do not appear, Viz.t the surrender of
the Jaghires and the remissions for losses occasioned
by the Enemy, both of which happened previous to
the date of the close of the Books. In explanation,
I beg leave to remark, as applicable to both events,
that

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that the deductions being made at once from the Summah, and no alteration being made in the amount of the Kists, which should have decreased in the same proportion as the whole rents bore to the Amount of the Jaghires or losses - I could not otherwise debit the Renters in the Books than as the Kistbundies originally transmitted to me provided for - and although I might have called upon the Collectors for new Kistbundies, & yet the numerous adjustments that must & consequently have been made in the Books would have swelled them to such a size, and rendered so confused, that I judged it better to postpone the Entries of these two accounts until the close of the year in the Books for 1791/92 when the same objections will not exist -

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant,

(Signed) Lio: Place
Accountant to the Board
of Inquired Revenue -

Abstract

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23d. May 1792.

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Abstract of the Collections from the Assumed Countries of His Highness the Nabob of 1199 and 1200 together with the Charges, Salary Commission and Pensions Chargeable thereon also His Highness

	Collection on account of the Settlement of 1201	Collection on Acct. of Prior Revenue	Collections on account of the outstanding Balances of 1200	Collection on account of Fasly 1199	Total Gross Collections
	Star Ps. F. C.	Ps. F. C.	Ps. F. C.	Ps. F. C.	Ps. F. C.
At Madras 31st March	12448 - -	- -	- -	- -	12,448 - -
At Palnaud	3788. - 61	1431.23 44.	458 35.78	- - -	6678.24.23.
At Ongole	6053. 30 18.	681 2.33	1889 17.38.	277.31.52	8902 9.61
At Nellore	14,924 30 66	1. 3 48.	9866.10.62	356 25. 68.	15,311 35. 4.
In the Northern Division of Arcot	66287 20. 49.	2871 15. 11	283 22 40	- - -	69,462 22.20
In the Center Division of Arcot	64421.17. 28.	410 24.74	9164 33. 12.	61. 9. 19.	74,058 12.53.
In the Southern Division of Arcot	53161 27. -	68. 12 48.	- - -	- - -	58,230 3 48
At Trichinopoly	73887 31. 9	80 9. -	2340 14. 8	- - -	76,308 18. 17.
At Madura	59371 10. 21	203 34 59.	- - -	- - -	59,675 9. -
At Tinnevelly	143186. 11. 2.	195. 6. 14	1592 8. 23	2563 8. 29.	147536 33. 68
	69630 35 14	6043 24. 11	20,296 34 21	3259 3. 8.	66,129 24. 54

Calculations of His Highness the Nabob's one fifth.

Net Revenue appearing in the 10th Column ..... 571375 16. 6.

Amount summaries of Advances for Collection since 30 November last .. 2272. 24. 75.

And the Collections of the Outstanding Balances of Fasly 1199 to be Carried to the Nabob's General Account ..... 3259. 3. 8. } 5531. 28. 3.

Sum upon which His Highness one fifth is Calculated ..... 565,843. 24. 3.

One fifth Share for him 113,168. 19. 16

Overpaid to His Highness on the 30th November last 45280. 30. 40

Sum paid to him ..... 104234. 28. 21 } 149,515. 14. 61.

Overpaid to him on the 31st March 1792 ..... 36,346. 31. 45.

N.B.

This Sum differs from the sum appearing to be overpaid in the Statement given in on the 5th Instant, from a Mistake having been made in the Charges of that Statement and from the Collections of Mortgaged Property not having been included in the Statement to 30th November, all of which will be rectified in the Books.

Balance of Cash

Nellore .....
Northern Division of Arcot .....
Center Division of Arcot .....
Southern Division of Arcot .....
Trichinopoly .....
Madura .....
Tinnevelly .....

Deduct Balances due

Madras .....
Palnaud .....
Ongole .....

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Abstract on Account of the Current and Extra Revenues of Fusly 1201, and of the outstandings Balances Sixth, and Nett Revenue accruing to the Company from the 1st of December 1791. —

Charges of Collection	Salaries and Emoluments to the Boards the Collectors, and Assistants. —	Pensions and Charitable Allowances	Total Charges and Pensions	Nett Revenue	Balances of Cash in the 1st December 1791	Total nett Collections and Balances of Cash	the Right of the Nabob to one Sixth.	Nett Revenue accruing to the Company. —
Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.	Pags. F. C.
2792 23.24	6000. - "	" " "	8792.23.24	3655.12.56				
6734 15.71	" " "	" " "	6734.15.71					
4087.29.18	1380. " "	25. " 61	4492 29.79	4409.15.62				
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Advances to Paymasters, Storekeepers &c. &c.	169756 32.16.	
Advances to the Resident at Cuddalore	17500. " "	
Repayments of the Mortgage Property collected at Tinnevelly	29602. 4. 77.	
Advances for Cultivation recoverable	3233. 2. 44.	
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Errors Excepted

(Signed) Lio: Place

Account. to the Board of Inland Revenue

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Ordered that a Copy of the above be transmitted

Minutes on the foregoing Report from the Board of Assumed Revenue — to the Honorable Court of Directors a Number on the Packet.—

Mr. Petrie delivers in the following Minute

Mr. Petrie is glad of the Opportunity

Mr. Petrie's Minute recording his approbation of the Conduct of Mr. Place Accountant to the Board of Assumed Revenue.— which the Delivery of the Assumed Revenue Books made up to the end of April 1791 affords him, of recording his full Approbation of the Conduct of the Accountant, Mr Place, and to express his hopes that the thorough Knowledge which this Gentleman has acquired of the business in the Department of Revenue will secure to him the Approbation and favor of Government

Madras 25th May 1792

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

To the Honorable. Major General. Medows

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir;

From the Board of Assumed Revenue Mr Balfour applies for leave to resign his Seat at this Board.— We do ourselves the honor of laying before you Copy of a Letter from Mr Balfour: At the same time that we express our regret at his resignation, We feel great pleasure in offering to our

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our testimony to the Zeal and attention, which he has ever Shewn in discharging his duty at this Board

We have the honor to be,

&c: &c: &c:

(Signed) Wm Petrie

David Haliburton

To William Petrie Esqre

&c: Members of the Board of

Assumed Revenue

Gentlemen,

Having, for some time past, labored under an indifferent State of Health, and an immediate Change of Climate being recommended to me by the Faculty, I request you will do me the honor to forward the enclosed application to Government for Leave to resign my Seat at the Board of Assumed Revenue. —

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

&c: &c:

(Signed) Wm Balfour

Fort St. George
23d. May 1792.

A true Copy

(Signed) J Webbe Secy

Agreed that Mr. William Balfour be permitted, for the reasons stated in his Letter, to resign his Seat at the Board of Assumed Revenue. —

Minute thereon. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Adjutant Gen

To W.m C.n Jackson Esq.re
Secretary Military Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for the
information of the Honorable Board, Extract from
the Orders by Earl Cornwallis published in Camp
on the 19th Instant.—

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) B.d Close
Adj.t General of the Army

Head Quarters
Camp at Chelleborry Plain
21st May 1792.

From the Adjutant General—
Lieutenant Cuppage appointed
by Lord Cornwallis to Command
the Fort of Ryacottah—and the
Honorable Captain Monson
to Command the Fort and Garrison of
Chingleput—nine Companies ordered to
join his Corps—

Head Quarters Camp W.d of Sreenjeeram 19th May 1792.

Extract from General Orders By Earl Cornwallis

Lord Cornwallis having had great reason to be
satisfied with the Conduct and exertions of Lieutenant
John Cuppage during his Command of Amboor, appoints
that Officer to Command the Fort of Raycottah, and will
recommend to the Government of Madras to confirm
him in that Appointment.—

Captain John Campbell, of His Majesty's 76th Regiment is directed to join that Corps immediately

The Honorable Captain Monson is appointed to

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to command the Fort and Garrison of Chingleput

/Signed/ B.C. Close
Adjutant General of the Army.-

Agreed that the Appointments of Captain
Monson and Lieutenant John Cuppage be confirmed by the Board

Minute thereon.-

Read the following Letter from the
Paymaster to the Army.-

To William Collins Jackson Esqre.
Military Secretary.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 21st. Instant; eighteen Lacks of
Rupees, out of the treasure received from Tippoo
Sultaun, was paid to General Abercrombie by Order
of the Commander in Chief, for the use of the Bombay
Army; the remainder, excepting Seven and half Lacks
of Rupees in my Tumbrils, was appropriated for
the payment of the Arrears to the 30th. Ult., Gratuity
and Prize Money to the major part of the Grand
Army; when my Tumbrils, which are now on the
Road, arrive, I shall be able, if required, to give you
a more particular Account, but being obliged to leave
the

From the Paymaster to the Army-
Information regarding the application
the first Payment made by Tippoo

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the Army from Sickness, I have not my papers &c.
with me.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Geo. Hoar
Paymaster to the Army.

Madras
23d May 1792.

Ordered that the Circumstances mentioned
Minute thereon.— by Mr. Paymaster Hoar regarding the Application of
the first Payment by Tippoo be notified to the
Honorable Court of Directors.—

Read the following Letter from the
Adjutant General.—

To W.m C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

By desire of Lord Cornwallis I do myself
From the Assistant General Report of Army remaining on the Tumbrils under Charge of Lieutenant Col. Gils— the honor to transmit for your information, for the information of
the Honorable Board, a Letter received Yesterday from
Lieutenant Colonel Gils, covering a Return of the
Treasure remaining in the Army Money Tumbrils now
on their way to the Presidency in charge of Lieutenant
Riddle.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) B.d Close
Adjutant Genl. of the Army

Head Quarter Camp
24th May 1792.—

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Close

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

Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose you an Account of the Tumbrils dispatched this Morning from the Park, with a Company of Gun Lascars, under charge of Lieutenant Riddle for his Lordship's Information.—

You will please to observe, that besides the twelve Tumbrils containing Treasure there are two Viz.t N.os 5 and 8 that Contain Vouchers and Accounts belonging to Messr.s Hoar and Kingscote; and, by the Nota Bene, you will likewise observe, that 30,000 Hyders Pagodas have been taken from Tumbril N.o 3. and 400, Star Pagodas from N.o 7, which are to be deducted from the enclosed Statement of those Tumbrils, and which is the whole Amount Issued since the Tumbrils have been in my immediate Charge

I must beg leave again to solliceit that a Surgeon or Surgeon's Assistant may be sent us to officiate during our March to the Presidency.—

Camp near Vellore
23d. May 1792.—

I have the Honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Thomas Geils.—
Asst.

A List of Money Tumbrils that were in the Park on the 16. May 1792 & dispatched from it the 23d. May 1792.

Number	Silver Articles Pags	Fillchong Fanams	Rajah Gopall fan.	Zustah Gopall fan.	Verrey Fanams	Seffaddy Fanams	Sultanee Fanams	Dollars	Sultanee Rupees	Bombay Rupees	Hemat Mohurs	Half Mohurs	Hydra Pagodas	Star Pagodas	Lunar Coss	Company Rupees	Mundatta Rupees	Bundobusty Rupees	
1	5.	50,000	"	"	"	"	"	4000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	26,000	"	—	
3	"	"	10,000	"	"	"	"	"	500	2,500	47	"	57,750	"	"	16,725	"	—	
5. Vouchers & Accounts	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	—	
7	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3571	19055.	"	5884	"	1087	—
8	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	52,000	"	"	—
9	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	52,000	"	"	—
10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	52,000	"	"	—
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13	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	52,000	"	"	—
14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	53,000	"	"	—
15	"	4527	32,805	13,000	11,519.	"	11,750	163½	"	"	12,250	"	"	"	7598.	"	"	9030	—
34	"	"	300,000	300,000	90,000	10,000	35,750	"	"	"	"	19,500	29,000	"	50,000	"	23622	"	—
8 belonging to Mr. Kingsote	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	—

N: B: 30,000 Hydra Pagodas were taken from Tumbril N:3 on the 19th May 1792
400 Star Pagodas ditto ..... do ..... do N:7 ..... ditto .....

Camp near Vellore
23d May 1792

(Signed) Tho. Geils
Lieut Col: Artly.

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Read the following Letter from the Acting
Deputy Adjutant General —

To The Honorable. Major General Willm Medows
Governor in Council &c.a &c.a &c.a

Honorable Sir,

At the time when Government was
pleased to confer on me the temporary Appointment
which I have now the honor to hold, I was necessitated
to vacate the Quarter I occupied, as Adjutant of the 2.d
Battalion of European Infantry, for the accomodation
of the Officer who succeeded me in that duty - and, on
account of the few Spare Quarters in the Fort being
appropriated to the use of Sick Officers from the
Army and otherways, it was not convenient to grant
me a second; any Representation of which, in order to
procure an Allowance for House Rent, I declined to
make at that interesting Period of the War, when
the Attention of Government, was necessarily
too much engaged in Matters of weighty concern
to admit of being troubled with so trivial a circumstance
but

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General requesting that some Allowance may be granted him on Account of House Rent from the Date of his Appointment to the 31st of January last

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but now, in the hope that it will not be deemed improper, I most respectfully beg leave to submit the same, Honorable Sir, to your consideration, and to solicit the Indulgence of being allowed to draw a House Rent, at whatever Rate you may think proper, from the beginning of May 1791 to the 1st February following, the period at which Government was pleased to fix that Allowance for all Ranks in the Army to five Pagodas Monthly. —

I have the honor to be, with great Respect,

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

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Actg. Depy. Adjt. Genl.

Agreed that Ensign Pierce's Bills for House Rent at the Rate of fifteen Pagodas pr. Mensem from the date of his Appointment as acting Deputy Adjutant General to the 31st January last be paid. —

Minute thereon —

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Chas. Rand

To William Collins Jackson Esqre —
Military Secretary —

Sir,

From Lieutenant Rand requesting the Cause of his not having drawn Major's Batta while acting as Deputy Quarter Master to the Centre Army. —

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter to me of the 22d Instant, and request you will be good enough to acquaint the Honorable Board, that I did, at the time I gave in my Bill for the pay of Deputy Quarter Master Genl.'s

give

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give in my Bill for the Batta also - Colonel Kelly signed the former, and promised me I should, on a future Day, receive the latter: I cannot account for the Colonels objections to signing my Batta Bill at that time for the next day, or day after that, he signed Lieutenant Ogg's, who had acted a short time as Deputy Adjutant General. The Moment I understood this, I waited on Colonel Kelly for his Signature, but he was too unwell to do business - and the next Morning he died. - I made Colonel Capper acquainted with the transaction, who referred me to Colonel Harris, to whom I wrote and afterward waited on - in consequence, Colonel Harris, after laying my Claims before General Medows wrote to Colonel Capper - a Copy of which Letter & Enclosed to the Honorable Board the 18 Instant. -

I hope this will be deemed a sufficient & explanation for the Honorable Board's ordering me to be paid

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signed) Charles Rand
Lieut & Qr Mr of Brs

Madras
25th May 1792. -

P. S. I beg leave to observe that Captain James & Turing, who succeeded me as Deputy Quarter Master Genl and Lieutenant Barton of his Majesty's 76th Regiment as Deputy Adjutant General - did receive pay and & Batta as Majors -

Agreed

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Minute thereon.—

Agreed that Lieutenant Rand's Bills for Major's Batta during the time he served as Deputy Quarter Master General to the Center Army be paid, after the Batta received by him as Quarter Master of Brigade has been deducted.—

Comet George Forbes appointed Adjutant of the Governor's Body Guard vice Leslie deceased.—

The President recommends that Comet George Forbes be appointed Adjutant to the Governor's Body Guard vice Leslie deceased.—

Approved and ordered Accordingly

The Packet for Bengal to be Closed.—

The General Letters in the Military and Political Department having been signed. Ordered that the Packet be closed.—

Chas Oakeley.

E Gallofield