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3. Europeans of Col. Maxwell's detachment—

From Commissary General of Grain & provisions. — From Commissary General

A Grain and provisions proposing that some Grain at Ravet-pellore, and Tiagar, be laid off. —

From Adjutant General. — From Adjutant General.

respecting leave of absence for Lieutenant Fairwether Gourlay, and enclosing the Credentials of Mr. Thomas Gould, Cadet —

From Lieut. Sandys. From Lieutenant Sandys.

respecting the Vessel of Vizeram Rauze's Vacheel to receive the Elephants borrowed from his Master.

From Capt. R. Bell. From Capt.n R. Bell.

stating that the Lordship of the delay in furnishing the papers applied for by him. —

Sent the undermentioned Letters, entered in M.B. Nos. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12 & 13.

To Military Auditor General. To Military Auditor General,

directing that a house at Poonamalee be purchased, on account of the Company for the accommodation of the Sick. —

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To Commandant at Poonamalee

To Commandant 3d at Poonamalee, advising of the same, and

To Military Board

To Military Board. D.o and desiring that the necessary repairs may be undertaken.

To Commander of the Maria

To Commander of the Maria directing him to receive Stores on board for Negapatam.

To D.o of the Rose

To Commander of the Rose. permitting him to receive on board Lieut. Mackenzie of the 52.nd Regiment, as Passenger for Bengal.

To D.o of the Bustbridge

To D.o of the Bustbridge Lieut. Hampton as passenger for the same place

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At a Consultation

present

The Honorable Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart

Governor. presedent

Ernst William Falloficld Esqre

Minutes of last Consultation

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read and approved.—

Read the following Letter

from Colonel Johnbraithwaite.—

To the Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sirs

I have communicated to Mr Secretary Jackson Lay your sentiments, in reply to a paragraph of the Letter, I had the Honor to address to you under date the 24th Inst.

It is with great reluctance I feel it necessary to State, that upon opinion does not go to the extent I could have wished, and indeed I fear it falls short of the end I had in view namely, the respectability, which I cannot but be of opinion ought to be attached to any Situation, to insure that Sense of Subordination

from Colo Braithwaite detailing his Ideas of the powers, and respectability which ought to be attached to his Situation as commanding the Army. Proposing a form for Government Under his opinion in Capt Hall &c &c &c for the Command Baska. Colo Geils letter respecting Bengal Gun Lascars & Cloathing for St Helena Recruits referred

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and respect which form so essential a part of
Military discipline, and which should actuate
all parts of the army under my Command,
to render it completely efficient, and regular, &
to render me in that degree responsible, which
I conceive I ought to be.

Mr. Secretary Jackson says, that
"he is directed to inform me, that communica"
"tion will always be made to me of matters"
"connected with my situation as commanding"
"the Coast, at the same time that orders are"
"issued from the Board through their Secretary"
"to the Officer to whom they may immediate"
"ly relate."

I could have wished that
it had appeared to your proper and necessary
that such matters (to use Mr. Jackson's term
as involve Military Duties, & movements should
be considered as more nearly related to my
Situation than the word connected implies.
in short that they had been considered as
secondarily dependent on the Executive powers

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vested in me by my appointment to the Com=
mand of the army, and that the Commands
of Government should in future be addressed
to me, when involving military Duties out of
Fort St. George, & that I should be responsible
for their being effectually carried into Execution
- Certain I am that no Officer on the Establish=
ment can be led to suppose that any conse=
quence exists in me so long as they shall
continue to be indulged with the liberty of
corresponding direct with Government on such
subjects, and shall, in consequence, of opinions
delivered by them, receive military Orders
direct from Government through the channel
of the Secretary. That I am, after the fact, in=
formed of such Orders by the Government
may appear to the Officers should they by
any means come to the knowledge of it
which they cannot do but by the informa=
tion of Government, to them, as a Compliment
paid to my situation, and perhaps to them
it may appear an unnecessary one, for it

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certainly carries with it no intimation to them, that Government is willing to vest me with any immediate authority over the Army which it has put under my Command — or to avail itself of my professional Experience, and Knowledge, but the contrary. — I cannot therefore but be of opinion that such a practice must tend greatly to weaken my authority, and prove gradually destructive of subordination and discipline throughout the army. — In the very Letter I am now replying to, I am informed, that a Military measure has been resolved on, and carried into Execution, by an Order direct to an Officer under my Command. and which greatly diminishes the Strength of a Frontier Garrison: in the whole of which military measure I am entirely un-noticed. This Military movement is suggested by the Collector, referred to an inferior Officer for his opinion, and, on the report of his opinion, he is ordered to carry it into execution, and I, who command the Army, know —

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nothing of all this 'till long after it has been carried into Execution, — nor indeed 'till some days after I have known it as president of the Military Board, in consequence of its having been casually involved with some other business, and it's being involved with a business quite foreign to it, and with which it ought not to have been involved, because it could not concern the military Board, and was not a matter on which they were called upon for any opinion, and so coming first to my knowledge, could not impress the members of that Board, over which I preside, and who are all military men, with any very respectable Ideas of my Situation, as Commander of the army. — and it is not impossible, that Ideas impressed on them by such circumstances, may by them be communicated, and so extensively spread. Ideas, which I must conceive as lessening the respect due to me, and thereby operating against good Order and Discipline; and I cannot but think it a duty I owe to myself

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to you Sir, and the Services, to call your attention by this address, to all the consequences which may arise from measures, which may release the army from the respect with which it ought to look up to me, and me from the responsibility which is supposed to be vested in every man, who is entrusted with the Command of an army. - It is not possible that Officers can have much respect for the Commander of an Army whose Situation becomes a Sinecure, if Government takes up the duties properly attached to his Situation, by carrying into Execution (and more especially when without his previous knowledge and by orders direct to inferior Officers) such military Services as it may have resolved upon. —

It is not possible that I can in any degree be responsible for military Services, of which I have only an ex post facto Communication, and it is possible that in many Instances if I was the channel to carry into Execution your intentions, in lieu of their being transmitted direct by you to the inferior Officers

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who is to execute them. that I might be able
to offer such arguments, founded on profes-
sional knowledge and experience, as might
induce you to make some change. I trust
that what I have here advanced will weigh
with you so far as to induce a reconsideration
of your intended mode of carrying into Execu-
tion your Resolution on Military Services, —
as communicated to me in Mr. Secretary Jackson's
Letter of the 29 august, but which I received
only the 1st Instant, with this hope and to
add the most respectable weight to my
arguments that I know of, I shall trespass
on your time a little longer, and transcribe
a paragraph of a Letter from His Excellency
Earl Cornwallis to Brigadier General Horne
under date 14th march 1789, a Copy of which
was, I understand transmitted, by his Ex-
cellency to the then Government of Madras,
and will consequently still exist on your
Records. —

"And before I conclude this
Letter, I must express my wish that it should

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"be recollected by the Civil and military
"Departments at Madras, that the adjutant
"General of the Company's Troops, on that
"Establishment cannot, without the greatest
"irregularity, unless as I have already mentio-
"ned the functions of the Commander in-
"Chief should be exercised by the Board, have
"any direct communication with the Civil
"Government; He has no independent
"authority of his own, but is only an Exec-
"tive Instrument in the hands of the Com-
"mander in Chief or of the Senior officer
"of the Troops when discharging, as at pre-
"sent, the duties of that Office, for circula-
"ting Orders to the Army in the manner
"he may think proper to direct. — all
"minutes of Council, or orders of Government
"that relate to the Troops, ought to be ad-
"dressed directly to the Commander in Chief
"or Senior Officer, and he alone should be
"held responsible to Government for the
"proper distribution and effectual Execution
"of them." —

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I submit the above paragraph to your Consideration, and, having considered it, I think you will conclude with me that the opinion of his Excellency Earl Cornwallis is, that the practice of issuing Orders direct to Government, to subordinate members of the Army is subversive of the authority of the Commander in Chief, or Senior Officer executing the Functions of that Officer, and does not, in any way, encroade that of Government, and therefore ought not to be the practice of Government, from the time they have vested any Officer with the Command of the army, either through the channel of the Adjutant General, their Military Secretary, or any other channel whatsoever, but that of the only responsible Officer executing the Functions of the Commander in Chief. and, on this principle, I beg leave to call your attention to the present mode of issuing the Orders of Government in the Military Orderly Books, -they are headed by Government, and signed

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by the adjutant general, who thus appears to be the Executive Instrument in the hands of Government, and not what Earl Cornwallis has stated him really to be. And when that executive Instrument in the hands of Government, ought to be the most respectable and responsible instrument they possibly can have in any such case, namely the Commander in Chief or Officer authorized to execute that duty. —— I submit it therefore to your consideration whether as the Duties are now circumstanced, it would not be more consonant with his Lordships Ideas, and productive of good effect, in regard to the respect due to the Officer you have placed at the head of the Army, and without in the least infringing that which is so undoubitably due to Government, if in future such Orders should be issued under the following form

"In obedience to the Commands of Government, signified to the Officer commanding the Army, he notifies to the Army that

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Government have resolved, and he now publishes, in Military Orders that &c &c——

In reply to what you have referred to me, concerning the application of Capt.n Joseph Little, I shall say that it was a measure I was on the point of recommending, not so much on the score of usage, as because I think Capt.n Little has conducted himself with great Zeal, activity & Capacity in putting an End to the troubles which have so long disturbed the peace of the Ganjam Country. and I most heartily recommend that Capt.n Little should be appointed to the Command of Aska, and I will also add a request that the appointment may be made on the principles I have stated, and notified in Orders as a mark of approbation of Capt. Little's Conduct.

I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter I have received from Lieut.t Col.o Geils; under the Circumstances stated by him, and knowing the Superiority of the Bengal men for Services of——

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kind, I do not hesitate to recommend that an Officer be allowed to proceed to Bengal to obtain Lord Cornwallis's leave to raise there a competent number of Gun Lascars for the Coast.

On the Subject contained in the latter part of the Letter, I have examined the paymaster General's Office, and find that the Detachment from St. Helena, were paid the full of their pays, from April to June being the time they were at Sea, but in all future payments, made here, the pay arising to them after the 14th June the regular Stoppage for cloathing was made, consequently there must be a fund in the paymaster's hands sufficient, I should hope, to cloathe them. The Stoppages from the 14th June, to 31st Decemr. 1791.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signd) Jno. Braithwaite

To Colo. Braithwaite
Sir
Commanding the Troops
To complete the Establish-

military
Head Quarters
Madras
3 August 1792

ment, and in the room of Lascars, whose time is this month expired, I obtained Earl Cornwallis's permission to inlist as many of the Bengal Lascars at that time serving with the Army, as were willing to remain on the Coast, but, very few offering themselves, it was suggested that if an Officer was sent round to Calcutta, the same people that now declined, or others equally good, might be had at a short notice to any Extent the Service required, I have therefore to request you will be pleased to apply to Government, for leave for me to send round an Officer on this Service, and to receive the Commander in chiefs further Instructions on that head, from the adjutant General of the Bengal army.—

I beg also to lead your attention to the situation of the Drafts we received last year from St. Helena. who have not had clothing since the year 1790. and being only drafted to this

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Battal.n in November 1791. they, of course, could not be included in our Cloathing Rolls and only one months Stoppages made, on that year, from their pay in the Battalion that government may give such orders on the subject as they think proper. The last clothing those men received, was served them out at St. Helena, on Christmas day 1790, they were paid up to the day of their embarkation — re-inlisted for five Years for this Service the 1st. april 1791., sailed from St. Helena the 16th. the 14th June, sent to the mount the 15th. but not drafted for the Battalion until November following. ——

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&c &c &c ——

/Signed/ W.m Geils.
Lt. Col.o Art.y

A true Copy
/signed/ W. Welson Secy

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Resolved that the following answer be returned. ——

To Col.o John Braithwaite. ——

To Col.o Braithwaite in reply to that part of his letter relating to his own situation. +

Sir,

Commanding the army on the Coast

I am directed by the Honble the president in Council to acknowledge the

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Receipt of your Letter, dated 3rd Ult.

The communication made to you by his order of the 29th Ult. was meant to convince you of his desire to pay every possible regard to your Situation as commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast; and he is concerned to observe that his Intentions fall so far short of your own Idea of the powers necessary to be attached to that duty.

By the Regulations which define the authority of the Commanding Officer it is expressed, that all orders relative to Regimental and Military Discipline shall be issued by him exclusively; and it is not the wish of the Governor in Council to interfere in the smallest degree with this necessary power. He also admits the propriety of Communicating through the Commanding Officer, such orders resolutions, and minutes of Government as are intended to be published to the Troops; and, tho' it has been usual to transmit Orders of this nature directly to the Adjutant General, he undoubtedly means, and concludes

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it has been so understood that they should be sent to him as the executive Instrument of the Commander in Chief, before whom they are supposed to be laid, and by whose direction it is intended, of course, that they should be published to the army. —

I am commanded on this occasion to observe that, if it be more agreeable to you that Government Orders be sent directly to yourself, that mode will in future be adopted, but the purpose, in either case, is, that the Orders shall be issued in the exact form in which they are conveyed —

With respect to the communication with individual Officers employed in Commands and other Trusts especially committed to them by the Appointment of the Board, it has neither been the practice of the Service, nor considered in any degree expedient, that the orders of Government should be transmitted through the Commander in Chief and carried into execution by his means. — Trusts of this nature involve

considerations which evince the absolute necessity of a direct Correspondence and Control, and the President in Council is satisfied it cannot be requisite to the just support of your authority that he should depart from those rights which are essential to the conduct of every Government.

I am directed to observe that the military measure you speak of in your Letter, was ordered upon the opinion of major Dalrymple, the commanding Officer at Dindigul, and consisted of nothing more than the movement of two Companies of Sepoys to a certain part of the district for the protection of the Revenue against the Incursions of the Poligars. — I am, Sir.

&c &c &c

Signed W. C. Jackson Esqr

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Secretary of the Board on the preceding Subject.

agreed that Captain Joseph Little be appointed to the Command of Atka, and that an Officer (to be selected by Colo Brathwaite) of the 1st Battn of Artillery, be sent to Bengal for the pur-

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pose of enlisting Lascars to complete the Establishment of that Corps on the Coast.

Ordered that the Contractor for clothing the Army do furnish clothing upon Indent from Colo. Geils for the Draft from St. Helena, and that the deficiency (if any) of Stoppages be made up by an Order upon the Military paymaster General.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colo. Maxwell.

To the Hon.ble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.

Hon.ble Sir

Governor in Council &c. &c.

I had the Honor to address you on the 13th Instant, informing you that in Obedience to the Orders of the Honorable Board, I had attacked and taken possession of the pollam of Shevigherry poligar, & stating my Opinions of the Steps necessary to be pursued, to bring this affair to a conclusion. I shall detail, for the Information of Government the Circumstances which have since occurred relative to the Affairs of this poligar

Shortly after the flight of the poligar to the

From Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell detailing the Occurrences since the Reduction of the Shevigherry Pollam relative to the Pursuits of the Poligar thro' the Shivagar Pancian the misconduct of Sunkerlingum, the late Shecumpetty Poligar, and Comby swamy Letter to Mr. Torin on the Subject - waits further Instructions.

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the Hills, a Letter arrived from Pannianoo
one of the principal Shevigars, expressing
a wish to settle some terms in the name
of his master, and requesting to be received
to propose them. he was sent for, and in-
formed, agreeably to the Spirit of the Instruc-
tions which I had received, that no promise
would be made, but that if the Poligar
of Shevigherry surrendered himself to the
Company's Justice, the merits of the Cause
should be fairly, and candidly investigated
and that he might depend on the strictest
Justice in the decision that might be given
regarding it: This Shevigar was also informed
that, if his master persisted in endeavouring
to screen himself from the Company's autho-
rity, the loss of his pollam would certainly
follow, and that the Executions which would
undoubtedly be made to seize his person
could not fail of Success, as every one who
gave him shelter would be considered as
partaking of his Criminality. The Shevigar
appeared Sensible of this, and engaged in

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eight days to bring his master to Camp—
some days after I received a Letter from this
man, (Copy of which I enclose,) informing me
that, in consequence of the alarm his master
had taken, at an attack made on his people
by the peons of Sankerlingum &c.a, he had
retired further into the Hills, which had pre-
vented the performance of his promise, but
still intimating his intention to carry it
into effect.

Sankerlingum, the person
above mentioned, is the same man who was
recommended to Government, and to me, as
a person, who, from knowledge of the Country
and Connection with Shevigherrys people, would
be highly instrumental in promoting the Suc
cess of the Detachment; in this light he was
received in Camp, accompanied by the late
Chaucumpetty poligar, and some others: but
so far from deriving benefit from this assista-
they either were, or pretended to be ignorant
of the Situation of the place, and perfectly
without Influence on the Shevigherry people

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their only employment, while with the Detachment, was, driving off the Cattle of the Country for their own Emolument, and creating alarm among it's inhabitants without any authority from me; in consequence of Complaints from the people of the Country, which, on Examination, I have reason to think were founded, and on finding even that my name had been used to support this oppression, I ordered them to proceed to Tinnevelly on the 22nd Instant, addressing Mr. Lorin, the Collector of Poligar peshcush, on the subject of their misconduct, and sending the Brother of Sankerlingum, who had written in my name to demand Cattle from the people of Shatoor, accompanied by the original Letter, under a Guard to him. — On the Subject of these depredations I have since twice addressed Mr. Lorin, Copies of which Letters I enclose. — having received information that the alarm occasioned throughout the Country, by the appearance of these plunderers still continued, I, on the 26th Inst.

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detached two Companies towards Sevala-
patore, to seize all persons concerned in
these irregularities, and I was not a little
surprised to learn from the report of the
Officer commanding this detachment, that
Indrataven, one of the persons I, on the 22d
sent from Camp to Tinnevelly, in conse-
quence of their misconduct, had been seized
in obedience to my Instructions; he added
that Sankerlingum himself with the depu-
ted Chaumpetty poligar, had left Sevala-
patore, a few hours before his arrival, on
their route towards the Country of Goolapat
naig. either, I presume, on some predatory
Expedition, or in the management of some
scheme of Intrigue: as I cannot dispose
them to be employed, or countenanced by
M.r Lavin, having received no communica-
tions from him, either relative to their arriva
at Tinnevelly, or being since employed on
any publick Service — In consequence
of this Information, I have repeated my In-
structions for the Seizure of these persons, wher

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their followers, and reinforced the party under Lieut.t Leith, the better to enable him to carry my orders into effect.— I have been more particular in this, from my knowledge that the Shevighurry poligar has taken refuge with Comby naig, a poligar in the neighbourhood of the place, to which Sankerlingum had directed his movement, and from the conviction that the appearance of this many the Depredations committed by his people, and the dread of his Intrigues, will very materially counteract the success of those endeavours I have used to obey the orders of Government, by getting the poligar of Shevigherry into my hands—

The protection afforded by Comby naig to Shevigherry, in direct Contempt of the authority of Government, has induced me to determine on marching towards his pollam, to punish his disobedience.

The Orders of the Honble Board, under date the 10.th July 1792— directing me to consider all persons granting aid to—

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Sheviegherry as equally guilty with him and punishable by deprivation of their pollam &c. — I anxiously wait for Letters from the Honorable Board, in reply to my Communications of the 13th Instt. and hope they will contain full instructions for any future Conduct —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c —

Camp
near
Sheviegherry
the
28 August 1792

Signed Hanl. Maxwell
Lieut. Colo. Commandg. South. Div.

From Pandian Sewagar. Dated 9th Malabar or 19th

permit me to prostrate myself before your glorious feet. with a joyful mind of obeying the Commands with which you will honor me.

After I had personal Conference with you, and returned to the place where my master resides; Tombauchilly's Son of Chatoor, and Joonoon Dofs. together with Sewak pillay belonging to Shuncaralingum came there with 200 peons, seized the Bullocks &c Cattle, and Bullock people committed

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alarm'd, in order to find out Shevegherry peo=
=ple; but knowing they would not come
without orders from the Honble Company
and therefore returned with the Cattle.—
This happened three hours before my arrival.
I will enquire into the place where they
are, and proceed to find them out, when I
shall inform them your Orders, and settle
with them what is to be done, and wait
on you: You are not Stranger to the Conduct
of Chatoor people, and those of Shuncanalin
=gum in committing alarms in all parts
and carrying the Cattle, and my Obedience
to your Orders. If you will please to enquire
into, you will come to know with our Sincerity
in complying with your directions; as I
am in readiness to behave in every respect
satisfactory to you, you should protect me
sincerely; Please to honor me with your
Commands, that I may be wise in the Executi=
on of it

a true Translation as near as can be
from Malabars. Signd Anna Sawmey
Translator

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To Benj.m Torin Esq.r

Sir

Collector of Poligar Pesheush

I am directed by Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell to acquaint you that, some time since, Pandean, a confidential Servant of Shevigherry, came into his Camp soliciting a Cowle for the Poligar, which, agreeable to former Communications with them, was positively refused: he then promised, in the most explicit Terms, that his master would surrender himself in the space of Eight days, on the Conditions alone of his late Conduct meeting a fair and impartial Investigation. — as Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell had reason to believe that Pandean had, by his master, been authorized to say thus much he flattered himself with the hope that the wishes of Government might thereby be brought to a happy Issue. he was however not a little mortified at the Receipt of a Letter from the same man, saying that when he was on his return from hence to the Poligar, a party of Peons belonging to

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Sankerlingum &c. had attacked his mas-
ter's followers, carried off his Cattle, and
obliged him to fly further among the
Hills for refuge; that he (Pandean) had
not yet discovered the place of his master's
retreat but, so soon as he found him, he
would endeavour to do away the impression
of the late attack by Sankerlingum, and
bring with him into Camp, agreeably to
his former promise.— The Colonel desires
me to say, that the pernicious consequences
arising from such counteraction, are too
obvious, to require explanation; he therefore
requests that you will enquire from what
authority Sankerlingum committed the
above Outrage, that he may be held
responsible for frustrating the views of
Government. Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell
requests you will be so good as inform him
if you have received any late or interesting
accounts relative to the Intentions or Situ-
ation of Shevigherry. I am &c &c &c

Camp at
Shevogherry
27 August 1792

Signed / J. Bannerman Jest.

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To Benj. Torin Esqre

Sir

Collector of the Poligar Peshcush

I am directed by Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell to acquaint you that reports have reached him, that several of the Shevigherry's Peons, who have lately left their respective Masters have come to Shevilapatam, from whence they were immediately sent off to Tinnevelly: he also hears that a Hill-man taken up yesterday by the Peons of Sankerlingum Ve.r was likewise carried to Tinnevelly. nothing will tend so effectually to accomplish the desirable object of seizing the person of Shevigherry, as correct (and speedy intelligence reaching Col.o Maxwell) he trusts that he need only express a wish that persons of the above descriptions may be ordered to be forwarded direct to him in place of going first to Tinnevelly. —

The Peons lately employed under Sankerlingum Pauncumpetty &c. have been committing the most improper Depredations, by driving off the Cattle belonging to the Inhabitants of the Shevi[illegible]

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The Colo has no reason to doubt, that, a few days since, the above people seized and carried off no less than two Thousand head of Cattle from the neighbouring hills; as yet he cannot learn where they have been carried to; totally depriving the Shevaigherry Country of it's Cattle, must ruin it's revenue for Several years to come - Lieut.t Colo Maxwell will use every means in his power to prevent, for the future, such gross abuse; as Sankerlingum and others of the party, culpable are now at Tinnevelly; I am directed to request of you to make enquiry on the Subject; and, if possible, recover the Stolen Cattle, and bring to punishment the Culprits, as an Example to deter others from such presumption, and irregular Conduct - I am Sir &c &c &c

Camp at Shevigherry 26th August 1792

(Signed) J. Bannerman Secy

From Lieut. Colo Maxwell. in further detail of occurrences - has received the instructions last sent. no obstacles expected to a friendly settlement with the other poligars, except Shevigany in Camp. Terms of his surrender

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Hon.ble Sir

I has the Honor to receive Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter under date the

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recommends that the Detachment be withdrawn excepting two Co.ps. Mr Torin's requisition for a Detachment refused. - his sentiments thereon

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23d Instant. the communications it contains shall be paid particular attention to. The Shevagherry District was delivered over to the Collector, immediately after the reduction of the Country; whenever Mr. Torin points out any obstacle being in the way of an amicable arrangement with the Poligars, I will then either detach a part, or move with the whole of my Force to obviate them. but such obstacles are scarcely to be looked for, as the Poligars have always been ready to pay their Pesheush, and the assumption of the Villages in general, was previous to the war. ——— In my Letter of the 28th Inst. I informed Government that [illegible] one of the Confidential adherents of the Shevagherry Poligar, had come into Camp and promised that his master would in the space of a few days surrender himself into the power of the Company, with this only reservation that his late Conduct should be fairly and impartially investigated. On the morning of the 29th Instant

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again returned, and communicated the fears of his master, least he should be taken by the peons in his way to me, and requested that some of my Hircarrahs might be sent to accompany him hither; the 9th Batt. in consequence marched last night towards Tumachelaigi pollam, near which the Officer in command is to receive under his protection the poligar, who I expect here by the 2nd or 3d — my Faith is pledged that he shall have a fair and equitable trial, further I have not promised, altho' I must again express my opinion, that his Criminality has been much exaggerated. —

A report reached me last night that the Shevigherry Vannian had been seized in his retreat on the Hills, by the peons of some neighbouring poligars. I have yet received no confirmation of the Truth of this report; but, as I had before encouraged them to use every endeavour to discover him, and the account his Vackeel gave me of his Situation, and slender

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attendance, agrees with the Description of the Circumstances attending his Capture, I have given some degree of Credit to the Report. — Be it true or false, as he did agree to surrender himself by Pandiam his Vackeel, and demanded proper persons to conduct him in safety to Camp, I hold him still entitled to that impartial investigation of his Conduct for which, on the authority of Government, I had pledged my word; depending on which, he had discharged his followers, and put himself in the situation, which may have enabled these persons to seize him. —

In my Letter of the 28th Inst. I communicated my Intention of moving Towards Comby naig's pollam, to punish him for the protection granted to Shevigherry but learning that he Shevigherry, only remained there one night, and that others of the Poligars were guilty of similar Disobedience, I have thought it more prudent, in the present Situation of Matters, to overlook, tho' no Notice Comby naig's behaviour

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Should my expectation be
fulfilled of obtaining possession of the
person of Shevigerry, either by his Surren-
der or Capture, I see little occasion for lon-
ger retaining so large a Detachment on
Foot; and, should my opinion coincide with
the wishes of Government, I will, as soon
as I am authorized so to do, direct the
Corps to return to their several Stations,
with the exception of the 7th Batn now
in the Shevigherry, and the 3rd Regt of
Cavalry, which I should recommend to
be stationed at Shandernacoil, or any other
place in its neighbourhood, where cover can
be found for that Corps. No measure can
more effectually tend to prevent the incursi
ons of the Followers of Shevigherry, into
the villages, and open Country of that Dis-
trict, to disturb the people of the Circar;
and the centrical Situation of the Place
will enable the Corps to act in a similar
manner, when necessary, to awe the Eastern
poligars of Tinnevelly, whose professions are

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all open to the operations of Cavalry, of which they are much in dread. —

In a Letter of the 28th Inst. Mr. Tonin desired a Detachment (which he detailed) might be sent to attend him, and the Officer commanding it directed to comply with his Requisitions — The Orders of the Board, restricting the employment of the Troops to particular Circumstances; none of which were stated to have occurred, I did not comply with Mr. Tonin's request: whenever such Circumstances would in the Interference of the Troops necessary, to enforce the obedience of the poligars. I presume the manner & Method [illegible] to be employed must be determined by my opinion, of the Strength and Situation of those against whom I am to act. —

This I shall hope to have clearly defined, should the Honorable Board think the Services of so large a Detachment, requisite in future. as my Rank and Situation does not admit of my acting merely as the

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Instrument of the Collector of these Destricts

— If such is the wish of Government
I shall hope they will allow me to return
to my Command at Tanjore, and deliver
the Detachment in charge to Lt. Colonel
Cosnyngham. I have the Honor to be,
&c &c &c

(Signed) Hamr. Maxwell.
Lt. Colo. Commg. South.n Detach.t

Camp at
Shevigherry
2d
30 August
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The Board are much pleased
to learn that the persons of the Shevigherry
poligar, and Shevigherry Vannian, are
likely to be soon in Lieut.t Colo. Max=
wells possession. — What point accomplish=
=ed, or even the Surrender of the poligar
only, they are of opinion that the Continu=
ance of large a Detachment on foot is
unnecessary, and it is resolved therefore
to direct the Colonel (if no other Event
should have happened to require it's Service)
to order the General Corps to their Stations,
except the 7.th Batt.n of Sepoys, and the
3.rd Regiment of native Cavalry, which are

minute of the Board
on the foregoing
Letters from Colo
Maxwell —

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to be continued wherever he shall think most expedient for the good of the Service

Agreed also to inform Lieut. Colo. Maxwell, that the Board certainly meant, by their orders, to restrict the employment of the Troops to the Circumstances therein Stated: and, in the Event of further Force being required, to leave the number of Troops, and the manner of employing them, to be determined by his Judgment, subject to no other Controul than that of Government

Ordered that Copies of Colo. Maxwell's Letters be sent to Bengal.

Read the following Letters from his His Highness the Nabob, entered also in C.S. nos 132. 133.

Translation of a Letter from his Highness The Nabob, Walla Jah. to Sir Chas. Oakeley Governor of Madras.

Dated 13th Mohurrum 1207 Hegery. or 1 September 1792.

Received

From the Nabob on payment of his September Kist

Do

To the date of yesterday's

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the 31st August 1792, I have paid to the Company the Sum of Ninety nine Thousand pagodas, in part of the Kist due 1st September 1792, the remainder One Thousand I send to day - by the blessing of God, the Sum of one Lac of pagodas on account of the said Kist, is fully and entirely discharged, and the Circar has received Mr. White's receipts for the same. —

My Friend! notwithstanding the various impediments and obstructions in the management of the Country, which appear by the Letters I received from Hussaum Ul mulk, Mahomed Jaffer Cawn, Nizam Oodeen ahmed Cawn, and Nooud-deen Mahomed Cawn, the Extracts of which my Son Omdut Ul Omrah Bahaüder, had sent to you, yet I have fully and completely paid off the aforesaid Kist, to the Company. I write this for your Information. —

What can I say more. —

a true Translation, Sd/ Dav.d Haliburton, pers.n Tran.r

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Wallah-Jah. to Sir Cha.s Oakeley

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Bart. Governor of Madras. —

Dated 14th Mohurrum 1207 Hegery

or 2nd September 1792

rec'd 3rd

From the Nabob stating the Objections to supplying Sheep at Vellore at the usual rate. —

I have received your Letter dated 6th Mohurrum 1207 Hegery answering to the 25th Augt 1792.

You wrote me that you had returned the Duplicate for supplying Sheep to the Garrison of Vellore, and desire me to send you another for supplying that Garrison with 500 Sheep, Monthly, at the Rate of four Pagoda. to the Officers, and five Pagoda to the Soldiers — That Inclosure I have

My Friend! The Shepherds have been encouraged to settle in the Countries under Cowles, and it is necessary that Attention should be paid to the providing for the monthly expenditure of Sheep, and at the same time to the ease of those people. The people of the Garrison of Vellore collect amongst an hundred or one which account the Shepherd don't agree to give four Pag.

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of that Sort — I therefore request —
you will direct the Garrison of Vellore to
receive the Sheep at the rate of two ℳ
pagoda for the Officers, and five ℳ pagoda
for the Soldiers, and inform me thereof,
that I may furnish another Detachment for
supplying Sheep at those rates. I also —
request you will enquire, and let me know
at what price the people of the Zamindaree
received Sheep whilst the Revenues of the
Country were in the hands of the Company's
people — What can I say more. —

a true Translation Signed D. Haliburton
Pers. Trans.

inute thereon

Agreed to inform the
Nabob that it gives the Board pleasure
to notice the punctuality which he has
observed in the payment of the September
Kist, and that they are confident that his
Highness, knowing well the necessity
of a strict adherence to his Engagements,
will observe a similar punctuality in his
future payments. That the papers to which

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His Highness's report, as having been sent by his Secy, has been attentively considered by the President, who had not been able to discover that any impediments or obstructions had in fact been opposed to his Highness's Management, by the Company's Servants, his authority in the Country having been completely restored from 12th July last, the date of the Treaty between him and the Company. ——

As it has always been customary to supply the Officers at Vellore with Sheep at the rate of four Pagodas, & as indeed they cannot afford to purchase them out of their pay at a dearer Rate, it is agreed to request his Highness will consider the Subject, and grant the Sheep applied for in the Letter of the 25th Ult.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To The Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart.
President & Governor in Council
Fort St. George ——

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From the Military Auditor General assigning his reasons for not furnishing the Accountant General with the General Estimates required by him.

I had the Honor to receive on the 2nd Instant, M. Secretary Jacksons Letter of the 28th Ult.o signifying that. "The "Accountant General having reported to the" "Board the President in Council that it had" "been usual for the accounts and general" "Estimates of all receipts, and Disbursements" "of the year ending the 30th April to be for=" "warded from his Office for transmission to" "Europe by the September Dispatch, but that the" "materials for the purpose are not yet recei=" "ved from my Department, and that he is" "directed to desire me to send them to him" "the Accountant General, as soon as possible,"

I beg leave to acquaint your Honble Sir, in answer to the Report of the Accountant General, implying delays or neglect of Duty in my Office, that I do not know that it has been usual to send from the Military Auditor Generals Office to the Accountant General, any materials of the Description mentioned in the Report of the latter, excepting a List or Statement

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Specifying the charges incurred on account of the Office of Military Auditor General: and that I conceive it to be the Duty of that Officer, in consequence of the Introduction at this Presidency of the Bengal System of accounts, to compile and lay before Government himself the annual Statement required for the information of Parliament, regarding the Military Expenditures——

Under this consideration regarding the Duty of my Office, I am now compiling the annual Statement agreeably to the Form received from Bengal, to which will be included the like Statement of the Military Auditor General's Office, as well as of the other Offices connected with the Military Expenditure; and having obtained a Copy of one year's Statement as transmitted from Bengal, I do myself the Honor to enclose a Copy of the Letter of the Military Auditor General thereto, which

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reported and laid the same before the Governor General, as a duty in no shape requiring materials to be furnished by the Auditor General to the Accountant General.—

It did not appear necessary, for the above reasons to furnish the Account= ant General with the Statement of the Office Establishment of the Military auditor General.

The accountant General having, I understand, received a variety of reports and Statements from Individuals and Departments connected with the Military Expenditure, which I am induced to believe should have been given in to the military Auditor General, under the required operation of the new System, and which are essentially necessary to be inserted in the Statement I am compiling at present, I beg leave to request, Honorable Sir, that he may be instructed to send me such materials of this description as he has received, Mr. Webster the Depoy paymaster at the Presidency being the only publick Officer connected

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With the Military Expenditure which has
transmitted to my Office the Statement
required, regarding Salaries & Fees or
Emoluments of Office.

I hope Honble Sir it
will appear for the reasons I have assigned
that there has been neither neglect nor
delay on my part. The report of the Ac-
countant General has originated, I am
induced to believe, from his not having
adverted to the alteration in regard to
the Duty of any Officer in consequence of
the new Systems. — I have the Honor to
&c &c &c

Henry Malcolm
Mil[itary] and P[ublic] Secretary

To Lord Cornwallis K. G. —
&c &c &c

I have the Honor to lay
before your Lordship, in order to be forward-
ed to the Honble Court of Directors, the State-
ment required for the Information of
Parliament by the Act of the 24th of the

military Auditor
General's Office
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King, of all the Military Establishments under the Presidency of Fort William, as the same Stood on the 30th April 1790

Instead of accounting, in the form of a Letter, for the differences between the Statement of 1789/90 and those of the year 1790/91. I have prefixed to this year's Statement, as was done to that of the last year, a comparative abstract, wherein the reasons for the differences are assigned.

The amount of the State= ment of the Estimated Expence of the Mili= tary disbursements, of this Presidency, as they Stood on the 30th April 1789, was Sonant Rupees 13.261.242. 11.— Equal to Current Rupees 14719.979. 6. 1 P annum. The amount of the present Statement is Sonant Rupees 14,355.609. 7.— equal to Current Rupees 15934726. 7. 7 P annum, making a difference of Sonant Rupees 1094,366. 12. or Curr.t Rupees 1214.747. 1 6. encrea= sed in the Estimated Expence of the Official

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Year 1790/91 — This increase is owing chiefly to the Establishments of the Bengal Native Cavalry and Infantry, and the Extra Batta on account of the Southern Detachment, and of the Second Battalion of Bengal Artillery under the Presidency of Fort St. George — The amount of the Estimate of the Expence in the Department of the Chief Engineer exceeds that of the year 1789/90, and these Circumstances would have produced a greater difference between the Statement of the last official year, and that of this year if there were not considerable diminutions in the Estimated amount of the other heads of Expences in the Statement of the Current official year 1790/91, of which the following will serve as Instances. The Commission on the Revenues last year was stated at a larger amount than the sum now fixed by the Court of Directors; and the Fire in Fort William landed considerably to swell the Estimated Expence of last year.

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It is likewise to be remembered that the pay and allowances of the Greater number of Officers who have been lately brought on full pay in Order to complete the encreased Establishments of the army being included with their respective Corps, the amount which was stated last year on their account, under the Head "Supernumerary Officers" is reduced this year to an inconsiderable Sum, compared with the amount on their account last year.

With respect to the decrease of the Estimates Expence on account of His majesty's Troops serving under this Presidency, it is only necessary to observe that the 73d Regiment has been removed from a Double to a half Batta Station, and that the whole of the Detachment of the 76th Regiment, excepting a few Sick men had left Bengal previous to the 30th April 1790. I have the Honor to be

&c &c &c

Signed Jno Murray
Col. & Mil. Aud. Genl.

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a true Copy
Signed W. Malcolm
Mil. Aud. Genl.

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Signed Jno. Murray
Col.o & Mil.y Aud.r General

a true Copy
Signed W. Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r General

Military Auditor General's Office
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minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Accountant General with an Observation that, as the Military Auditor General is the proper Officer to compile the Annual Statement required for the Information of Parliament, regarding the allowances to the Military Establishment, all documents connected with that Statement and received at the accountant's office must be forthwith transmitted to him (the Auditor)

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Ganjam To the Hon. Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Resident at Ganjam has drawn on all Field charges. Observations relative to certain Zemindars - proposes the removal of Vizianagram to Masulipatam and the release of the Zemindar, his Zemindary requests that the present power in the District be continued. asks Quarters requires Repair recommends that the Chief Cantonment be at Baramporam a supply of Stores required. Mr Ansley continued in charge of the Stock at Baramporam

Honble Sir

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 3rd Instant and shall accordingly dispatch the unserviceable Boats Stores mentioned by the first Conveyance to Bengal.

I have the Honor to acquaint you that, in Consequence of the

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Capture of Sanadee, and of the dispersion of his adherents, added to the prevalence of the Rains, which have now become heavy and general throughout this District, and are hostile to the further prosecution of Field operations, which could only involve your Troops in Disease; I have provided that the whole Force of the District, excepting a few necessary Guards to serve as Checks on the Vizianagur, Souringhee, Jellantah, and Bourasinghee Zemindaries, be drawn into Garrison or Cantonment, and have directed the Paymaster, to discontinue all Field allowances and appointments from the 31st. Inst.: I have also directed that the Sibbendy Corps on duty here, shall revert to its original character of Revenue Troops, and cease to be employed and paid as Regulars: hence I have the pleasure to contemplate a Considerable reduction in the Expences of this District, which have been long excessively onerous ——

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It is my duty however, at the same time, to apprize you, that, altho' the good fortune which has of late influenced the Company's affairs in this district has made great progress towards the re-establishment of your authority, Turbulence and insurrection is far from being suppressed and much yet remains to be effected ere tranquility and Good order is restored — The Polygar Zemindary is abandoned of its Inhabitants, and has been desolated by a three years' drought, which has continued unto within these last few days; Mummedoo's Family remain in his Capital, agreeably to Capt.n Little's Treaty, while the Company is endeavouring to put the Revenues of his County in train; the difficulty of which, under such Circumstances, may be well conceived, tho' not so easily described. Its own Hill people and the bordering independent Zemindars whether by Instigation, or not, take advantage of the unsettled condition of its affairs

and reflection affords but small encouragement in the prospect, - I would recommend that Mummidoo be ordered by land to Masulipatam, and that his Family be conciliated to change their Residence to the Company's Havelly.

The Rajah of Souringhie was taken prisoner and confined to the Fort of Ganjam in January 1789, when the Chief and Council, not providing for the management of his Country, or the due appropriation of its Revenues, the Pauter usurped both, and paid so much of the latter to the Company, as to him seemed meet, until latterly, in the time of my predecessor, the Pauter found it convenient to retain the whole for his own use, which remains still to be corrected.

At the time that the Souringhie Rajah was arrested, but small matter of Crimination appeared against him; and, unless that should be

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aggravated by any Information which Samadee may now give in — Three Years and Eight months close confinement may possibly be thought a sufficient measure of punishment — In such case should he be released, to which there is the least political objection now, that you have the principal persons who have occasioned all the past troubles of the District, your Prisoners & have no doubt but he would prove derive their due proportion of Revenue from this Country, without the necessity of resorting to military Force, which must otherwise be done under every incentive but that of positive Expence.

The Pallanthah Rajah was also made prisoner in January 1789 on a charge of assisting Samadee, but, making his Escape from this Fort, he returned back to his own Country, where he lived peaceably until he died a natural Death, and left an Infant Son his Successor, whose

two uncles contended for some time for the guardianship of the Heir, which the younger uncle named Sonnapacha, being compelled to relinquish to the elder, he betook himself to the Jungles, and employed two Companies of Sepoys to retreat his Incursions upon the open Country, until Mr. Crawfurd thought it expedient to negotiate an accommodation with him, by which both the uncles were bound to relinquish the charge of the Infant Heir to his mother and the Sonnapacha was indulged with a Jaghire of Villages of his own Selection.

Your Troops being withdrawn however, the Sonnapacha took advantage of my predecessor's Security to seize upon the Infant Heir and his mother, whom he carried off to the Jungles, and then renewed his Hostilities to the Company's Interests, which continue to this day.

The Bowraudsinghie Zemindar, immediately on Sanadeo's Escape

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in Decemr. 1788. joined the Standard of
Revolt, with his Revenues, which (from
Country, barren of every thing but Jungle
an Innate from the Company; and became
active to infest the Southern Division of
the Company's Havelly with predatory
Incursions. Tuni and the Sonnapacha
are in alliance, and occupy a Country al-
most impervious to your Troops: its situa-
tion also gives them great powers of mis-
chief, as it borders upon the distant parts
of your Ganjam Havelly. and hence the
apprehension of these persons is of great
moment to the Company's Interest.

Though the Troops are
withdrawn from active Service, I am not
unmindful of these important objects,
and I am sanguine in the hope that I
shall soon be in a Capacity to give
you more pleasing Information of the
Condition of the Company's affairs in that
part of the District.

But as it is essential

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to my plans, that neither the appearance nor the real Strength of the Troops now in the District should suffer diminution, & as Field charges and contingencies are now abolished. I venture, with confidence, to request, that you will continue two Companies of the 11th Sepoy Batn and one Company of the 5th Revenue Battalion (which have been lent from the Vizigapatam District) on duty here: and, that you will yet postpone the reduction of the two additional Companies, and the additional men to Company of the 18th Sepoy Batn — To this request I have Stile a further inducement, in the Expectation of receiving Instructions from the Board of Revenue, to augment the assessment of Revenue upon some of the Zemindaries of this District, to execute which the immediate presence of a respectable Force will be necessary

So long since as October 1788. the Engineer, on a Survey of the

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Buildings at Askar reported, that they most
of them stood in need of an immediate and
thorough repair, which however was post-
poned by your Orders. Shortly after all
the Troops took the Field, and those build-
ings have, from that time, been mouldering
to Ruin. There is not now any Engi-
neer in the District to report their present
State; but, as it will always be necessary
to keep a Detachment of Troops there, which
with their attending Stores &c. must be
covered from the weather, I have to re-
quest that you will honor me with your
Instructions on this Subject. There are
now cantoned at Askar, three Companies
of the 18th Battn. ——

Since the Troops took
the Field in this district, Mahurry has
been added to the Company's Havelliship
Mahurry is continued with your old
Garjam Havelly: and Baramporam, which
is the principal Town, has generally been
the head Quarters of the Troops on Field

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Service; it is Centrically Situated with respect to the District at large; it covers the Grass of your Havellies; and, as some Troops must be kept there, to confirm the Company's authority and Government in a new possession, and as it enjoys many advantages for a Cantonment, I do not hesitate to recommend the Situation to you as eligible for the Chief Cantonment, and Head Quarters of the District.—

The Company have never had any Buildings at Barampour; and those at Astia, are in such total Ruin that the Officers and men at either place may be said to be equally in want of Habitations: may I request therefore any early Intimation of your Instructions on these Subjects, and that you will inform me whether or not House-Rent will be admitted to be drawn by the European Commissioned and non Commis-

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Signed Officers, on the Subject of the Build-
ing or repairing of Barracks

This Garrison and District
being destitute of paints and many other
military Stores, the want of which is felt
in the Decay of other materials, I beg
leave to repeat my request that the In-
dents some time since transmitted to
the Military Board may be complied
with.

When the Troops took
the Field against Munnidoo, the Service
of Mr. Whitelaw Anslie, Assistant Surgeon
at Ganjam, was required at Baramporo
to attend the Sick and Wounded left there;
and I have been induced Still to conti-
nue him at that Station on half Batta
on the Representation of Lieut. Col.
Tolson, that his presence would be ne-
cessary in the absence of the Assistant
Surgeon of the 18th Batt. who proceeds with
the Companies to Aska

Ganjam
21 August
1792

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed Th. Moodaald

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minutes and
resolutions of
the Board on the
foregoing Letter

Agreed to inform Mr.
Thod Munnisso
Snodgrass, must be continued in his
present confinement, as it does not appear
that any useful purpose could be answered
by removing him to Masulipatam. But,
as the Resident is of opinion that the Release
of the Rajah of Souringhie would be attend-
ed with Benefit to the Company, it is a-
greed to direct the Board of Revenue to give
Instructions for restoring him to the pos-
session of his Country, if they see no objec-
tion to the measure. ——

The Board observe with
pleasure that the Resident had anticipa-
ted their Orders for the abolition of all
field Charges in the Ganjam District,
and, at his recommendation, it is resolved
not to recal, for the present, the Troops
which have been sent from the Vizagapa-
tam District, or to reduce the additional
men of Company of the 18th Battalion — the
two additional Companies of that Battalion
must however, agreeably to former Orders

be immediately struck off the Establish-
ment

Such of the Officers
Stationed at Aska as cannot be accom-
modated with Quarters, must draw
the usual allowance of Five Pagodas
each on account of House Rent, and it
is agreed to authorise Mr. Snodgrass
to disburse such Sums as may be indis-
pensably necessary for the Execution of the
repairs required to the Soldiers Barracks at that
Station —

Agreed also that half
Batta be continued to Mr. Ainslie, Assistant
Surgeon, while he is in charge of the
Sick and wounded at Barampour —

The Board do not approve
of the removal of the Chief Cantonment
of the District, to Barampour —

Agreed that an Extract
of Mr. Snodgrass's Letter respecting Stores
be sent to the Military Board, with the
necessary Orders —

Read the following
Letter from the Accountant General

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To Will.m Collins Jackson Esq.r
Military Secretary —

Sir

From accountant General proposing an amendment in his Statement of the Sums received from the Nabob.

I had the Honor of writing to you on the 20th Ult.o enclosing a Statement of Sums received from His Highness the Nabob, wherein is noted the Sum of 6,60000 brought to the Nabob's Credit on the general Books for Tanjore pesheush; it has since occurred to me that the last years pesheush 2,20,000 Pag.s was not brought on the Books to his Credit 'till the 31st March 1790. after the commencement of the war; it may therefore be proper to insert in the Statement (after the Words "6,60,000 carried to His Highness's Credit in the General Books for Tanjore pesheush" the Sum of which, was after the Commencement of the War on the 31st. March 1790

accountant General's Office Fort St. George 3 September 1792.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Rob.t Wood Acc.t Gen.l

Order thereon

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Nabob's private Creditors for their Information

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Read the following
Letter from Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co.
To The Honble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bart.
President & Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir,

Finding that Col.o Pearkins's name is not included in the list of Officers entitled to, and receiving gratuity. We take the liberty, as his Attornies, to request that you will be pleased to rectify a mistake which could only have happened, we conceive, through Inadvertence — but should a doubt exist of the Colonel's right thereto, we beg leave to remind you that he acted during the late Assumption, under the Orders of the Board, and received his pay as one of their Officers. — that he acted as such in the former Assumption during the administration of Lord Macartney, and received his Share of the then Gratuity as full Colonels, by the express orders of Government, which we conclude will fully establish his clear right to the present —

We are &c &c
(Signed) Porcher Redhead & Co
Attys to Colo Pearkins

From Messrs. Porcher Redhead &c. requesting payment of Gratuity to Col.o Pearkins, while commanding Carnatic under the Assumption.

Fort St. George
the
30. August
1792

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On reference to the Records in march 1786, the Board find, that, altho' Colo Manning, during the former adjustment, was not entitled to participate in the Fund appropriated to the King's and Company's Field Officers, yet that he received from the Treasury the amount of a Colonel's Gratuity. —

Sundry Chamiers Letters to Colo Manning dated 11 march 1786. —

Resolution thereon

Resolved therefore that the same mode be now adopted, and that the accountant General be directed to lay before the Board a Statement shewing the amount of Gratuity drawn by a Company's Colonel from the day on which the management of the Revenues of the Carnatic was assumed in the year 1790, to the period when the last distribution of Gratuity was made to the Company's Field officers. —

Read the following

Letter from Sir Jnº Kennaway Bart

To the Hon^ble Sir Chaˢ Oakeley Bart

Governor &c &c &c

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Something in the appearance and manner of relating their Story in the

From Resident at Hyderabad, advising of the European escapes from prison in Chittledroog having run off. The prisoners in Gooty may however be detained from Tippoo's packet. Requests Copy of the new Estimate of the Nizam's Detachment. —

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two Europeans mentioned in my last,
leds me to place a degree of confidence
in their relation, which the having been
often deceived by persons of their Descrip-
tion would otherwise have prevented my
affording it: but as, after receiving money
Cloaths and Letters to the Fort major of
Fort William, and the chief of Masulipatam
to procure them a passage to Bengal,
when they expressed a wish to enlist
in the Infantry, they have gone off towards
Poonah, I am led to suspect that they are
no better than others, who have applied
to me in the same stile. It is still pos-
sible however that their Intelligence of
people confined in Goa may be true
and it may therefore be proper to demand
an order from Tippoo's Vackeels for their
release but, from the circumstance of
the Conduct of the Informants just stated
I am not inclined to place that Reliance
on their Testimony which I thought it
deserved before. — Permit me to request

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That the new Estimate of the Expences of the Ellore Detachment, may be forwarded to me as soon as possible, that I may obtain the full amount of it, in the future advances of this Government. This is more immediately necessary at present, as the Detachment will shortly be directed to proceed to adjust on the Settlement of the Chitwail District which is situated a short distance to the South East of Cudapa.

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

(Signed) Jn.o Kennaway

Hydrabad
4th
August 1792

Information of the President, and minute of the Board on the above

The President informed the Board that Tippoo's Vackeel have promised to send to their master for an order to the Commander of Gooti for the release of the English prisoners in confinement at that place.

Agreed that the Military Auditor General be directed to lay before the Board, as soon as possible, the new Estimate of the Expences of the Detachment serving with the Nizam?

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Read the following Letter

from Mr. Torriano

To Wm Collins Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Military Dept.
Fort St. George

Sir

Torn Mr. Torriano advising of his return to Vellore, with the Treasure.

Please to inform the President in Council that I arrived here this morning with the Treasure, and shall deliver it over to the commanding Officer, that it may proceed to the Presidency as soon as I can get Bullocks for another Tumbril, having been obliged to transport near Eighty Thousand Rupees on Carriage Bullocks from Chittamagherry to Vellore

I am Sir &c &c &c

Signed W.H. Torriano Pay.r

Vellore
3 September
1792

Minute in Consequence

The Board approve the manner in which Mr. Torriano has executed the Service lately entrusted to him, agree that he be informed thereof, and directed to transmit an account of the Expences of his Journey to, and

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from Kistnaghurry. That the amount
may be defrayed by the Company —

Chas. Oakeley.
Wallopsfield

George Parry Esqr

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No 5

Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters, entered in my B. of R.d 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.—

From Resident at Hyderabad

From Resident at Hyderabad, enclosing the account of the Gunmaster to the Nizam's Detachment for November.—

From Commandant at Tiagar

From Commandant at Tiagar, requesting the allowance of Table money.—

From Military Paymaster General

From Military Paymaster General, complaining that the Paymaster of Cuddalore, has neglected to send in any accounts for the present Official year.—

From Capt.n Mosley, enclosing a bill for payment.—

From Lieut.t Knox

From Lieut.t Knox of the Bengal Establishment, requesting permission to be received on board the Bombridge.—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C. C. dr.r 134, noticing his punctuality in the payment of his September

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5th

Kist; the obstructions alluded to, do not appear to have been opposed to his Highness's management; and requesting he will grant on Villoor, the Dustuck for Sheep before applied for, as the Officers cannot afford to purchase them at a dearer, than the usual rate. — a similar Dustuck on the Phoudar of Tinnevelly likewise requested.

Sent the following Letter to Ganjam

To Thomas Snodgrass Esqre

Resident at Ganjam

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated 18th and 21st ult.o and to inform you that he approves the communication you have made to the Chief & Council at Vizigapatam on the Subject of Mootey Shamasheum Jung and his Followers —

To Resident at Ganjam in reply to his Letter, respecting certain Jemindarry in that District & the measures adopted & proposed by him, in Consequence of the Capture of Sunadee

The President in Council desires that Mennidoo may be continued

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in his present confinement, as it does not appear that any useful purpose could be answered in removing him to Masulipatam. But, as you are of opinion that the release of the Rajah of Vizianagram would be attended with benefit to the Company, the Board of Revenue will be directed to give you Instructions for restoring to him the possession of his Country, if they see no objection to the measure.

The Board observe with pleasure that you have anticipated their orders for the abolition of all fees charged in the Ganjam District, and at your recommendation, they have resolved not to recall for the present, the Troops which have been sent from the Vizagapatam District, or to reduce the additional men of Company of the 18th Batt.n The two additional Companies of that Battal.n must however, agreeably to former Orders, be immediately struck off the Establishment.

Lists of the Officers stationed

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5 at Aska, as cannot be accommodated with
Quarters, may be permitted to draw the
usual allowance of Five Pagodas each, on
account of House Rent; and you are authorized
to disburse such Sums, as are indispensably
necessary for the Execution of the Repairs, requi-
red to the Soldiers' Barracks at that Station
- Half Batta may be continued to Mr Ainslie
Assistant Surgeon, while he is in charge of
the Sick and wounded at Barampour -

The President in Council
does not approve of the removal of the Chief
Cantonment of the District, to Barampour -

An Extract of your Letter
regarding Stores, has been sent to the Milita-
ry Board, with the necessary Orders. ——

I am Sir
&c &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

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1792

Dispatched the undermen-
tioned Letters, entered in Mr B. Nos 19. 20. 21
22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27 ——

To Military Board

To Military Board. desiring
that a Supply of Paints &c. may be sent to

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To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General, delivering a Copy of the new Estimate for the Nizam's Detachment, and calling his attention to former Letters, respecting House Rent to the Troops in the Carnaud, and Linguist, Hircarrah and allowance to the Commandant at Permacoil. Ensign Mackenzie of the 71st Regiment to receive full Batta.

To Do.

To Ditto informing him that the Officers at Astka, are to draw House Rent. the Soldiers Barracks there ordered to be repaired. and Mr. Ainslie Assistant Surgeon to receive Half Batta, while in charge of the Sick at Bauampour

To Commy General of Grain and provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and provisions. his recommendation regarding the Grain at Tiagar approved. and his opinion desired on a Letter from the Officer commanding Sunkey Durgum to Capt. Alex. Read.

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To Clothing Contractor

To 5th

To the Contractor for Army Cloathing, directing him to provide Cloathing for the Recruits arrived from St. Helena in 1791. ——

To Commandant at Dindigul

To Commandant at Dindigul, Paymaster respecting the Issue of the Cully Fanam when Pagodas cannot be procured, and desiring him to give orders that the former be received by the Troops when tendered in discharge of their pay ——

To Lieut.t Fairwather Gourlay. —

To Lieut.t Fairwather Gourlay, permitting him to proceed to Sea for his Health. —

To Commander of the Bustbridge

To Commander of the Bustbridge, permitting him to receive on Board Lieut.t Knox as Passenger for Bengal. —

To Do.

To do. — do. respecting Mr. Nash Assistant Surgeon. —

6th

Received the undermentioned Letters, entered in Mr B No. 28 & 29.

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To Capt. Parr 6.

From Captain Parr

requesting the adjustment of his accounts

presented on July last.

From Dr. Ch.s Campbell

From Dr. Ch.s Campbell

Assist.t Surgeon, requesting an Order to be

received on board the Rockbridge

Dispatched the following

Letters.—

To Lieut.t Col.o Hamilton Maxwell.—

Commanding the Detachment in

Jeir

the Tinnevelly Country

I am directed by the

Honble the President in Council to acknow-

ledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 28.th

and 30.th Ult.o

He is much pleased to

hear that the persons of the Shevighierry

Poligar, and Shevighierry Vannian are

likely to be so soon in your possession.—

That point accomplished, or even the Sur-

render of the Poligar only, he is of opinion

that the Continuance of so large a Detach-

ment on foot is unnecessary, and directs

To Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell, the several Corps except those mentioned by him to join their Station upon the Surrender of the Poligar. the mode of employing the Troops left entirely to his judgement

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6.

6. Therefore (if no other event should have happened to require its' services) that you will order their Several Corps to their Stations except the 7th Battalion of Sepoys, and the 3rd Regiment of Cavalry, which are to be cantoned, wherever you shall think most expedient for the publick Service.

The President in Council certainly meant, by his Orders, to restrict the employment of the Troops to the Circumstances therein mentioned, and, in the Event of further Force being required, to leave the number of Troops, and the manner of employing them, to be determined by your Judgement, subject to no other Control than that of Government

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6 September
1792

I am Sir
&c &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

To the Right Hon.ble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General in Council
Fort William

My Lord.

To Bengal, enclosing the President's minute respecting the Tanjore Revenues, and Copy of the Treaty proposed to be entered into, with the Rajah

We do ourselves the Honor to enclose, for your Information, a Copy of

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Con President's minute on the subject of the agreement recommended by your Lordship to be made with the Rajah of Tanjore previous to the restoration of that Country to his management, together with Copy of the Treaty framed in consequence, which, being constructed on the same principles as that lately entered into with the Nabob and comprehending the latest arrangement of the Hon.ble Court, with respect to the Rajah's payments, with we trust, will be honoured by your Lordship's approbation

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
To the Right Hon.ble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General in Council
Fort William.

Fort St. George
6 September
1792

My Lord

We have the Honor to transmit, for the Information of your Lordship in Council, Copies of the two last Letters from Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell, with our answer

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) Chas. Oakeley &c. &c.

To Bengal. enclosing Copies of the two last Letters from Col.o Maxwell with the reply thereto.

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1792

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To the Nabobs private Creditors notifying an Amendment to be made in the Statement of Sums received from the Nabob — Accountant Generals Letter on the Subject.

To the Private Creditors of

His Highness The Nabob

Gentn

With my Letter of the 23rd Ult.o I transmitted to you, by order of The Honble The President in Council, Copy of a Statement delivered in by the Account-ant General, shewing the Sums received from His Highness the Nabob: and I am now commanded to send, for your Infor-mation, copy of another Letter from the Accountant General, stating that the Sum of two Lacs, Twenty Thousand Pagodas (2.20,000) on account of Tanjore Peshcush was not brought to His Highness's Credit until the 31st March 1790. near three months Subsequent to the commencement of the late War; and observing that this Circum-stance ought to have been inserted in the Statement.

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I am Gentn
Yr &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson Secy

To Mr. Robert Roolf

Accountant General —

Sir

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To Accountant General. to State the amount of a Colonel's gratuity for a certain period to be paid to Colo Wanting. military Auditor Generals Letter, respecting the Estimates required of him, with directions in Consequence

th. 6

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to desire you will lay before him a Statement, shewing the amount of Gratuity drawn by a Company's Colonel, from the day on which the arrangement of the Revenues of the Carnatic was assumed on the year 1790. to the period when the last distribution of Gratuity was made to the Company's Field Officers.

The above Statement is required in order to ascertain the Sum due to Colo. Wanting, who, tho' not entitled to participate in the Fund appropriated to the King's and Company's Field Officers, will shortly receive from the Treasury, at one a former occasion, the amount of a Colonel's Gratuity.

I am directed to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General, and to observe that, from the Reasons therein given, it does not appear necessary to furnish you with the Accounts and general Estimates applied for in your

Letter

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6th Letter of the 28th Ult.o on the Contrary, as the Military Auditor Gen.al is the proper Officer to compile the annual Statement required for the Information of Parliament regarding the allowances to the Military Establishment, all documents connected with that Statement, and received at your Office, should be forthwith transmitted to him.— I am &c. &c. &c.—

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Signed W. C. Jackson, Jr.

Sent also the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35.—

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General

notifying the orders given to the Contractor for clothing the St. Helena Recruits arrived in 1791.—

To Lieut.t Col.o Oldham

To Lt. Col. Oldham

transmitting Copy of Capt.n Read's Letter and it's references, regarding the charge against his Dubash, preferred by the Inhabitants of Bangalore, and desiring information from him upon the Subject.—

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To Messrs. Pouchon Redhead and Co

To messrs. Pouchon Redhead and Co. acquainting them that Colo. Maclean will receive Gratuity as Colonel

To Capt. Alexander Read

To Officer commanding in the Carnatic, advising him of the Letter written as above to Colo. Oldham, and referring to his Letter regarding House-Rent for the Officers stationed in that district. the damaged Rice at Sunkeydaigum, (and the neighbouring Tank.

To Mr. Torriano

To Mr. Torriano, his manner of executing the Service entrusted to him, approved. and desiring an account of his travelling charges to and from Hurryhurry

To Commander of the Busbridge

To Commander of the Busbridge. permitting him to receive on board Mr. C. Campbell, as passenger for Bengal.

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At a Consultation

present

The Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor President

Ernst Will.m Falloofield Esq.re

Friday
7th September
1792

Minutes of last Consulta=
tion, read and approved. —

Read the following

Letter from Mr. Benjamin Torin. —

To Will.m Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Secret and
military Department

Sir

I have the Honor to
acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, of
the 21st Instant, and beg you will inform
the Honble Board that I have sent a person
to take charge of the Shevigherry pollam
and am truly happy to hear it is forfeited
to the Circar — I cannot however consider
this Exemplary punishment complete, until
the Shevigherry poligar shall be apprehen=
ded, as it will always be in his power
to create insurrections in the pollam

From Mr. Torin — shall take charge of the Shevigherry pollams. his remarks relative to the Limits of the Demands on the poligars. intends a Settlement with them, at Yaigundum — requests orders about two Forts in dispute between Cantabomma haig. and Etiapour

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and at pleasure to disturb the peace of the Country, and I know that he looked to the recent instance of Chinna Owndia's re-establishing himself in the little Omarawar by these means. He has carried off any immense Sum of money, and will probably find many advocates to espouse his Cause.

— The people I sent to Cole Maxwell to co-operate with him in the attack have offered me their services to follow the Fugitive into the Hills, and to bring him to me. — From the above Reasons I have accepted their Offer, in the hope that they will prove more Successful in an undertaking entirely wholly to themselves. — I beg you will inform the Honorable Board that I have fixed upon Guigundum the usual place of Rendezvous upon these occasions, to receive the polygars, and that I have written to Cole Maxwell to send me five Companies of Sepoys, or two Troops of Cavalry to that Station to support my authority, and

to send to such Villages, as I may wrest from the Polygar usurpation &c. — and if my health will permit that I shall commence the Negotiations on the 3rd of next month.

I am sorry the Board have thought proper to limit the recovery of the Circar Villages from the Commencement of the late War as but few have been taken in comparison to the usurpations of the Polygars during the five years previous thereto, that is, since the last assignment, when Nr. Irwin obliged them to yield up the Power and Territory they had assumed for 8 years before; I shall however strictly conform to the Orders I have received. — I beg however to be instructed relative to the demands of the Company and the Inhabitants on the Tinnevelly polygars for their late depredations, and, with respect to the Forts and Districts belonging to the Lesser polygars.

The Polleam of Shatoor I have no doubt will be restored, also that of Pullitavery

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both usurped by the Shevigherrys — but
there are two small Forts and Districts
in dispute between Cutabomma Naig and
Elia pour, formerly enjoyed by a profligate;
but, as no Heir remains to claim them,
they have, for many years, been the
source of Disturbance, and as often chang-
ed masters; for this reason, at the time
of the assumption, I sent two Guards to
claim them in the name of the Circar
and it is only since the Shevigherrys attack
that I have got possession from Cutabom
Naig — As these are Questions very ma-
terial to the peace of the Country in future,
the Directions of the Board are absolutely
necessary for my Guidance —

Tinnevelly
the
28 August 1792

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Benj. Torin Colr.

To Willm Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Secret and public Departments

Sir

I had the Honor to
inform the Honble Board in my Letter

From Mr Torin
Advising of Colonel
Maxwell's Refusal
of a Guard to attend
him. Letter on the
Subject with his
Remarks.

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of the 28th Inst. That I had applied to Colo. Maxwell, for Five Companies of Sepoys or two Troops of Cavalry to support my authority at the Village of Guiguendum the usual place of Rendezvous, in a Settlement with the Poligars. ——

I take the liberty of enclosing my Letter, and the Colonel's answer, and beg you will inform the Board that this refusal in the part of Colonel Maxwell will make no other alteration in the execution of their Orders, than summoning the Polygars to meet me at Tinnevelly, instead of Guiguendum, as the Board must be sensible that it is impossible for me to move out with my Cutcherry, to a small Village unprotected by a single Sepoy - or to carry on the publick Service - if I am to apply to the Colonel at the distance of 60 miles for every Guard I may have occasion for.

Colo. Fullarton was so sensible of this impriety, that he left a Battalion with Mr. Irwin at the Village of Guiguendum

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and, when the warlike nature and numbers of the Refractory Tribes I have to deal with are considered, I trust the support I have requested will appear indispensable, and that the Board will immediately order Col. Maxwell to furnish me with the Troops required - for the Colonel can be no judge of the Service of every Guard I may have occasion to use, nor do I conceive that the Board mean that he should have an opinion upon the Subject - as it will be equally in his power to refuse a Guard as to refuse me 5 Companies of Sepoys, and thus exercise a restraining power in the detail, which neither your Orders or your uniform approbation of my Conduct for the last two years past, at all warrant -

As I see nothing in my Letter to the Colonel at all incompatible with our Relative Situations: I do not conceive it necessary to attend in any degree to that part of his reply, and as the Hon.ble the Board have been very well informed in what Instances

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the Pisthcush has been tendered, though in general with-held, and as I presume very well satisfied with their own Reasons, for having authorized me on particular occasion, not to accept it — they will deem Colonel Maxwell's observations upon this Subject a little extraneous from the Tenor of his Instructions, and perceive that he had fallen precisely into the same fault, he was so ready to find in me. —

I have sent Colo Maxwell a Copy of this Letter, as the best answer I could give to him. —

Tinnevelly 31st August 1792. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed Benj. Torin. Colo

To Lieut. Colo Maxwell. —
Commanding the Southern Detachment.
&c &c

In consequence of orders from the Board of Madras, through their Secretary Mr. Jackson, directing me to collect the outstanding Balances due from the Polygars, and informing me that you are desired to remain in the Neighbourhood

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of Shevigherry with your Detachment
until this Service shall be completed.

I have to inform you that I have
fixed upon the Village of Gungundum
for the place to meet the Polygars, and
have to request that you will immediately
order 5 Companies of Sepoys, or two Troops
of Cavalry, which ever may be most
convenient to you, to that Station, to sup-
port my authority, and that you will be
pleased to give Orders to the Officer com-
manding to comply with my requisitions
in the disposal of such Guards, as I may
think necessary, in the Execution of my trust
in particular, to send to the Polygars Pollams
or to such Villages as I am directed to
obtain from their subsistations.

In the event of their non-
Compliance, I am further directed to apply
to you for assistance to compel the Refrac-
tory Polygars to Obedience - a measure
which I hope will be avoided by your com-
plying with the Requisition

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The Moniagar Succo pundit
in charge of the pollam of Shevigherry, inform
me that he is in want of a few Guards of
Sepoys for the protection of the property
in the pollam. I shall be obliged to you
to furnish him with three Guards for
this purpose, and another for the protection
of his own person, as I have had the pleasure
to hear the pollam is to be forfeited to the
Circar, and it becomes necessary to take
timely Steps to promote the Cultivation

Sincerely
&c
28 August 1792

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signd) B. Torin Coll.

To Benj.n Torin Esq.re
Collector &c.

Sir

I am directed by Lieut.t
Col.o maxwell to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of the 28.th Inst.t and to inform
you that he cannot immediately comply
with the requisition therein contained; when
you inform Lieut.t Col.o maxwell of any
obstacle occurring to prevent an amicable
Settlement with the poligars, either by

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them with holding their arrears of Peshcash
due since the commencement of the War
or of delivering the Villages which they have
occupied since the assumption of the Nabob's
Country by the Company, he will then
take Steps to inform the authority of Govern-
ment in conformity to the Orders he had
received.— In accomplishing these objects
Lieut.t Cole may be presumed you will
meet with so little impediment that he
hopes force will be unnecessary, as he under-
stands that the Peshcush has been
regularly tendered during the period of
the Company's assumption, and that the
Villages in dispute were in general
assigned to the present possessors while
the administration of the Country remain-
ed with the Nabob.— The Detachment
will march towards Shevalapatam on
the 31.st Instant; the 7.th Batt.n will be
left to protect the passage of Shevigherry,
and the Officer commanding it will
receive Directions to furnish the Provisions

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with the Guards necessary to enable him to execute the Duties of his office
Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell will, at all times, be happy to give his cordial
Support in accomplishing the objects of Government, but desires that your
future Requisitions may be regulated by the Tenor of his Instructions, and
expressed in terms suited to his Situation and power. — I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Shewigherry — 29th August 1792.

[Signed] J. Bannerman
Secy

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.
Secretary to the Civil and Military Department

Sir,

I have the satisfaction to write you, for the information of Government, that the People I dispatched in search of the Shewgerry Polygar, with Letters to Tromechenaig, Golapah Naig, and Combe Naig, to assist in apprehending him, have proved successful in their plans, and that the Fugetive became their Prisoner the 28th at night, and that he is now lodged with 50 of his Principal Sherragars and Peons in the Fort of Tromechenaig. —

The Plan had nearly miscarried by a Detachment of Sepoys Colonel Maxwell had sent in search of my People under the apprehension that they were engaged in a predatory Excursion, as the Colonel Wrote me on the 26th He had been so informed — This Detachment arrived at Golapa Naigs Pollam, during the pursuit of Shewgerry, which alarmed Sanivalengum and Woliatavem, and obliged them to fly in their turn, for safety, back to Tinnevelly — They left the greater part of their Peons however to proceed on the Business & which has been so faithfully and happily Executed —

Altho' the Colonel complained of the Depredations of Sanevalingum &c. yet He has never mentioned to me this motive for sending the Detachment, or do I know from him that it was sent, altho' the Officer apprehended his Nephew and the Polygar Sheders Sullivan, and sent them under a Guard to Camp, whence they were dismissed.

On hearing of the Capture of the Shewgerry I immediately dispatched a Letter to Colonel Maxwell, requesting him to send a Sufficient Escort, and an Officer to receive the Person of Shewgerry, and to Escort Him direct to Palamcotah where I propose to have him lodged till the pleasure of Government be known. —

You will be pleased to inform the Honorable Board that out of the Polygars above mentioned Altho' Combe Naig is the only one who failed in his Duty to the Circar upon this important occasion for altho' I sent them repeated Orders not to Countenance the Shewgerry yet, when the Fugetive first discovered his

Colonel Maxwell desiring of Expence of Shewgerry Escort on all part of Colonel Maxwell Mutiny &c.

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has Pattamaigan when the Company's Budge Boom presented himself with the order to report on taking leave, He rejected the Letter and absented himself upon his Fort where I am informed the Family of Shevagunga resided

This Man informed to the Advice of Government does not like to furnish upon the Complete might prove beneficial but Hereby engagement such as mentioned to the Budge Boom much the damage and Contempt of the declared Polygar that he may be supposed in a state of the Crisis He has committed.

The other Polygar will Hope must with some Encouragement from Government by his Hinged Conduct — Shew the honor to be

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the Honor on the 30th Ultimo to address a Letter to the Honorable Board with intimation of the State of the Shevagunga Zemindary, the Polygar's Insolence to surrender, and the Detachment of the 9th Battalion to unite, and bring him to Camp — I thought it proper the next day to move with the Detachment on the same direction, to be ready to support Lieutenant Grant should circumstances require it, and on my Arrival at Pegah Pollam I received a confirmation of the Reports of the Capture of Shevagunga, by the Pions of Tondiman Raja in a Letter from M. Torin requesting me to send him under an Escort to him, and assuring me every Assistance Tondiman Raja to deliver him to the Officer Commanding the Escort —

The arrival of this Order was unfortunate, and probably prevented that Man's Polygar had denied having the Shevagunga Chiefs in their Hands, adding a variety of Falsehoods to corroborate the assertion, which Lieutenant Grant Knew to have no foundation in Fact —

My Orders to him were positive regarding the Zemindary should be conceded by any Polygar, the consequence of this desertion might have been fatal to

M.

From Colonel Maxwell acquainting his Arrival and the reasons since his last Letter and complaining of the improper Interference of Mr. Torin with the Authority Supposed that Shevagunga Expedition was to be under his direction

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Mr Torin, notwithstanding the pointed orders of the Board, regarding his communications to me, had undertaken this Scheme of seizing Shevigherry, which the dismission of his people on his determination to surrender himself enabled Tumache Naige to effect, entirely without my knowledge or Concurrence: I therefore could not suppose, on this poligar's disobedience to the Orders I sent him by Lieut.t Grant, he acted under the authority or by the directions of the Company's Servant, who had been ordered by the Board to transmit to me without delay, every Information regarding Shevigherry he might possess, or could obtain ——

I was the more hurt at the seizure of Shevigherry, under such Circumstances, as it might lead the poligars in General (who could not suppose Mr Torin and I to act, without previous communication) to consider the whole a preconcerted trick (such as in the Nabobs administration had been frequent) to seize Shevigherry

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while treating to my assurances, and thereby
bring on the Company's name; an imputa-
tion of violated Faith, which might effec-
tually prevent them from any Confidence
in our future promises.

After repeated prevarications
Tomachechaig at length late on the day
of the 1st Instant, delivered the Pologar
of Shevigherry and a few of his Followers
to Lieut. Grant, and, on my arrival here
this morning, I found them in his Camp.
I have not yet seen or interrogated Shevi-
gherry, nor have I understood that any
part of his property has been delivered
with them; when he has been questioned
I shall communicate to Government
whatever may appear of importance for
their Information.

I shall keep Shevigherry
in my Camp, 'till I receive the Orders of
Government in reply to this Letter, as
from the very material difference of
the accounts, received at Tinnevelly by

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Mr. Torin, and those I have heard on the spot, regarding the Extent of Sheviagherry's Criminality, I fear the same misrepresentations which have, in the former Stages of the Business, been made to Mr. Torin, might prevent the investigation of his Conduct, from being conducted in that fair and impartial manner, for which my faith to him is pledged ——

In the event of the Detachment being dispersed before Government have come to a decision on Sheviagherry's Crimes I request & recommend his being lodged in Madura, or Trichinopoly, as a public prisoner, rather than in Palamcotah, or Tinnevelly, where the power of Sankeriangum, his declared and inveterate Enemy, he is fearful may influence those from whose testimony alone, the Extent of his Criminality must be proved ——

Neither the Brother of Sheviagherry, or Mapuly Vanniar, are yet in my possession: I shall use every endea-

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room to take them, particularly the latter, whom I believe, from every information, to have been the unauthorized perpetrator of the Murder, which was the principle crime, of which his master stood accused — how far I may be successful in my endeavours I know not, as, from the enclosed Letter this moment received by my Secretary from Ens.n Daviet, I learn that I had not only to contend with the endeavours of the Fugitives to conceal themselves, but with the Counteractions of the Company's Civil Servant at Tinnevelly, who, from whatever cause, appears to give every encouragement to the profligates, to disobey all command for the publick Service, which do not originate with himself, and prompts them to unite in opposing the success of any measures for carrying into effect the orders I have received from you, instead of exerting himself, as I conceive it his Duty to do, to forward their Success —

I have

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Not dated

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c —

(Signed) Hamr. Maxwell
Lt. Colo. commandg. South Arcot Detachmt.

P.S.— I shall enclose by the
Tappaul of Tomorrow, Copies of the whole
of the Letters, which have passed between
Mr. Jonin, and me, and that the Honorable
Board may determine how far the Tenor
of his Correspondence is such as they would
authorize, or how far it merited their
disapprobation — Signed H. M. —

To Mr. Bannerman

D. Sir within this half hour
I have been placed in the most critical
situation, that could possibly happen
to an Officer in similar Circumstances
with myself.

I was sent here with
my Company three days ago, by a Verbal
Order of Lieut. Grant, to use the utmost
of my endeavours towards securing the
person of Shevigherry, provided the Soli-
gars attempted to convey him by this

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Road to Timevelly — In order to collect every Information that could possibly throw a light upon the Business, I found myself under the necessity to stop and examine every person travelling upon the Road either going to, or returning from Tomachetty's Polleam, and even to read some Cadjans. All that fell into my hands were upon indifferent Subjects about Country matters from one Black fellow to another, and of no consequence whatever — Until this afternoon when two people having discovered my Centries, endeavoured to go round their post, and pass by unnoticed — They were detected and brought to me; upon enquiring who they were, they refused giving any account of themselves, and were exceedingly obstinate. This suspicious behaviour made me conclude all was not right, I desired a Sepoy to examine their Cloths, when three Cadjan Letters, directed to Tomachetty Naig, Commey Naig, and Chinamy Naig Poligars

poligars, were discovered upon them; which,
upon reading, I found were sent by M.
Vosin — The purport of the two latter dig-
nified that Chinamy naig and Comany
naig had offered protection to Shevigherry's
Brother in law, and other, his Relations.
desiring both to deliver them up, and bring
them in all expedition to Tinnevelly; if
they complied, their former conduct and
disobedience would be looked over; if not
Colo. maxwell's detachment would be imme-
diately sent against them, destroy their Fort
and turn them out of their pollams.

The Letter to Tomachenaige
was giving advice of a Company of Sepoys
and an Officer being Stationed on this Road
between Tinnevelly and his pollam, for the
purpose of intercepting the Shevigherry, and
desiring if they found that to be the Case
to deliver up the Rajah only, but to bring
his Family (mentioning them by name) and
head people with all the Treasure they had
taken to Tinnevelly immediately ——

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I made use of all my Influence to prevail upon these people to go to camp with one of my Sepoys which they refused, saying if I compelled them they must be carried, for they would not move a Step further, unless to the Polygar Country, or back to Tinnevelly. This obstinacy would have had but little weight with me had my orders been sufficiently compleate to have arrested persons of their description; and indeed I must confess myself much disconcerted in not having an opportunity to shew these Letters to Col.o Maxwell, provided it could have been done by fair means. and as I had no written instructions I was apprehensive should any Investigation take place at my detaining these people, I had no Vouchers to produce for my Conduct; I therefore returned them their Cadjans, and allowed them to pass on. If I have done wrong either way, it must be considered an Error in Judgment, and one in which I hope no

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imputation will fall upon my Character.

I have wrote to major Agnew on Service, mentioning the Circumstance in genival Terms.

I hope you will do me the favour to speak of this to Col.o Maxwell in it's proper light, and, if he cannot approave, I flatter my self he will not condemn the manner in which I have conducted this Business. I am with Respect &c &c &c

(Signed) H. Davies

Cutchacherie 1st September 1792.

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Lieut.t Colonel Maxwell that the Shroffs Peon Ligar is to be sent, under a Sufficient Guard for the Security of his Person, to the commanding Officer of Madura, who will be ordered to keep him in Confinement, until the further pleasure of Government

With regard to the differences that have arisen between Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell, and the Collector, it is agreed

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to postpone the consideration of this Subject
until the Board receive more particular
Information ——

President submits the proposed draft of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore, to accompany the Treaty.

The President lays before
the Board, the following draft of a Letter
which he proposes should be written
to the Rajah of Tanjore. ——

To His Excellency The Rajah of Tanjore

I have the Honor to send
for your Excellency's perusal, the draft
of a new Treaty which I propose to be
entered into, between your Excellency and
the Company, and, as it corrects the Errors
of the former one, both by reducing the
annual Sum to be paid for
me, and supplying a more adequate Security
for the publick demands, I trust it will
meet your entire approval ——

Your Excellency will observe
that, in fixing your payments, I have been
regulated by the Orders received from the
Honorable Court of Directors in 1789 which
were calculated to afford you considerable

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Relief in the articles of Subsidy and Pestcouch,
and I am satisfied that your Excellency,
viewing this measure, as the effect of the
Company's sincere desire to meet your wishes
to the utmost of their power, will manifest
your Sense of the Favour, by a ready and
chearful acquiescence in every part of the
Stipulations proposed. ——

I shall not here trouble
your Excellency with a recapitulation of
the articles contained in this new agreement,
I have explained them, one by one, to your
Vackeel, who has doubtless communicated
the particulars to you, and, as your Excellency
will now have an opportunity of perusing
the whole yourself, I shall hope for your
Determination with as little delay as possible.

If your Excellency approves
the articles in their present form, I request
you will return the Treaty with your
signature, and Seal affixed, after which
a Counterpart, duly executed by myself
in Council, will be sent to your Excellency

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from hence, and orders given, at the same time, for putting your managers in possession
Fort St George 7th September 1792 of the Country. — May the Blessings of
Health and prosperity always attend you!

What can I say more?

I am &c Charles Oakeley

approved

Approved, and ordered to be dispatched. —

Read the following proceedings of the Hospital Board, with enclosures entered in M B. Nos 36. & 37. —

Hospital Board
3rd September 1792. —

Town Hospital Board proposing the purchase of some purveyors Stores from Mr. Walker & Taitt. and that the Sick in Tents at Egmore be removed to Madras.

The Hospital Board have the Honor to forward to Government Letters from Mr. Walker Surgeon and Mr. Taitt assist. Surgeon to the Forces with lists of the Stores purchased from the purveyor for the use of the Sick on the late Field Establishment, which they request may be taken off their Hands

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at a fair Valuation.—

The Hospital Board,
in their proceedings of
the 6th July last, recommend
ed the purchase of similar
Stores at Poonamalee, which
Govt on the 27th
ord the Purveyor to take:
they, therefore hope that
the Honble the Governor
in Council, will be pleased
to direct these Gentlemen
to be reimbursed in the
same manner.—

The Hospital Board
have received a Letter
from M.r Bingham Assis=
tant Surgeon, soliciting
a supply of Cotts, Clothing
&c.a for the Sick of the Dif=
ferent Detachments under
his care at Poonamalee,
by which it appears that

as the Stores in question
are not immediately want=
ed, and the President in
Council has advertized for
proposals for providing
similar Articles in future
by Contract, they cannot be
purchased on account of the
Company.—

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there is no other Cover
for them than Tents. —
as it never can be ad=
visable to treat Sick
in Tents, or put the Com=
forts of Cots. Clothing &c. in
the Vicinity of a general
Hospital provided with
every thing for taking
care of the Sick in the
best manner.

The Board recommen
that all the Sick at Poo=
namalee, under cover
of Mr. Bingham's requiring
Hospital treatment, be
sent to the Presidency
Hospital, as soon as poss=
sible. —

The commanding officer
of Poonamallee, will be dir=
ected to send such of the
Sick as cannot be accom=
modated in the Hospital
at that Station, to
Madras. —

Signed

Jas. Anderson
Phys. Genl.
Colley L. Lucas
Wm. Raine
Head Surgeon

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To the Hon.ble The President in Council.

Honble Sirs

From the Officers commanding the 19th Regt L.t Dragoons relative to a demand made on the Officers of that Corps for Gram issued from the Public Stores at Arnbore - their Letter on the Subject and requesting the Establishment for the Gram for the use of this Regt.

At the earnest desire of the officers, commanding Troops in H.M. 19th Reg.t L.t Dragoons, I have the Honor of laying the enclosed address before you. — and have only to add my knowledge of the heavy burthen complained of, and my best wishes that you will be pleased to afford the relief solicited. —

I beg leave to represent that the Gram we use, is procured at Considerable distances, and passes thro' many Barriers of His Highness the Nabob, where Tolls are raised upon it, and many very Inconvenient delays are occasioned. His Highness was pleased formerly to grant the 19th Dragoons 6 passports, one for each Troop, exempting from Toll, the Gram intended for the use of this Regiment.

I humbly request you will please to cause application to be made to His Highness, the Nabob, for similar passports.

The Quantity of Gram, con-

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Sumed, is from 16 to 17 Garce ℔ month, or
about 198 Garce ℔ year.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) J. Floyd. Colo

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September 5th
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To the Honble The President in Council

The Officers commanding
Troops in H M. 19th Regt of Light Dragoons
beg leave to represent that we have been
called upon, by your Agent in the Grain De=
partment for a sum of money on account
of Grain delivered upon our Receipts from the
public Stores in the month of December last
from the time of the Regiment
descending the Ghauts in July until its re=
turn to the Mysore Country, when this Grain
was issued. The Officers were at an Expence
far exceeding the Contract in getting the
Horses of their Troops again in Condition
for Service —

The great loss of Bullocks
we suffered from the great inclemency of
the weather preventing our being able
to procure sufficient Quantity of Grain else

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where than from the Stores at Amboor, we were glad to receive it on any terms, as the Regiment was from thence to escort a Convoy of the utmost importance to the army.

To keep up the Horses which were much reduced by the monsoon, it was necessary to feed them at a very high Rate; this was done at a great loss from the Gram received at Amboor, being of an inferior Quality, and the greatest part so old that it must have been a loss to the publick, before it could have been employed in any other manner.

During the March to Seringapatam, and whilst the army lay before that place, the Cavalry were employed in covering Stores, and the fatiguing duty of protecting Bengarries. Gram was then purchased by us at two and three Seers for the Rupee, which, for several months, occasioned the Expences of our Troops to exceed, by half, the Sum we received on the Contract.

The expectation of being

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reimbursed by peace, and a more plentiful
Country, prevented us from making an
application for assistance, but the Term for
which the Contract is to be continued holds
out no such prospect — we are now at a
monthly loss on account of the distance
we are obliged to send for Grain, and the
extravagance of its price which must Conti-
nue to rise 'till the new Crop comes in, when
our Contract is to expire.

It has not been unusual
for the publick to assist individuals, when
fulfilling the terms of their engagements
appeared evidently to their loss that this
has actually been the case with us, in a
very Considerable degree, we are ready to give
any proof to your Honorable Board, whose
wish, or intention can never be to distress
those who have already so severely suffered-
— We trust your own agent can testify
most, if not the whole, of the Circumstances
we have had the Honor to mention.

We humbly hope your

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will take them into consideration, and be
pleased to grant us some Relief by waiving
your Demand, which we beg to assure you the
losses we have already sustained, have not
left us the means of complying with.

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

(Signed)
R. Child. Capt. Comm.g E. Troop
Wm Sage — Do — T. Do —
J. Bailey. — Do — C. Do —
Wm Monteath Do — D. Do —
J. Cockburn. Lt. Commg A. Do —
for Capt. Anstey —

Senators
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Agreed that the Commissa-
ry General of Grain and Provisions be directed
to report the amount of the Company's claim
for Grain supplied the Officers commanding
Troops, in his majesty's 19th Regiment of Light
Dragoons from the public Stores at Amboyna
during the late War.

Minute thereon

Resolved that His Highness
the Nabob be requested to grant the Passport
applied for by Colonel Floyd.

Mrs Byrne, the Widow
of the late Lieut.t James Byrne of the Seven-

Mrs Byrne takes the oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty

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Second List, being admitted, takes the usual oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's County.

Chas. Oakeley.

E. Fallofield

George Parry Esqr

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8th Diary.—

The following Receipt was this day signed by the Governor, and delivered to the Vackeels of Tippoo.

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Septemb. 8th 1792.—

Rect. given to Tippoo's Vackeels for 1st Instalment of the 2nd Kist.

"Received on the 25th aug.t 1792, at Kistnagherry, by the hands of M.r Wilm. Harcourt Torriano / the person deputed by the Honble the President in Council of Fort St. George for the purpose / from Mahomed Omar, and naigue Kistniah on behalf of Tippoo Sultaun, the following Sums of money on account of the Honorable English East India Company

116999. Venetians. making at 5 Imamy Rup.s each	}	Imamy Rup. 584995.—
60000. Mohurs. at 16d.o Do.		960000.—
50505. Hydri Pagodas. at 4. 2. 2a.		208333. 2.—
Surat. Shawpoor &c.a Rup.s each of equal value with y.e Imamy Rup.s	}	79980. 4
By the hands of Golam Ali Caun and Ali Reza. at Onadnas.	}	25.—
Total Imamy Rup.s		1833333. 6.—

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Substance of a Letter to the Nabob.

No. 8

Sent Letter to the Nabob, entered in C.C. No. 136. requesting that the Horses which may be purchased by Capt.n Dallas at Hydrabad, may be permitted to pass duty free, through his Districts.

Do.

Sent another Letter to the nabob, entered in C.C. No 137. requesting he will grant passports for the Grain intended for the use of the 19th Reg.t of Light Dragoons.

Dispatches the following Letters.

To Lieut.t Col.o Hamilton Maxwell.

Command.g the Detachment serving to the Southward.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter without date, and to inform you that the Shevighery poligar is to be sent, under a sufficient Guard for the Security of his person, to the Commanding Officer of Madura, who will keep him in confinement until the further Orders of Government.

To Lieut.t Colonel Maxwell, desiring that the Shevighery Poligar may be sent to Madura. The difference between him & M.r Jones will be decided upon when more particular information is received.

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with regard to the differences that have arisen between you, and the collector, I am directed to observe that the Hon.ble The President in Council is not possessed of sufficient materials to pronounce decisively upon the Subject. It appears, however, from the papers you have transmitted, that Mr. Tonin has not acted conformably to the Intentions of the Board, which were certainly meant to vest in you, entire authority in the Execution of the Service on which you were specially appointed.

I am, Sir,

&c &c &c
Signed W. C. Jackson Sec.y

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7. September
1792.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters, entered in N.B. N.os 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47.

To Commandant at Madura

To Commandant at madura directing the confinement of Shevigherry in that Fort, 'till further Orders.

To military auditor General

To military auditor General, enclosing a Certificate, entitling Mr.s Byrne, to Lord Clive's bounty

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To Rev.d Mr. Swartz

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To Revd. Mr. Swartz

enclosing a Letter for the Rajah of Tanjore,
as also a Copy of it for his Information

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Commissary General
of Grain and provisions to report the amount
of the Company's Claims for Grain supplied
the 19th Regt. of Dragoons during the late War.

To Commandant at Poonamalee

To Commandant at
Poonamalee; to report the number of Sick
Convalescents there, requiring Hospital Treat=
ment, and the number of Doolies requisite
to bring them hither.

To Dr. at Tiagar

To Dr. at Tiagar. his
request for Table allowance, inadmissible.

to paymaster at Angolo

To paymaster at Angolo
to explain his reasons for disobeying the
Orders for a regular transmission of his
monthly accounts.

To Capt. Parr.

To Capt.n J. Parr. inform=
ing that his accounts presented in July
are under reference to the Military Auditor
General.

To Commander of the Bandrigee

To Commander of the

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Bushridge, directing him to receive on board for Bengal, two privates of the 76th Regiment and to apply to the Secretary there for their diet allowance.—

To Secretary at Bengal.—

To Mr. Secretary Hay.—

advising of the above.—

Substance of a Letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee.—

Received a Letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee, entered in C.C. No 138. acknowledging the Receipt of the nabob's perwanah. and expressing his readiness to pay his peshcush.—

Received the following Letters.—

From the Persian Translator at Bengal, enclosing persian Copies of papers relative to the Arabob's Treaty. and of Letters to and from the Raja of Tanjore.—

To Will^m Collins Jackson Esq^re

Sir.

Secretary at Fort St. George

In obedience to the Orders of the Governor General, I transmit herewith Copies, in persian, of the Treaty of the 12th July 1792 with the Nawaub of Arcot, and of all papers relating to it, of which the English Copies accompanied the Letter of the Governor General to the Governor in Council at Fort St. George. I also forward Copies of a

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No 8. Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore in Mahratta, and of the answer written to it in persian from the Governor General.—

The accompanying List specified the enclosures.—

I am Sir
&c &c &c
(signed) G. H. Cherry. Cons. Sec.

Calcutta 17 August 1792

List of papers enclosed relative to the Treaty concluded with the Nawaub of Arcot.—

The Letter to and from the Rajah of Tanjore

Memorandum. — 4 June

Do delivered by Conductal Omiat 8 Do —

Letter from the Nawaub of Arcot 9 Do —

Do to Do — 10 Do —

Do to Do — 21 Do —

Do from Do — 27 Do

Do to Do — 1 July

Memorandum delivered by Conductal Omiat 3 Do —

Draft of answer to Do 4 Do —

Letter from Nawaub of Arcot — 7 Do —

Do from Do — 12 Do —

Do to Do — 12 Do —

Do to Do — 12 Do —

Do —

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No 8.

Letter to the Nawaub of Arcot	13th	July
Do. from Do.	14	Do
Do. from Do.	15	Do
Do. to Do.	16	Do
Treaty	30	Do
To the Rajah of Tanjore	13	Do
From Do.	10	May

(Signed) G. F. Cherry Secy. to Govt.

Calcutta
17 August
1792.

To the Hon.ble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs.

From Chief & Council at Masulipatam respecting refunds made by Mr. Dobbyns on account of Water Carriage &c. — agreeable they may be examined, his minute on the Subject —

We have the Honor of acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 21st Inst.t informing us of your having given directions for Lieut.t Lynmond remaining at his present Station until he can conveniently be relieved.—

We herewith enclose a Copy of a minute delivered in by Mr. Dobbyns, in his Capacity of Military Paymaster, together with a Copy of the Letter written to him by the Officer commanding the Troops in this Garrison, to which he refers. Government have already been addressed

8 at several different times on the Subject
of supplying the Troops Stationed in this
Garrison with water, which, from local
Situation, requires the employment of more
people, and consequently is attended with
more Expence than in perhaps any other
Garrison on the Coast, as there is no
fresh water to be procured within the
walls of the Fort, and as it is moreover
surrounded by a Salt Swamp of Considera-
rable Extent, all water fit to be used, is
necessarily brought from a Distance,
and the same proportion of Water Carriers
that are allowed in other Garrisons, where
the same inconveniences do not Exist, has
accordingly, at all times, been found insuf-
ficient for the Supply of the Troops at
this place. a greater number of people
had therefore been constantly allowed
for this Service, until the late Comptroller
General of Military accounts, without
making any Consideration for local Cir-
cumstances, insisted on their being reduced

8 to the same proportion as in all other Garrisons.— The Consequence has been, as will appear by Colo. Pattersons Letter, that the Europeans suffered exceedingly, particularly in the hot Season, which induced him to apply to the Paymaster M.r Dobbyn, to encrease the supply of water, and the latter having complied he is now required to refund the amount of the Expence attending this additional supply. As the matter now stands we think there is a Considerable degree of hardship in M.r Dobbyn being obliged to make this refund, as he only supplies the same quantity of water that was formerly allowed, and this, at the express requisition of the Officer commanding the Troops, who deemed it indispensibly necessary. We doubt not therefore that, if the matter appear to your Honor &c.a in the same point of view, you will give the necessary orders to the Comptroller of Military accounts for permitting M.r

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to

8 Dobbyn to charge the Expence which
has thus been incurred thro' neceſſity,
and not from choice; and likewiſe for
allowing ſuch a number of Water-Carriers
for this Garriſon, in future, as may be
neceſſary for preſerving the Health of the
Troops, ſo far as depends upon their
being ſupplied with a ſufficient Quantity
of wholeſome Water. ——

Mr. Dobbyn, in the
ſame Minute, takes notice of three
other Refunds which he has been requi=
red to make. The firſt is for Tenpago=
das paid to Mr. O'Donoghoe Aſſiſt: Surgeon
for the Eſtabliſhed allowance for Servants
when ordered to Ingeram, on Service, by
the Chief and Council, in the beginning
of the year 1791. As the attendance of
a Surgeon was deemed neceſſary at Inge=
ram, and as the Sum charged for
public Servants does not exceed what
the regulations admit for an aſſiſtant
Surgeon, we think there is alſo a hardſhip

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8. in Mr. Dobbyn being called upon for
this refund, more particularly after
so long a time has been suffered to
elapse before it was remarked upon.

The next article is for
5 pag.s p.month, allowed, since the time
of Mr. Andrews's Chief ship, and with
the sanction of Government at the time,
to the person appointed to read divine
Service, and the Funeral Service when
the latter is necessary — This had, from
the time abovementioned, been considered
as a Civil charge in the Masulipatam
accounts, tho', for some years past, it
had been paid to the Fort adjutant, who
does the Duty; and the first objection
made to it appears to have been by
the Auditor of Civil accounts, who deemed
it a military Charge whereas, the Auditor
of Military accounts would not admit
of it. Decency and propriety appear to
us to require that there should be some
person for performing the Offices mentioned.

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8. The charge in itself is but small, and originally sanctioned by Government, and indeed the doubt does not seem to have arisen, as to the propriety of the charge, but in what manner it is to be brought to account, regarding which, we request your directions. —

The last article mentioned in Mr. Dobbyn's minute, is a charge of 4 Pag.s ₱ month for Stationary, allowed, for many years, to the Engineer, which is not only required to be discontinued, but refunded for some time back. If this allowance be discontinued, Stationary of course must be supplied to the Engineer, which the Quantity allotted for this place will seldom admit of, it being commonly necessary for every employ to purchase Stationary, in addition to the Quantity they are annually supplied with. — but, at any rate, it appears to us a hardship, that Mr Dobbyn should be called upon to refund a charge (constantly allow-

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8 2d for years past, and long before he held the Office of paymaster) for a period prior to the Receipt of any order for it's being discontinued. If a paymaster pays any charge that he knows is not allowed, he certainly does it at his own Risk, but the case appears different to us, when he only continues the payment of a charge of many years standing, and that he cannot with propriety be called upon by the auditor to refund such a charge for any time previous to the Receipt of the first Remark, or an order for it's discontinuance —

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

Masulipatam
31st August 1792

Signed. { Ant.o Sadlier
Wm. Dobbyn
And.w Scott

Mr. Dobbyn's minute delivered in Council
27th August 1792 —

"I feel myself under the necessity of stating to the Board some Circumstances which have occurred in

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&

Emy employ as paymaster of the Garrison

The water within the Fort being all brack-
ish, and unfit for use, it has been an
established custom, for a Series of years,
to allow each private European, at the rate
of one pot of good Water, and each Serjeant
at the rate of two pots daily, for which
purpose, from the water being brought
from a Considerable distance, a number
of Watermen have been necessarily employ-
ed. In the year 1790 Colo Capper,
as auditor General, was pleased to reduce
this Establishment of public Servants
considerably, and also to order a Refund
on that account of madras pag: 600.
which I have been necessitated to Credit.

I beg leave to lay before the Board
a Letter from the Commanding Officer
of the Troops in Garrison, that they may
be better able to judge of the nature of
the Supply of water, and of the necessity
of its continuance. I take this opportu-
nity of Stating also, that the Auditor

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8. General has ordered a Refund of 10 Pagodas paid to Mr. O'Donoghoe, Assistant Surgeon, for the established allowance for Servants whilst absent from this Garrison, on Duty, at Singeram, by order of this Board. and a Refund of the Chaplains allowance of Five pagodas P Month, as well as 4 Pags. for Stationary to the Engineer, both of which have for many years past been allowed, and charged in the Civil accounts but thrown out of them by the Civil Auditor, as a Military charge, and, by that means, totally rejected. I trust therefore to the Board's feeling the Justice of my claim to these Refunds being remitted to me, and submit to them the means of effecting this, as well as of rendering charges, which have been so long established, not liable to doubt in future. —

Signed. Wm A. Dobbyn

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a true Copy. —

(Signed) R. Malcolm
Asst. Sec.y

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To
Wm A. Dobbyn Esqre
Military Paymaster

Sir

Some time ago I was informed that the Military Board had ordered forty of the Water Carriers to be struck off from the number which had ever been allowed to supply the Troops of this Garrison, with water, the consequence of which was, that I, having had immeasurable complaints from the different Guards of this Garrison, of their being in the utmost distress, for want of water to drink, Compassion for the suffering of the Troops, induced me repeatedly to address you, requesting that you would be pleased to allow the same number of water Carriers as heretofore; you was then pleased to allow the usual number; but, to my great surprize I am informed that they have been, a second Time ordered to be struck off, and you, Sir, ordered to refund the Money for the time you employed them, well knowing that the number now allowed

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8 is insufficient to supply the Officers, Barrack, Guard, and Hospital, of this Garrison, to drink and dress their Victuals, they being inadequate to the Task, because of the Distance from which it was brought, that the carriers have been often induced through excessive fatigue, to bring brackish water from the Wells in the Vicinity of this Fort; which I myself have experienced. I therefore request, Sir, that you will be pleased to address the Military Board, to order the former number to be allowed; should you succeed, it will prevent me from the disagreeable necessity of addressing the Commanding Officer of the Troops on this Subject. I have the Honor to be, &c &c &c

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(Signed) J. Patterson
Colo Commanding.

A true Copy
(Signed) Robt Malcolm
Aga. Secy

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. 48. 49. 50. 51.

From Commissary General of Grain & provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. — reporting on the

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£ 8 damaged Rice at Sunkeryduroum. enclosing Mr. M. Goat's Letter advising of the Temporary Granary at Cochanada, being burnt, and proposing that the Grain in Store at Tuchinopoly be sold off, as also the paddy in Store at Tanjore.

From Mr. Maingy

From Mr. Maingy. repeating his Request for permission to purchase some Military Stores for the Nizam. —

From Capt. Skiddy

From Owner of the Ship Alexander — requesting permission to purchase some repaired muskquets.

From Lieut. Macleod

From Lieutenant Wm. Macleod, has received his appointment

£ 10 to procure Intelligence from Mysore.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob, entered in C.C. No. 139. enclosing the Desired Dustuck for supplying Vellore with Sheep; has sent directions to his Shawsdar at Tennivelly for the same purpose. —

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Vol. 53. No. 52. 53.

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No 10

From Commissary General of Grain and provisions

From Commissary General of Grain and provisions, reporting the amount of the Company's claim for Grain supplied to the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons at Amboor, and submitting Colo Wesbitts application that Rice may be issued to the Lascars at Poonamalee.—

From Commandant at Poonamalee.

From Commandant at Poonamalee, with Return of the Sick there and of the number of Doolies required for conveying the bad cases to Madras.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters, entered in Mr. B. No. 54. 55.—

To master attendant

To master attendant desiring him to engage Shipping for conveying to Bengal, some Sick Sepoys of the Bengal Detachment.

To Commandant at Vellore.—

To Commandant at Vellore, enclosing the Summes received from the Nabob for Supplies of Sheep.—

C. H.

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At a Consultation
present
The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor president
Ernst Willm Fallofield Esqr

Tuesday
11 September
1792

Minutes of the last Con-
sultation read and approved.

Read Letter from Mr.
Benjamin Torin, dated 28th & 31st Ult. and entered
on the minutes of last Consultation.

Read the following
Letter from Lieutenant Colo Maxwell, (with
enclosures) entered in M B. No 56 & 57

To Hon.ble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart.

Letter from Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell. enclosing Copy of his Correspondence with Mr. Torin.

Hon.ble Sir

Agreeable to my promise
of yesterday, I have now the Honor to
enclose Copies of the Correspondence between
Mr. Torin and myself, since I entered the
District of Tinnevelly. I am the more in-
duced to this as it appears Mr. Torin has
already transmitted a part; but the whole
will better enable you to determine, whether
the Collector, by his very improper Interference
with

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with my Situation and authority, merits your approbation, or otherwise.—

I feel sensibly, the trouble I give your Honorable Board, but the Counteraction that has already taken place, and may still further operate to the disadvantage of the public Service (if directions are not given, clearly defining our respective Situation and authority) will I hope plead as my apology.—

I feel much pleasure in acknowledging the Benefit I have, in the course of the late Service, derived from the useful Information communicated by Capt. Chas Dighton & Shevelapatore, whose long residence in the neighbourhood of the Poligar Countries has afforded him an opportunity of acquiring an intimate knowledge of their relative Situations.— Should an opportunity occur of forwarding his views, by establishing him in these Countries, I beg leave to recommend him, in a particular manner, to your notice.

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Tumachi haigs
pollams
3d September
1792

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Hamr. Maxwell
Lt. Colo. commandg. South. Dist.

Sentiments of the Board, on the Differences between Colo. Maxwell and Mr. Torin, & on the Conduct of the latter

The Board, having attentively perused the Correspondence between Colo. Maxwell, and Mr. Torin, as well as the respective Letters of those Gentlemen to the Board, are clearly of opinion that the measure separately taken by Mr. Torin to seize the person of the Shevigherry poligar, occasioned a direct and hazardous interference, with the authority entrusted to the commanding Officer; and, in that light, must receive their pointed disapprobation.

By the orders of the Board every part of this Service was committed to the Military Officer, whom they held solely responsible for its Execution; and the instructions to Mr. Torin were, simply to cooperate with him: But it appears that Mr. Torin, not adhering to the line prescribed for his Guidance, thought it expedient to

to employ a partizan, supported by a num-
ber of peons, in an excursion to apprehend
the poligar, not only without any regular
concert with the Commanding Officer, but
even contrary to an opinion before expressed
by him, relative to the Services of Sanker-
lingum, and his followers. ——

Mr. Tonin observes, that
Lieut.t Col.o maxwell was apprized of his
Intention against the Shevigherry poligar
in a letter of the 14th August. — but the
Board do not find any information in that
Letter which could give the commanding
Officer the least reason to suppose that
Mr. Tonin meant to employ Sankerlingum
and his peons upon this Service. Mr.
Tonin certainly should have communicated
the nature of his plan with the utmost
precision, and executed it so far only as
it might have been approved by Lieut.t
Colonel maxwell. and in perfect concert
with him. The separate measures ta-
ken on this occasion created a perplexity

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in the Service which might have produced serious Inconvenience, had not the discretion of the commanding Officer interposed to prevent them.

With regard to Mr. Tonin's application to Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell, for five Companies of Sepoys, or two Troops of Cavalry, to support his authority at the Village of Gongiendum, it is to be observed that the Orders to the Commanding Officer restricting the employment of the Troops to the Circumstances therein stated, had no reference to an application of this Nature.

Mr. Tonin has been furnished already with the orders of the Board respecting the Demands upon the poligars, which are comprehended under two heads: the first, to the payment of their arrears of Tribute, and the Second, to the restoration of such Villages as may have been usurped from the Circar during the late war.

Resolved that the foregoing observations be communicated to Mr. Tonin

Agreed

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Letter to be written to the Nabob respecting two Forts in dispute between Cutaboma naig & Etiapoor

Agreed that a Letter be written to His Highness the Nabob on the Subject of the two Smale Forts, and Districts in dispute between Cutaboma-naig, and Etiapoor, and that it be recommended to His Highness to order his manager to take possession of the Districts and demolish the Forts.

Read the following

Letter from Lieutenant Colo. maxwell

To the Hon.ble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council &c &c &c

From Lieut.t Colo. maxwell representing the disrespectful Conduct of Tomachie and Golapah naig. measures proposed to be adopted in Consequence

Hon.ble Sir

I had the Honor to inform you on the 2.nd Instant of my arrival at this place, and having in my possession the person of Shevighery, who was delivered up by Tomachi naig after much delay and prevarication; the conduct of this polygar, as well as that of Goolapah naig, towards the Detachment I ordered in advance, was so disrespectful that I considered it necessary, in the first Instance, for the support of the Company's

Dignity.

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Dignity, to dammon them before me, and, in the second, that I might make them responsible for the property plundered from the Shevigherry man, which they still retain. Finding that they had both absconded on my approach, I sent messages of the mildest and most moderate Tendency importing that the Sole View I had, by requiring their attendance, was to convince them of their erroneous behaviour in shutting their Gates against the Company's Troops and refusing to deliver to me the property in question, intimating, at the same time, the consequence of Disobedience: all my persuasions however have proved ineffectual; for which reason I should certainly have demolished their Fort, as a consistent mark of the Company's displeasure, had I not been led to believe, by many of their principal dependents, with whom I have conversed, that Specific Instructions from Mr. Sonin prevented their compliance with my Orders. From this I must conclude, that the

Collector,

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collector has, with much assiduity, impressed the Poligars with an opinion, that his authority is supreme, and that mine is not to be attended to, but by his permission: under this Consideration I think it more prudent to retire a Subject of so great importance to your Judgement than to adopt any measure from my own. I however think it my duty to observe, that if such Instances of Disobedience pass unnoticed, at the Commencement of the Company's Controul, the natural consequence that must follow, will be, contempt of public authority; and, should the present detachment be with-drawn before they are made sensible of their Errors, in shutting their Gates against the Company's Troops, and refusing obedience to my Station, a force equally large with the present, must soon make its appearance in this Quarter again, to obviate which, I think the most advisable plan to be pursued, is to assemble

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the Poligars at the Station of the Troops and then to inform them, that, instead of shutting their Gates, and threatning resistance, they are, at all times, to comply with the requisitions of those acting under public authority; and, afterwards, to represent, if they think themselves aggrieved; that, from hence forward, every such act, will be held in disobedience to the mild, and equitable arrangements of Government, and punished by the most exemplary severity. Such a measure as this would, probably, obviate, in future, the necessity of sending an armed force on every trifling occasion. — If Government are pleased to adopt this measure, it will be necessary that directions be given to the Collector, to intimate to the Poligars, that my Orders to them for assembling in Camp, be unequivocally complied with. — I have the Honor to be &c &c &c —

Camp at Tumachelaiy's Pollam — 5th Septemr: 1792

Hamr Maxwell
Lt Colo Comdg. South. Detachmt.

Agreed

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Minute of the Board in consequence —

Agreed to inform Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell, that the measures separately taken by Mr. Torin, occasioned, in the opinion of the Board, an improper interference with the Authority entrusted to the commanding Officer, and, on that Ground, will receive their pointed disapprobation.

The Board are perfectly satisfied with every part of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell's Conduct; they lament only that there should have been any difference, between him and the Collector, as it created a perplexity in the Service which might have produced serious Consequence, if his discretion had not been seasonably interposed to prevent it.

The very improper Conduct of Tumachi naig, and Golapah naig, in refusing obedience to Lieutenant Col.o Maxwells Summons, would have drawn upon them the severe displeasure of the Board if there were not reason to suppose that these poligars acted from some misapprehension

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Resolution. On this account the Board do not wish to proceed to Extremities with them; but it is resolved to direct the Collector to make it known, throughout the District, that Lieut.t Colonel Maxwells orders to the Poligars, during the present Service, are to be implicitly obeyed.

As the Raing Season is near at hand, the Board apprehend there will not be sufficient time for the commanding Officer to assemble the Poligars in Camp, for the purpose he mentions. — They are anxious that the Troops should return to their Stations before the monsoon, with the Exception of the 7th Batt.n of Native Infantry, and 3.d Reg.t of Native Cavalry — which the Board would hope are sufficient to preserve the Tranquility of the Country.

Agreed that the above be communicated to Lieut.t Col.o Maxwell.

Read the following Letters

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Letter from Colo Inv. Braithwaite

To The Hon.ble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

From officer commanding the army respecting the power annexed to his situation with Specimen of the Form for publishing General Orders of Government

Hon.ble Sir

I have had the Honor to receive your Sentiments on part of my Letter of the 3.d Instant, viz a Letter from M.r Secretary Jackson dated 4th Inst.h

I am very sorry that there exists so material a difference of opinion on a matter of so much importance.

Having delivered my opinion on the mode of publishing Orders to the Army, and carrying into execution the duties required from it, in detail, by the occasional employment of Officers and Soldiers to Execute the Services resolved on by Government, and which appeared to me the mode intended by His Excellency Lieut.t General Earl Cornwallis, Commander in Chief, in his Letter to Brigadier General Horne, I imagine any

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I expect to his Excellency, will sufficiently
indemnify me, and ascertain the degree
of responsibility with which I am vested,
and I neither had, nor have, anything
farther in view: my duty is to obey,
and my wish to discharge my duty
with as little trouble to you as possible;
and, on that principle, tho' I shall add
a few more lines to this Letter, it is not
my Intention to take up my pen again
on this Subject. what I have to say
occurs to me as proper, and right for
me to say. and, having said it, I do not
conceive I can have occasion to trouble
you again. ——

I know not what may
have been the Spirit intended to be
communicated by the regulation which
gives to the Officer commanding the Army
the exclusive power of issuing all Orders
relative to Regimental Detail and Military
Discipline, but the Letter of it is, beyond
my

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my Ideas, extensive because I can scarcely contrive a case, in which any Order, in the first Instance, can be issued, disposing of any Officer in the army that does not operate both upon Regimental detail and military discipline. The displacing of any Officer, of what soever Rank, from any Corps, to command, or act in, some other Situation, must operate on the Regimental detail, which is neither more or less, I conceive, than the numbers which compose that Corps, and the Discipline of the Corps must be operated upon in proportion to the Character of the Officer moved, and the share he had in keeping it up, so that the Regimental Detail, and discipline of the several Corps which compose the Army, taken in the Extensive sense of objects of the Commander in Chief's attention, involve every possible measure which may tend to strengthen or weaken either: and, under the head of all orders relative to

Regimental

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Regimental Detail and military Dis-
cipline; it is left to him to judge what
Officers, or Officers, if any, can best be
spared from the Detail of any parti-
cular Regiment or Corps, and when
also, with least prejudice to it's disci-
pline. But I am inclined to believe
that the Letter of the regulation, you
have done me the Honor to communicate
to me, conveys more than the Spirit
intended.

I never had the smallest
Idea of making any alteration in any
Order of Government that should be
transmitted to me with your Commands
to publish it; nor did I for a moment
suppose but that the orders were addres-
sed to the Assistant General, with intent
that they should be laid before me, and
published under my direction; and it was
therefore I submitted to your Consideration
the directions I proposed to give; and my
Idea

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Idea was, to publish such orders with more exactness than has hitherto been the practice. — Orders come to the adjutant. Generals Office, headed, 'Orders by Government, and Subscribed by the Secretary for the Military Department, the practice has been to omit, in publication, the Signature of the Secretary, and insert that of the adjutant General; what I submitted to your Consideration was, whether it would not be better that the order, should be addressed to me, and that I should publish it, as having received it from you, with your Commands to publish it; in which case there would not be the smallest alteration in your Orders, they would appear just as they were received with the Signature of the Secretary, and nothing about them would be mine, but the military publication of them, in obedience to your Commands; and which military publication would be signed by the

Adjutant

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Adjutant General — It seems to be your opinion, by Mr. Jackson's Letter, that all Such orders are sent for the purpose of being laid before me, and published by my directions, but in the Exact form in which they are conveyed; You will observe, that has not hitherto been the case, by the omission of the Secretary's name; my meaning is to preserve the exact Form entire, according to the enclosed Specimen of the Directions I mean to give, if it meets your approbation

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) P. Braithwaite

Military
Head Quarters
Madras
September 7.
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Head Quarters of the army

The Honble The President in Council having addressed the Subjoined order to the Commanding Officer of the army on the Coast, to be published to the Army, they are accordingly published in Military Orders —

G. O.

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G.O. by Government

The Hon.ble The President in Coun=
cil is pleased to Order &c &c &c

By order of the Honorable
The President in Council. W.C Jackson Sec.y

By order of the Commander
of the Army on the Coast. B. Close.—
Adj.t Gen.l of the Army.—

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Col.o
Brathwaite, that the Board have no objec=
=tion whatever to the General orders of Gover=
ment being published to the Army in
the way he has now recommended.—

Read the following

From adjutant General. submitting a letter from Commandant at Tsagair. requesting repairs done from Lieut.t Cockburn & Cornet Roberts of the 19 Reg.t Light Drag.rs stating to be repaid the sum stopped from them for Tents. & the Casualties in native Corps may be supplied by vessels &c proposing a mode for collecting the Amt of the Revenue Corps previous to their Reduction.

Letter from the adjutant General.—
To Will.m Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary Military Dep.t Fort S.t George.

&c &c &c

Accompanying are two
Letters for the Hon.ble the Governor in Coun=
cil (one from Capt.n Wahab, and the other
from Lieut.t Cockburne, and Cornet Roberts
19.th (Dragoons) which came enclosed to
Colonel

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Colonel Braithwaite, and which he has
directed me to request you will be pleased
to forward.

I am in the Letter that
covered the one from Lieutenant Cockburne
and Cornet Roberts, these Officers represent
that their application to Government is
made by the advice of the Quarter Master
General, Colo Braithwaite had taken the
Report of that Officer respecting their
claims, who States that their Indent for
Camp Equipage was delivered in, and
complied with at Vellore, after they had
both accepted the proposed arrangement,
and that, in consequence, they were charged
for the Tents at the Rates they cost the
Honble Company. —

That he received a Letter
from those Officers, some time since, wherein
they observed that they would have procured
Tents at Madras, previous to their accepting
the proposed arrangement, had it not been
for

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a mistake of Major Brown, their command-
ing Officer, to which he the Quarter Master
General replied, that, as their Indents for
the Camp Equipage, were not presented un-
til after their acceptance of the proposed
arrangement by the Orders, and particular
decision of Lord Cornwallis, they ought to
pay for the Tents received; yet, if they
could make it appear that Tents were
not delivered to them on their arrival at
the Presidency, on account of a mistake
committed by their Commanding Officer,
it might be possible that, on referring
the Subject to Government, they might
give it a favourable Consideration. —
which is all that passed, regarding the
claim.

This report of the Quarter
Master General, Colo Brathwaite has judged
necessary for the Information of the Honble
Board. ———

The Colonel has further
directed

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directed me to take this occasion to observe that, in consequence of a General order of Government published when the army was descending the Ghauts directing the recruiting of the native Corps to cease, the commanding officers of those Corps conceive themselves prohibited from entertaining men to supply casualties and keep their respective Battalions complete. To obviate this Inconvenience Honble Sirs, the Colonel could wish the Honorable Board to do away the prohibition above alluded to, and the more so, as the few men that may be wanting for the Native Establishment may be well supplied from the Gibbendy Sepoys soon to be discharged.

In regard to the Revenue Battalions ordered to be disbanded, the Colonel is desirous, should it meet with the Concurrence of the Honble Board, as unlikely to occasion any Inconvenience to the Service, of issuing Orders for assembling the several parties distributed on the Revenue Business at the Head Quarters of their respective Corps,

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immediately previous to the period, fixed
for their Reduction, in Order that the Arms
of the Sibbendy Sepoys may be collected
and delivered into Store, at the different
posts, and the Invalids of each Battalion
marched, in body, under proper Officers to
their destinations.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
D.F Close.—
Adj.t Genl. of the army.—

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
7 Sept.r 1792.

To The Hon.ble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bar.t
Governor in Council

Hon.ble Sir

On an inspection of Stores
Public Stores, Houses, Granaries, and the
Barracks for the Corps here, I find the
whole very much out of repair, so much so
so that I fear they will fall, as well as
the Gateways on the Hill, the Magazines
in a very bad State, excepting one, so much
so that if not repaired will damage
what powder is in them, the Stone Houses
on the Hill in the same State, and Conse-
quence, the Granary below, cracked through

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so that one half is now undefs, and I should think the grain in the other part must be damaged, if rain falls severely—

The Depoy Barracks in very bad Condition the arches over the doors and windows cracked, some fallen, if not repaired soon may endanger a greater part.— the part so much broke, I have taken upon me to repair, so far as to prevent its going further this I hope will meet your approbation, my motive being only for the good of the Service, not only in saving the building, but an expence, of course, by preventing a greater parts falling.

The Officers Barracks now repairing by Capt. Flint nearly finished. the Commanding Officers Quarters in a like bad State with the other publick buildings as reported before I have the Honor to be

Tiagar
9 September 1792

Sign'd J. Wahab Capt. Com. Tiagar

To Sir Chas Oakeley Bart. Governor & President
in Council & Council Fort St. George
Honble Sirs.

We respectfully beg leave

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to State that the sum of Eighty six pagoda, has been deducted from our Gratuity at payment for two Marquees. On our arrival in the Country, by a mistake of Major Brownd, who at that time commanded the Regiment, we did not receive Tents at Madras, but, afterwards, received two, on this Indent, at Vellore. On the face of that Indent, it was particularly specified, that these were the first and only Tents we received, consequently we do not think we are liable to pay for them. We therefore request that you will order the sum of Eighty six pagodas, to be paid to us.—

We have the Honor &c &c &c

Jas Cockburn. Lieut
19th L. Dragoons

Cuddalore
3. September 1792

To Willm Collins Jackson Esqre

Sir

Military Secretary.

From Adjutant General. - Mr. Gibson Conductor, requests leave to resign the Service. Lieut. Brown and Sober. to go to Sea and submitting papers respecting Capt. Lightburns charge for bringing Baggage from Negapatam

I have the Honor to transmit the following papers by desire of Colonel Brathwaite, in order that they may be submitted to the Consideration of the Honorable Board

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Board (Viz.t) — "Application from M.r Rob.t Gibson Conductor of Stores, for permission to resign the Service."

"Letter from Colonel Bridges in support of a charge made by Capt.n Lightbourne, for having Baggage to the Presidency from Pegapatam.

"Certificate from the master attendant testifying that such Baggage was landed at Fort St.t George"

"Capt.n Lightbournes bill on the Company in consequence of the above transaction."

"At this demand from Captain Lightbourne was formerly sent to the military Board for their consideration and report, and afterwards rejected by Government, as not sufficiently authenticated. Colonel Braithwaite had directed me to repeat the Circumstance in the Idea that Government may, in Consequence of the further Information now enclosed, direct the Subject to be reconsidered by the Military Board.

"The Colonel has also desired me to intimate that Lieut.t Browne of the 72.

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73rd Regt. has solicited four months leave of absence to proceed to Sea for the recovery of his Health — and Lieut. Sober of Invalids 6 months leave to Bombay, for the same purpose. The Sick Certificates of these Officers go enclosed. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
B.T. Close —
Adjt. Genl. of the army. —

Head Quarters
Choultry plain
10 September
1792.

To the Hon.ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President. Governor in Council &c &c &c

Hon.ble Sir

As my present affairs in England require my personal attendance, I am under the necessity of requesting your permission to resign the Hon.ble Company's service, to which I am induced to hope there cannot be any objection. I will endeavour to procure a passage without delay.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
Robt. Gillson Lt. Col.t of Straw

Fort St. George
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1792

To Col.o Braithwaite Comm.d the Troops &c.
&c.

In consequence of G.O. for the

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march to madras, of those parts of His Majes-
tys 36th & 52nd Regiments, that were left at
Trichinopoly. I directed them to proceed
with the Baggage thrown into that Garrison
belonging to those Corps, to Negapatam (1
at which place, the whole were embarked
on board the Crescent, Capt.n Lightburne, on
the 26th. april last.

The owner of the above Vessel
having since found some difficulty in settling
his accounts, he has applied to me for a
Voucher. I therefore deem it necessa-
ry in Justice to him, to give him this Letter
to you on the Subject. as well as to enclose
a Certificate from the Master attendant of
this port of the Quantity of Baggage landed
that no possible mistake may happen regard-
ing his Receipts. I have the Honor to be,

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&c &c &c
Tho.s Bridges

"This is to certify that there has been landed
from the Snow, Crescent, between 14 and 15

Tons

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Fort St. George
to Septemb. 1792.

Tons of Baggage belonging to the Kings Troops
from Negapatam. (Signed) H. Boyd
Asst. Adjt. General

The Honble Company Dr.

To Bringing round 14 Tons of Baggage
from Negapatam, at 1½ Starpags ℔ Candy
is. Starpags 84.

E. E.

Fort St. George
9 may 1792.

Contents Received
(Signed) H. Lightbourne Commandg. Snow Cheant

Revolution and
ons in Consequence

Agreed to observe to
Colonel Braithwaite that the Board could
have wished that the Officer commanding
at Tiagar in writing on the Subject of Repairs,
had addressed his Letter direct to Government
as hath been the practice on all former occa-
-sions: and that the Letter from Lieut.t Cock-
-burne, and Comet Roberts, relating to allow-
ances, should have come to the Board through
Colonel Floyd, the officer commanding the
Regiment, to which those Officers belonged,
and whose opinion might have been of
use, in guiding the Judgment of Government
in their determination on the claim in Question.

Agreed

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Agreed that the applica
tions of Lieutenants Brown and Sober be
complied with. — In future, however all
applications from Company's officers for
leave of absence must be transmitted
through the Officer commanding the army's
in the form of a letter addressed to the
Governor in Council ——

Agreed that Colonel
Braithwaite be desired to issue the Order
regarding the Revenue Corps in the manner
suggested by the adjutant General ——

Agreed that M.r Robert
Gillson, Conductor of Stores, be permitted to
resign the Company's Service.

Resolved that a
general order be published, authorizing Com-
manding Officers of Native Corps to enter-
tain the number of men that may be neces-
sary for supplying Casualties, and keeping
their respective Battalions complete. —

Ordered that the 77.th

Battalion

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Battalion of Native Infantry, do march with the Bengal Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colo. Cockerell as far as Vizagapatam, where all Field charged are to cease.

Read the following Letter from the accountant General

To Willm. Collins Jackson Esqr.

Sir.

Military Secretary

I am honored with your Letter of the 6th. in answer to which I beg you will inform the Honorable Governor in Council, that the only account required by me from the Military auditor General as may be seen by my Letter to him of the 4th. Inst. is a Statement shewing the amount merely of the probable estimated military Expenditure for the Current year ending 30th. April 1793. under the respective general heads. whether this is sent to my office or laid by him before Government it, I believe, immaterial, because Government will no doubt permit me to have access thereto, or direct such Extracts to be furnished as

From accountant General in reply to military auditors Generals Letter respecting the Estimates required from him. a Copy may be obtained from Bengal of the annual Statements and Estimates sent from thence to England Secretary has applied to Colonel Martinz

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as may be deemed requisite, for the Hon.ble Board will readily perceive the necessity of a Document of that kind being in my possession, to enable me to complete the amount estimate of all probable Receipts and disbursements under that Presidency. The Transmission of which by the Septem-ber dispatch, becomes an essential part of the Duty of my Office: but, unless I am furnished with materials for that purpose from the different Offices and departments the impracticability of forming the Estimates and Statements required, is evident.

With respect to any reports and Statements which I may receive from Individuals or Departments connected with military Expenditures, I shall, at all times, be ready to communicate them to the Mili-tary Auditor General, and furnish him with every Information in my power, that may occur as necessary to enable him to complete the Statements required. The only military accounts

accounts however that have come to my Office are the Lists of allowances in the Military Storekeepers Office, the allowances of the Paymaster of Vellore, and the Estimate amount of the probable receipts and disbursements in the Military Storekeeper, and Garrison Storekeepers Departments, of which I shall inform the Military auditor General, and furnish him with such part of them as he may require.

I beg you will represent to the Honble Governor in Council, that I am using my endeavours to complete the Estimate of probable Receipts and Disbursements for the current year, and Statement of actual Receipts and Disbursements for the preceeding year, and that no pains will be spared to have them compiled agreeable to the Forms recommended from England and Bengal; but, as I conceive the surest way of making our Statements in future to agree in point of Form with those transmitted from Bengal, will be to have a Copy of one year of their

general

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general Statements, and Estimates. I take the liberty to request that application may be made for that purpose, or that a form may be furnished to enable me to bring the annual Statements of the two Governments to correspond with exactness. I do not find that any forms of this nature have been transmitted here since the year 1786, altho', I believe, considerable alterations in the Formation of the accounts have taken place since that period.

Enclosed is the Statement required by you, of the sum drawn for Gratuity by a Company's Colonel, from the time the assumed Revenue commenced, to the period when the last distribution was made

Company's Field officers, being pagodas 2284: 27: 6.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Robt Woolf
Accot Genl

General's Office
Fort St. George
8th September
1792

Statement of Gratuity to a Colonel from 12th July 1790 to 30th April 1792. is 1 Year & 294 days both days inclusive Pags. 2284. 27. 6

(Signed) E. E. Robt Woolf
Accot Genl

Fort St. George
8 September
1792

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Under thereon.

Ordered to lie on the Tables

Read the following Letter

from the Board of assumed Revenue.

To the Hon.ble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bar.t

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George.

From Board of assumed Revenue request Mr. Tonin may be permitted to proceed to Rammad, or madras for a change of air, his Letter on the subject.

Hon.ble Sir

Though we are sensible of the inexpedience of Mr. Tonin's quitting his Station at this Crisis, when all his Vigilance and Experience are required upon the Spot, yet the necessity of his leaving Tinnevelly, is so forcibly urged in the accompanying Letter, that we cannot hesitate for a moment to recommend his request to your favourable consideration

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

Dav.d Haliburton
(Signed) { J. Webbe

Fort S.t George
9 September
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To J. Webbe Esq.re

Secretary to the Board of assumed Revenue

Sir,

Having been subject to a Fever and ague ever since the month of February last, during which period I have sustained 6 Relapses, and finding that

nothing

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nothing can remove the disorder but change of air. I beg you will obtain the Board's permission for me to proceed to Rammad or to madras if necessary.

I shall endeavour, before I leave this, to effect such a Settlement with the principal poligars, as will enable any assistant, on his return, to proceed in the Settlement without difficultty, and, I hope, admit of such part of the Detachment being recalled, as will be no longer necessary now that the Shevighery is apprehended and his incursions are no longer to be dreaded. ——— I have the Honor to be

Vimnevelly
to
31 August 1792

&c &c —
(Signed) B. Torin Coll.
a true Copy (Sign'd) J. Webb Sec.r

minute thereon

as the State of Mr. Torin's Health requires an immediate change of air, he may be permitted to quit Tinnevelly whenever he thinks proper, leaving the charge of his employ with Mr. Martin the Paymaster at Palamcotah. ———

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President proposes the appointment of Wm G. Balmain, as Assistant to Mr. Torin, vice Mr Thos Scott Jackson.

The President recommends that Mr. George Balmain, be appointed Assistant to Mr. Torin, in the room of Mr. Thomas Scott Jackson, who has applied for leave, on account of his Health, to remain at the presidency. —

Ordered

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General —

To the Honble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bar.t

President and Governor in Council.

Hon.ble Sir

From military auditor General, remarking upon the military paymasters General's Estimate of Cash for September — his recommendations in Consequence — Statements enclosed.

I have the Honor to receive on the 30th ult.o Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 24th, directing me "to report "on the Estimate of Cash required by the Military paymaster General for answering the Demands payable at this presidency in the ensuing month Viz.t September 1792." —

On reference to the paper which accompanied the Secretary's Letter, I found it to be the "Military paymaster General's Statement of Cash required to answer the Demands at

the

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the presidency in September 1792." and that it amounted to one Lack. Seventy Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred, and fifty Six Pag.s Twenty five Fanams, and Twenty Cash Pag.s 177756. 25. 20. in which Sum is included Pag.s 30975. on account of the Bengal Detachment - Pag.s 2500. payable, by order of Government, to Lieutenant Sandys's in charge of Elephants and Camels. and pag.s 14000 on account of Arrears of 1791/92 payable from M.r Hoar's office ——

Having examined this statement, I had prepared to send in an explanatory report on it, on the 3.rd Inst.o when I received from the Accountant's Office, the paymaster General's Estimate of the Expences of the madras Army for the month of September 1792 including the Sum as of Statement first received. ——

The total Sum required, as of Estimate and Statement, is two Lacs ninety four Thousand one Hundred and twelve pagodas. thirteen Fanams & sixty Seven Cash,

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Pay.d (295112. 13. 67.) which appeard to be detailed as follows, on reference to those two documents.

Estimate for Madras Army for Sept.r 1792. 246137. 13. 67

Arrears of Ser. 1791/92 ... 15500 —

Estimate Bengal Detachm.t ... 30975 —

payable to Lieut.t Sandys, in charge of the Elephants & Camels ... 2500 —

Total Estimate to answer Demands payable at this Presidency in September 1792. ... 48975 —

Pay.d 295112:13:67.

I observe that the Estimate does not include any Sum on account of Expences in the Ganjam and Itchapoure Districts, and that the Estimate for Tiagar the Station of the 14th native Batt.n, is also omitted —

In the present State of the operation of the new System, of keeping and checking the Military accounts of this Presidency, a very material part of which is the check placed in the Military Auditor Generals Office on the advances to be made to the pay Offices, it becomes impracticable for me to report upon the

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prudent Estimate, with precision, for the follow-
ing reasons. First, because regular month-
ly audits have not been made in consequence
of the delays that have occurred in trans-
mitting accounts correctly made up, accord-
ing to the prescribed forms, to the paymasters
General's office, which has rendered it necessa-
ry for that office to return them, in general
(in some cases oftener than once) in order
that they might be drawn out according
to form; and Second, because the Documents
through the channel of the monthly abstract
of the receipts and disbursements of the several
paymasters for the preceding months, and
of the Statements of the actual advances, in-
cluding the Certificates issued by the paymas-
ter General whereby the auditor is enabled
to judge of the Balances in the hands of
the respective paymasters, have not been
received at the Office of audit.

The Estimate for September
1792, with the Statement as above described,

being

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being the first communication of the kind
that has been sent to my Office since the
commencement of the new System, I have
thought it necessary to lay the above Circum-
stances before Government, as causes which
have delayed my report in answer to Mr. Secre-
tary Dacres's Letter of the 24th Ult. and which
also make it impracticable to report with
sufficient precision on the Estimate and
Statement before me at present.

although, from such Causes,
the report required from my Office cannot be
now made with the accuracy so essentially ne-
cessary to answer the useful purposes to which
this part of the new System applies, some of the
charges estimated for, are of a description which
it is the duty of my Office to notice particularly
without being in possession of the documents
already mentioned, as there appears to me suffi-
cient cause, supported by first principles, and
the authority of general orders, to withhold an
order on the Treasury for the amount

In

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In the paper No. 1 which I have the Honor to enclose, will be found a sum equal to Pag.s 9059. 2. 72. estimated under the head of contingent charges, and Pag.s 617. 24. — under the head of Family Rolls, making in all, under those two heads, Pag.s 9676. 26. 72. as per abstract of particulars in the paper No. 1.

The admission of sums estimated separately under the general description of contingent charges, as a probable cause of disbursement, appears to me to be contrary to the first principles, as there is sufficient mean of providing for every Expence, likely to be incurred, and in the power of a paymaster to discharge under heads that will afford the auditor an opportunity of checking the Estimates and contingent bills, being of a description to be audited before payment, admit of having an order passed on the Treasury monthly for discharging them, that will certainly not exceed.

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exceed the sum actually required for the purpose
.. Contingent disbursements, will be most regu=
larly accounted for, if all bills of the kind are
ordered to be discharged from one and the same
Pay Office. —— My objection to the part of
the sums estimated from the Masulipatam
and Ellore pay Offices, under the Head of Family
Rolls, detailed in the paper No.1. is founded on
the general order of the 6.th last June, directing
that all charges under that denomination shall
cease, after the arrival of the native Corps at
their fixed Stations: the Estimate for the Families
of the 27.th 28.th and 29.th Battalions, amounting to
Pagod.s 900. appears admissible under that
order; the first of those Corps being with the
Bengal Detachment for the present, and the
other two being particularly situated on
Detachment with His Highness the Nizam. ——

The paper No 2. which I have
the Honor to enclose, contains a detail of sums,
amounting in the whole to Pag.s 12130. 3. 72. for
which I think the Estimates are irregular.
(Viz.t)

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(Viz.) The Sum of Pag. 6228. 34. 40. under the Head of Commissary General of Grains and Provisions, as by particulars in the paper No 2. should appear in the Estimate directed to be given in by that Officer, in the regulations under date the 3d April last, and is consequently objectionable, as coming through the channel of the Estimates of the pay Offices, altho' officiating as Deputies to the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

The Sum of pag. 2955: 11: 32 in the Estimate of Mr. martin, paymaster with Lieut. Col. maxwells Detachment on account of Arrears prior to June last to the pioneers, commanded by Lieutenant Doude, is objectionable, because Mr Hoar, late paymaster with the Field army, has been directed to make the disbursements for the Field Expences up to the 31th may inclusive, which necessarily comprehends the pioneers prior to June

The Sum of Pag. 2946 which appears

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appear in the Estimate of Mr. Vaughan, paymaster at Madura under the Head of "marawar", and explained to be for "Colo. martinz; St. artillery; St. Infantry; Lascars, artificers and Contingent charges" it, in my opinion, of a description so general as not to admit of an Order for the amount being passed; to which I beg leave to add that I believe the Troops stiled estimated for, either belong to His Highness the Nabob, or that it may not be judged necessary to continue them any longer in the pay of the Company under the late arrangements affecting the Nabob's Country.

Having already stated what has occurred to me on the nature of Estimate, under the Head of contingent charges, it is needless for me to express, in this place, that it is impossible to discriminate the part of the Estimate in Question (marawar) which is reckoned upon to defray the Charges of that description which are included

in

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in it — The Sum of Pag.s 993. which
appears in the Statement under the Head of
pay master Generals Salary and Office Esta-
blishment should, I conceive, have been inclu-
ded in the Estimate of Military paymaster
of Fort St. George, as forming, regularly, under
the Rules of the new System, a part of the
disbursements of his Office —

The Sum of pag.s 970: 25: 20
which appears in the Estimate of the late
paymaster (Mr. Corbett) of maj.r Cuppage's
Detachment, should, I think, have been inclu-
ded in the Estimates of the paymasters
respectively where the Troops on Mr. Corbett for-
merly paid, are now Stationed. his Certificate
detailing the Sums due under each Head
of charge being their Vouchers for including
the amount, as well as for making the
Disbursements — I am of this opinion
unless Government has directed, by a Special
order, that Mr. Corbett shall discharge the
arrears for which his Estimate provided.

and

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and consequently if no such order had
been given (which I believe to be the Case
as it has not reached my Office) it will
follow that the Balance of Pag. 523.15.40
which appears by the Estimate to be in
Mr. Corbett's hands, shall be paid into
the paymaster General.

Having thus explained a
variety of matter which may be considered
to deserve particular Notice, in the present
Stage of the operation of the new System,
I beg leave Honble Sir, to report, and recom-
mend as follows,

Total of Cash required, as p Estimate and State-
ment of the Military paymaster General, to
answer demands payable at this Presidency
in September 1792. Pag. 295112.13.67

From which it is recommended
to deduct the following Sums.

Contingent charges	9059.2.72	
Family Rolls	617.24.—	
C.G. of Grain & provision	6228.34.40	
amanats pioneers	2955.11.32	
marawars	2946.—.—	
Mr. Corbett's Estimate	970.25.20	
Do. Balce to be paid in	523.15.40	
memor.m Mr. Hoar	14000.—.—	
Mr. Young for Do's draft	1500.—.—	
Do. Balce in his hands	2500.—.—	41300.29.44

Pags 253811.26.23.—

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which leaved the sum as above, of Two Lacs Fifty three Thousand, Eight Hundred, and Eleven pagodas, Twenty Six Fanams, and Twenty three Cash, that, in my opinion, may be advanced, and distributed as per inclosed Statement N°. 3. until more clear estimates are given in, and more satisfactory Information is received, affecting the sums recommended to be deducted, and the Balances in the Hands of the Several paymasters. —

I am not in possession of any document, to enable me to form a judgement on the Estimated sum that remains to be paid by Mr. Hoar, on account of the Expences of the Field army, up to the 31st of May last inclusive. It appears to be a balance of pag.s 15500. on pag.s 46200 as per Mr. Hoars bills or Indents on the paymaster General from the 15th to the 23d July inclosive, as mentioned in the Memorandum N°. 10, which I find one of the Vouchers in Support of the paymaster Generals Statement

of

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of Cash required to be paid at the Presidency;
and to which will be added, in my considera-
tion of the Subject, the Sum of Pagodas —
2955: 11: 32 for pioneers, deducted from the
Estimate of the Paymaster with Lieut.t
Col.o Maxwell's Detachment. —

I am induced, from such
causes, to recommend that Mr. Hoar shall
be directed to give in a detailed Estimate
of the Sum he requires, to discharge the Arrears
of the Field Expences up to the 31st May inclu-
sive, and that the same shall be reported
upon from my Office to Government, before
an Order for the whole, or any part thereof,
is passed on the Treasury, as I do not con-
ceive it is intended by Government, that
the order authorizing him to make up his
accounts in the old form, is to interfere with
the Object of the new System for limiting
the Drafts on the Treasury to the amount
that shall be found, by Report from the
Office of audit, to be necessary. —

I also beg leave to recommend,

for

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for the reasons already assigned. that any order shall be published, directing Mr. Corbett to pass Certificates to the proper Offices (Copies whereof be sent to the Paymaster General) for the arrears on account of which his Estimate is founded, and that the Sums so certified shall be included in the Estimates of the pay Offices respectively, that will thus fall to make the disbursements on account of such arrears.

That the paymaster General, be required, at the same time, to call upon Mr. Corbett for the Balance, as p Estimate, of Pag.s 523.15.40. in his hands, observing that the Receipt to be granted by the Pay-master General, for this Balance, shall not be considered as discharging Mr. Corbett of responsibility for the Disbursements of his late Office, until his accounts shall have been passed in the Office of audit, and, further, that no amount whatever shall be paid or advanced to paymasters,

on

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on account of the provision department,
until the Estimate of the Commissary Genl.
of Grain and provisions shall have been
reported upon.—

I am led particularly, be-
cause, whatever inconvenience may arise
to other Offices, from irregular proceedings
either in regard to the advances or disburse-
ments, every transaction of the kind, fetters
and embarrasses the office of audit to a
degree that, in a great measure, destroys
the means of check, besides the addition
of close labour, and investigation which
it occasions.—

I do not apprehend that
any material inconvenience can arise to
the Service, from the deductions I have
recommended, and am thoroughly convin-
ced on the contrary, that, in this first
Instance of an Estimate having been
subjected to the report of the auditor at
this presidency, very great future benefit

may

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may arise out of the precedent it will afford of a strict examination into the causes of all Estimates for the advances of Cash, and the necessity, on the part of the pay Officers to explain sufficiently the Balances in their hands, as well as the subject matter of their Estimates. under this conviction I have bestowed much pains in the Examination of the Estimates and Statement before me; and, altho' it is not in my power to be sufficiently accurate in my report, for the reasons I have already assigned, I do not conceive that the Issue of Cash I have recommended in the Statement N° 3. will much exceed what may be required at the several Stations (in September 1792) that are included in the Estimate and Statement from the pay Office General——

I am induced to hope that the measures I have proposed to pursue, in communication with the pay master General, will render it unnecessary to report at

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Such length on future Estimates for Cash

I have the Honor to be —
&c &c &c —

Hen.y Malcolm

Mil.y and Ad.t Gen.l —

military
auditor General
Office —
Fort St. George
6 September
1792.

(No 1)

Abstract of Sums estimated for September 1792

under the head of Contingencies & Family Rolls	Sums.	Stations
Mr. Geo. Webster Contingencies.	500. —	Madras
Mr. Jno. Lynch do.	700. —	Wallajahbad
	76. —	Arcot Cantonm.t
	550. —	ame. —
	350. —	Conatore
Mr. J. H. Skardon. do.	150. —	Chingleput
Mr. G. Thompson. do.	60. —	nagore
	16. 16. —	do. —
Mr. Edw.d Garrow. do.	900. —	Trichinopoly
Mr. Robert Hughes do.	150. —	Vizianagrum
	150. —	Tanjore
	150. —	Sunkeryaroo
	150 —	Attoor —
Mr. Thom.s Pearce do.	1630 —	Tanjore
Mr. G. L. Martin do.	1851. 37. 32	Palamcotah
	27. 33. 40.	do —
	200. —	Dindigul
	17. —	Mellore —
Mr. H.a Dobbyn do.	760. —	Masulipatam
do Family Rolls.	136. 24 —	do.
Mr. R. malcolm for Mr. Taylor Family Rolls.	181. — —	Ellore —
Mr. R. Alexander Contingencies	320. — —	Vizagapatam

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Sig.d Henry Malcolm. —
Mil.y and Gen.l —

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Abstract of Sums estimated for September 1792 on account of the Commissary General of Grain and provisions, Arrears due to the pioneers, under the command of Lieut.t Dowse, previous to June 1792, and on account of Troops in the Maravar Country, under the command of Colonel Martinz.

Paymasters	Sums.	Stations
Mr. H. H. Torriano. (Sept.r)	755. —	Vellore
Mr. Jno. Wynch	67.	Wallahjabad
Mr. H. H Torriano (aug.t)	1118. —	Vellore
Mr. H. Skardon.	48. 21. —	Chingleput
Mr. E. Garrow	2500.	Trichinopoly
Mr. Th.s Pierce	16. 30. —	Tanjore
Mr. G. L. Martens	1667. 15. —	Col.o Maxwells Det.t
	4. 10. 40	Palamcottah
		do
M.r H. Malcolm for A. Taylor	52. — —	Ellore & Dependencies
Commiss.t Gen.l of Grain.s	6228. 34. 40	
Mr. G. L. Martin for arrears prior to June 1792. due to the Corps of pioneers under the Command of Lieut. Dowse.	2955. 11. 32.	Col.o Maxwells Detachment
Mr. H. Vaughans. under the head of Maravar for Native artillery. Rs: Infantry Lascars. Artificers and Contingent Charges.	2946. — —	Maravar
	12130. 3 72	

(Sign.d) H. Malcolm
Mr. Asst. Gen.l

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Statement of Sums recommended to be advanced to answer Demands payable in September 1792 at this Presidency. Fort St. George 6 September 1792

Paymasters	Stations	Payable at the Presidency.	Payable by bills on Mil. Bd. Genl.
W. Benj. Roebuck	Paymaster &c of Comp.ys allow.ce taking Track	9700.	
W. Geo. Webster	Depy paymaster	13100	
W. Jno. Lynch	Walajahbad	16232	
W. Lo. H. Torriano Depty	Vellore	18088.	
W. J. Garrow	Fort St. George	31237.	
W. R. Darbwood	Cuddalore	6158	
W. Th. H. Torriano Engr.	Vellore	13532.	
Maj. Geo. Hart	Fort St. George	17148.	
W. Hardom	Chingleput		1211. 27. —
W. G. Thompson	Nagore		775. 14. 24
W. E. Garrow	Trichinopoly		12250. — —
W. R. Hughes	Baramaul		9900. —
W. H. Pearce	Tanjore		7722. 28. 48
W. G. S. Martens	Palamcotah & Colemarwalla		30564. 27. 31
W. H. Vaughans	Madura		5017. — —
W. J. Young	Ongole		8650. — —
W. W. Dobbyns	Masulipatam		5604. 18 —
W. R. Maleolm for W. A. Taylor	Ellore		10467. — —
W. R. Alexander	Vizagapatam		780. — —
W. G. Wilson	Chicacole		2722. 10. 40
Carried over		125195	95664. 41. 63

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Paymasters	Stations	Payable at the Presidency	Payable by bills on the Military Pay. Genl.
	Brot. over.	125195.	95664.41.63
Mr. Jno. Scott paymaster to the Bengal Detachment	Salsette	30975	
Lieut. Wm. Sandys in charge of the Company's Elephants	Fort St. George	2500.—	
		158670.	95664.41.63
Deduct Balance payable at the presidency by Mr. Cobet to the paymaster General		523.15.40	
		158.146.26.40	158146.26.40

Amount recommended to be advanced to answer Demands payable in September 1792. Sag. 253811.26.23.

Abstract

Madras Army for September 1792.		220336.26.23
Bengal Detachment	30975.—	
Lieut. Wm. Sandys in charge of Elephants & Camels	2500.	33475.—
Sag.		253811.26.23

(Signed)
Hen. Malcolm
Mil. Auditor General

Minute thereon.

The Board entirely approve the remarks and observations of the Military Auditor General upon the Estimate and Statement of the

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the military paymaster General; and it is agreed,
in Consequence, to direct Colo. Malcolm to make
the necessary Communications to the respective Offices.

Agreed that the military
paymaster General be directed to regulate his
Advances for the present month by the Statement
No. 3.

Read the following Letter
from Captain Skiddy of the Ship Alexander
To The Hon.ble Sir Cha.s Oakeley Bart
Governor President &c &c &c in Council
Fort St. George.

Hon.ble Sir

Sum Owner of the Ship Alexander enclosing attested Statement &c. of the quantity of Rice thrown overboard.

In consequence of your desire
intimated to me by Mr. Jackson, military
Secretary, I now enclose an attested Statement
of the Quantity of Rice, thrown out of the Alexander
on the 18th July last, for the Safety of the Troops
and Stores, then on board her. I have endeavoured to be as correct in this Statement as
the Circumstances would possibly admit, in
which I hoped to have succeeded, and shall be
ready to give any further Explanation of it,
that your Honorable Board may require.

Not having yet sold any part

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of my Race, I am not able, for that Reason to ascertain its true Value, nor do I think, in the present Circumstance, that it would become me, to place an arbitrary value on it. I shall only say Hon.ble Sir, that I enclose Samples of the three Qualities of Rice with the prices I have exposed them at by retail, being, I believe, the present Bazar Prices for the same kinds. — But as I am confident that the same principle of Equity, which may induce your Honble Self, to make me any compensation for this loss, will equally prevail in the Estimation of it, I shall be perfectly satisfied with any mode of doing it that you may think reasonable. —

What here, I am not able to ascertain the Quantity lost, but, as I hope it may not be considerable, I shall be perfectly content with the Compensation that you may be pleased to make me for the Rice

I beg leave to enclose the protest made by Capt.n Lacy at Negapatam in Corroboration of the Memorial which I had

the

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Have the Honor to transmit the Board on the 13th Inst.

Fort St. George and am, Honble Sirs

7 September Yr Mo: Ob: Hble

1792. Servt

(Signed) Andw Skiddy

Andrew Skiddy. Owner and Supercargo of the Ship alexander, maketh oath and saith, that the within written account, contains a true and perfect Statement of the Cargo Laden on the said Ship alexander, and of the exact quantity now landed of that Cargo, and the said andrew Skiddy further maketh Oath, and saith that the said Statement shews the deficiency that has arisen, and the loss he has sustained by throwing overboard part of his said Cargo in Order to save the Military Stores with which he was partly freighted by Government, and when the said Ship Struck and grounded on her passage to Adviapatam

(Signed) And: Skiddy.

Sworn to in Fort St. George
this 7th September 1792
Before me. Andw Ross
Mayor of Madraspatnam

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Statement of 4619. Bags of Rice, weighing Gross. Bags of 168 ℔s Ea. 4002. purchased by Andrew Skiddy, at Bombay in the month of April last, and taken by him, on his own account and Risk, on board the Ship Alexander for Madras viz.t

Fine Rice marked A.

	Bags.	℔s
985 Bags. weighing full Bags of 168 ℔s Ea		930. —
add the weight of 985 Gunny Bags to double them, after being weighed supposed at 1½ ℔s Ea		8. 133
		938. 133
Deduct for waste or deficiency, in the same proportion, the Contra 745 Bags weighed, being nearly 8¾ ₰ Ct.		79. 133
		859. —

Rice of second Quality marked B.

998. Bags. weighing full Bags of 168 ℔s Ea		955. —
add the weight of 998 Gunny Bags supposed, as above, to weigh 1½ ℔s Ea		8. 153.
		963. 153
Deduct for Deficiency in the same proportion as the Contra 853. Bags, weigh Cd being nearly 6⅝ ₰ Ct.		63. 144
		900. 9

Cargo Rice. not marked

	Bags of 168 ℔s
2636. Bags. weighing	2117. —

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Fine Rice, marked A

Landed, and weighed at madras. Bags 168 lbs 2a. — lbs.

from 15 to 28 august. Bags. 745 lb. 653 ½ 17.

Thrown overboard. — 240 lb. 205. 151

985.

859.

Rice of second Quality marked B.

Landed, and weighed at madras. full Bags. — lbs

between the above dates. Bags. 853 lb. 766. ½ 56.

Landed at sundry places, and retained

on board for Ships provisions — 97. which

weigh at the foregoing proportion — 87. 24

950. 853. 80.

Thrown overboard. — 48. — 46. 97.

998. 900. 9.

Cargo Rice not marked full bags of 168 lbs 2a.

Landed & weighed at madras

between the above dates Bags. 2318 lb. 1919. ½ 114

Thrown overboard of this panal 318 lb. 197. 54

2636. 2117.

Total Quantity thrown overboard.

	full Bags.	lbs	mans Gauv.	lbs.
Fine Rice marked A.	205.	½ 151 = lo.	3.	½ 6821
Rice, 2d. Quality. B.	46.	97 = lo.		7728
Cargo Rice not marked	197.	54. = lo.	3	5380
Bags	449.	134	Gauv.	8 ½ 14160 lbs.

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(signed) And. Skiddy

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Know all men by these presents, That I Alexander Sacry, Commander of the Ship Alexander being on a Voyage from Madras, to Vizagapatam do hereby declare that on Wednesday the 18th Inst. at 1 P.M. Point Pedro, was seen from the Mast Head, bearing South distance 5 Leagues, Soundings from 7. to 6 Fathoms. at 10 minutes past 4. when in 4½ Fathoms, put the Helm a lee to tack Ship, but, shoaling much in Stays, She Struck, and run into 2½ Fathoms hard Sand, and lay fast. Braced all aback immediately to endeavour to back her off the same way we got on, but did not succeed. — Hoisted out the Boat, and handed Sails. Sounded round the Ship, and found four Fathoms, about two Ships length from her from E. to S. W. Attempted to take the small Bower anchor into the long Boat, but could not, owing to the heavy Swell. at 6 P.M. carried out a Grapnail with a four Inch Rope, bent to it, for hawling the long Boat out, by letting it go, in five Fathom Water, Got the Stream Anchor into the long Boat, bent an 8 Inch and 9 Inch Hawser to it, and hauled out, but

the

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the Grapnail rope broke, which obliged us to let go the anchor in 4 Fathoms. Hove the Hawser taught, and got the Boats alongside and moored. About the same time the Swell hove the Ships Head round from W by N. to N. E by N. During the first part of the night the Ship struck very hard.

At. 1 A.M. loosed the Foresail and overhauled the Gear and hoisted the Fore-Stay Sail to pay her off. But to no purpose.

At 4. A.M. found it necessary, for the Safety of the Vessel, to throw some goods overboard — people employed on Ditto. — The computed Quantity thrown overboard about Four Hundred Bags of Rice. — Started the water out of two of the Tanks. At 20 minutes past 7. A.M. hove the Ship off into four Fathoms water, weighed the Stream Anchor, made Sail, and run out into 5 Fathoms, and came to with the small Bower anchor. at 1/2 past 9. A.M. weighed, and Stood to the Eastward, Soundings 4 to 3 1/2 Fathoms. Anchored, and weighed immediately, and Standing S.E. by E. could find no more than 4 & 4 to 3 1/2 Fathoms. — About

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on finding only 3 Fathoms, let go the small Bower anchor, and sent the pinnace a head to sound, but, finding little deeper water, weighed immediately, and stood N.E. easterly it being unanimously determined to return to negapatam, and that it would be unsafe to attempt longer, to proceed to Adiapatam. And I, the said Alexander Sacre, Commander of the said Ship, do affirm that the most strict attention to duty in every respect has constantly, and unremittedly during the voyage been paid by every Department, and that the most strenuous endeavours were, after the ship had struck, exerted on all sides by every possible means and method, to get her off without Danger, Loss or Detriment.

Sr. Alexander Sacre commander of the said Ship: do therefore thus publickly make my protest, hereby declaring that all loss Detriment, or Damage that has been or may be sustained by the said Ship, Alexander her Cargo, or appurtenances, in consequence of her having struck upon the Sand, and she being obliged to return to this place, instead of

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of proceeding to her Destination, must be
attributed to the hidden, and unexpected perils
and Dangers of the Seas, and also that it was
inevitably necessary to throw overboard the
Goods before mentioned, for the greater and
immediate safety and Security of the Ship,
Crew, and Cargo. ——

In Witness whereof, I hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 20th day of July 1792
at Negapatam ——

(Signd) A. Saers. ——

Sworn before me this 20 day of July 1792

Signd Wm Michell
Res. Pt

Witnesses
G. G. Richardson
C. H. Adels.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of
the above account be sent to the Garrison
Storekeeper, with directions to report the
prices at which the different Sorts of Rice
at Pt Pondicherry now sell in the Bazar. and the
Sum that will fall to be paid, in Consequence
to Capt Skiddy. ——

Read

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Read the following Proceedings

of the Hospital Board

Hospital Board
7 September 1792

The Hospital Board,

immediately on the receipt

of the Orders of Government

that appear on the proceedings

of the 27th. Ult.o directed

their Secretary to write to

the acting purveyor and

apothecary to transmit

particular accounts of their

Charges for each Hospital

and Station

The acting Purveyor

has informed the Board

that he cannot, from any

Documents in his possession,

gain the Information requi-

red, and the apothecary

has forwarded the amount

of his Charges from 1st May

may 1791 to 30 april 1792,

but he has only been able

from Hospital Board requesting various accounts to enable them to report the Expence of each Sick man in Hospital. and that Mr. Ford may have leave to go to Sea——

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to State correctly the Expences in his Department for the four General Hospitals. The Expenditure for the European Sick at the out Stations being so much blended with that for the Native Sick that they cannot be seperated. —

To ascertain with certainty the Expences of each Sick man in Hospital, the Board must therefore confine themselves to the Genral Hospitals alone; but as the purveyors accounts for Victualling have never been sent them, the bills for which are the only correct means of knowing the number of Sicks, they cannot even for the general Hospitals, give the Honble Governor in Council any adequate Information

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unless the paymaster General
is ordered to transmit the
particulars of the Victualling
accounts from 1st May 1791
to 30th April 1792

The Military paymaster
General, will be directed
to furnish this account

The clothing &c.a accounts
of the purveyor, will nearly
ascertain the remaining ba-
lance, but, as these accounts
have never been accompa-
nied with proper Vouchers,
and that the apothecary
Inwards at the Hospitals
are sometimes paid by the
paymasters — the charge for
every Sick man in Hospital
will be more exactly known
if the paymaster furnishes
the whole of the Medical
Disbursements for each of
the General Hospitals for the
above period

Leave

The Hospital Board
having received an application
from

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From Mr. Todd, Assistant Surgeon with the 4th Batn of European Infantry, for permission to proceed to Sea for the reestablishment of his Health, recommending it to Government, as Mr. Tod. has so long laboured under a Bowel Complaint, and is at present so much reduced, that it is his only chance of Recovery.

Jas. Anderson
Phys. Genl
C. C. Lucas.
Wm Raine
Head Surgeon

Mr. Todd with have a Letter of leave upon application to the Military Secretary.

Read the following Letter from the master attendant.

From master Attendt. that engaged two Vessels to carry Bengal Sick Troops to Calcutta. Terms.

To The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

Honble Sir

In pursuance of your Orders

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I have the Honor of acquainting you that I have engaged two Vessels for the Service of conveying the Bengal Sepoys, who are under orders to embark for Calcutta. The Begler. Capt. Elliot, and the Surprize Capt: Sandys. The number mentioned is about Five Hundred Men and each of the above Vessels can easily take 250 or more. The Captains agree to the Terms of 10 Rupees P man. The Company to furnish Provisions Wood, and Water, of which it may be proper to send 15 days Store. They will be ready to take in the Troops, after the Provisions &c. are sent on board.

It is proper to observe that Capt. Elliot has some Military Stores, for Garrison, which will not however detain him more than 24 hours.

I have the Honor to be &c.

H. Boyd. Mast. Attend.

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the
11 September
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Minute thereon

The Board approve of the Master Attendant's Engagement with Capt. Sandys of the Surprize for the Service of conveying Dirt to

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to Bengal 250 Sepoys. But, as the Begler Capt. Elliott is to touch at Vizagapatam and Ganjam, in her way to Bengal, the Board do not think proper to employ her on this Service — The master attendant must therefore engage some other Vessel in her room

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob, entered also in C. C. N.o 140. —

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Walajah, to Sir Charles Oakeley Bar.t Governor of madras —

From the Nabob requesting that his debt to Jn.o mills may be paid from his Fifth.

Dated 20.th mohassrum 1207 Hegery
or 8.th September 1792

Received 10.th Do. —

I am indebted to Jn.o mills in the sum of three Thousand. four Hundred and twenty Seven Star pagodas. and 8 anas: I request you will do me the favor to pay the said Sum out of the balance of my one Fifth

What can I say more ? —

a true Translation
/ signed / B: Haliburton
P. T. —

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Minute in Consequence

Agreed to inform the Nabob
that the Board apprehend he could not have
received the Letter he wrote to the Governor ..... under
date the 27th. of may last desiring that the whole
Sum due to him on his fifth, might be paid
to Venkatadoubiah, to whom his Highness is
largely indebted. —

Chas. Oakeley

G Wallofield

George Parry Esr

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Diary

Despatched the following Letters

To Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

Commanding the Detachment

Serving to the Southward.

Sir,

To Lieut.t Col.l Maxwell
the separate measures
of Mr. Torin for seizing
Shivigherry - improper -
and the Conduct of the
Colonel on the
occasion imprudent -
Remark on the Be-
haviour of Timma-
chi & Golapatee
naig the Troops
should return to
their Station -

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 3.d & 5.th instant, and to inform you that, after an attentive perusal of the Correspondence between you and Mr. Torin, he is of opinion, that the measures separately taken by that Gentleman, occasioned an improper interference with the Authority entrusted to you, and, on that ground, will receive his disapprobation -

The President in Council perfectly satisfied with Every part of your Conduct - He laments only, that there should have been any difference between you & the Collector, as it created

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a perplexity in the Service which might have produc=
=ed serious consequence if your discretion had not been
seasonably interposed to prevent it.

The very improper Conduct of
Tumachi naig and Polapah naig, in refusing Obedience
to your Summons would have drawn on them the most
displeasure of the Governor in Council if he had not
reason to believe that those Polegars acted from some
misapprehension. On this account he does not wish to
proceed to extremities with them, but he has directed
the Collector to make it known throughout the Distric
that your orders to the Polygars, during the present service
are to be implicitly Obeyed — The Example of Severi=
=ity it is hoped will impress all the Tributaries
with a due sense of the Company's Authority, and
effectually secure their future obedience —

As the rainy Season is near at
hand, the Board apprehend there will not be sufficie=
=ent time for you to assemble the Polegars in Camp for
the purpose you mention, they are anxious that the
Troops should return to their Stations before the
Monsoon

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11th Monsoon. with the exception of the two Corps mentioned in my letter of the 6th instant. which the Board would hope are sufficient to preserve the tranquility of the Country.

I am
Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secry

Fort St. George
11 September 1792

To M.r Benjamin Torin

Collector of the Poligar Peshcush

South of the Coliroor.

Sir.

To M.r Torin censuring the measures taken by him for the seizure of Hurchery. and his Deviations from Orders Points to which his Demands on the Poligars are to be confined. - The Nabob will be desired to demolish the forts in Dispute - His misconduct of Lemaches, & Polapat naig why excusable. All orders from Colmaxwell to the Poligars to be implicitly Obeyed.

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 28th & 31st Ultimo, and to inform you that he is clearly of opinion that the measures separately taken by you to seize the person of the Shevigherry Polegar occasioned a direct and hazardous interference with the Authority entrusted to the Commanding Officer, and, in that light, must receive his pointed disapprobation.

By the orders of the Board the 11th
instant

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present Service was committed to the Military Officer, who was held solely responsible for its Execution, and the instructions to you were simply to cooperate with him - but, so far from adhering to the line prescribed for your Guidance, you judged it expedient to employ a partisan, supported by a number of Peons in an excursion to apprehend the Poligar, not only without any regular concert with the Commanding Officer but even Contrary to an opinion before expressed by him relative to the Services of Sumerlinguem and his followers -

It does not appear, from your correspondence with Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell or his Secretary, prior to the capture of the Shevigherry Poligar, that any information was given, which could afford the Commanding Officer the least reason to suppose that you meant to employ Sumeralinguem and his Peons upon this Service - You certainly, should have communicated your plan with the utmost precision, and executed it so far only, as it might have been approved by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, and in perfect

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perfect concert with him — The separate measures taken on this occasion created a perplexity, in the Service which might have produced serious inconveniences, had not the discretion of the Commanding officer interposed to prevent them —

With regard to your application to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell for five Companies of Sepoys or two Troops of Cavalry to support your Authority at the Village of Grigundum, I am directed to observe that the President in Council certainly meant, by his orders to the Commanding Officer, to restrict the Employment of the Troops to the circumstances therein stated: which had no reference to an application of the above nature Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has been since informed. that, in the Event of further force being required, the Number of Troops and the manner of employing them are to be determined by his Judgement. subject to no other control than that of Government

You have already been furnished with the orders of the Board respecting the demands upon

upon the Poligars which are comprehended under
two heads - the first - to the payment of their Arrears
of tribute and the Second - to the restoration of such
Villages as may have been usurped from the Circar
during the late War - It is deemed necessary to
confine your demands to the period of the war from
the difficulty and indeed impossibility of ascertain-
-ing the truth of any facts previous to the Companys
Administration -

The President in Council will write
to his Highness the Nabob on the Subject of the two
Small Forts and Districts in dispute between Cuttabom
maig and Etiapour - as they are now in your Possession
it will be recommended to his Highness to order his
manager to take possession of the Districts and demolish
the Forts -

The very improper conduct of Tumache
maig and Poolapah maig in refusing to obey the summons
of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, would have been
followed by an act of exemplary punishment if the
Board had not reason to believe that those Poligars
were

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were under a misapprehension in regard to the power and Authority of that Officer. In order, however, that there may be no plea of this nature in future, the President in Council desires you will notify to all the Poligars that, while Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell is employed in the Tinnevelly Country, his orders to them are to be unequivocally complied with.

Instructions have been sent to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to break up the detachment as soon as possible - in order that the Corps may return to their respective Stations previous to the monsoon, with the exception of the 7th Battalion of Sepoys and the 3d. Regiment of Cavalry which are to be cantoned wherever he shall think most expedient for the public Service.

I am,
Sir,
Your
Most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) William Collins Jackson
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11 September 1792

Received the undermentioned
Letter Entered in M. B. No. 5

From Captain R. Bell

From Captain R. Bell representing the hardship of delay in furnishing his Papers - requests

Copy

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11 Copy of his contingent Bill for July 1790 and of the reply to one of the Deputy Comptroller Generals letters.

13 Sent the undermentioned Letters

Entered in C.C. Nos. 141-142-143.

Substance of a Letter to the nabob — To the nabob — stating the Circum-stance which prevents any part of his Fifth being appro-priated to the discharge of his Debt to John Mills. and recommending that he will remove the cause of Dispute between Catabomma naig and Etiapour. by taking possession of the two Districts. claimed by each Party, and demolishing the forts situated thereon.

Ditto — Ditto — To Ditto desiring he will send a Peruanah to his manager at Coveripauk. forbidding all Interference with Sadid Cawn. in charge of the Elephants purchased from the Company by the nizam.

Ditto to Vizeram Rauze. — To Rajah. Vizeram Rauze. acquaint-ing him that the Twelve Elephants lent by him to the Company will be sent to him by Lieutenant Col. Cockrell on his Arrival at Vizagapatam.

Sent the following Letters.

To

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13th

To David Haliburton Esqr.
&c. &c. Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 9th instant,

as the State of Mr. Torin's Health requires an immediate change of Air, you will inform him that he has our permission to quit Tinnivelly, whenever he thinks proper — leaving the charge of his Employ with Mr. Marlen, the Paymaster at Palamcotah. Mr. George Balmain appointed Assistant to Mr. Torin in the room of Mr. Thomas Scott Jackson, who has obtained Leave, on account of his health, to remain at the Presidency.

To Board of Revenue — Mr. Torin permitted to quit his Station and to deliver charge of his Employ to the Paymaster at Palamcotah — Mr. Balmain appointed Assistant to the former — vice Jackson.

We are
&c. &c.

Fort St. George
12th September 1792.

/Signed/ Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

To

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To Sir John Kennaway Bart.

Resident at Hydrabad.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated 17th & 21st ultimo, and to inform you that the Vackeels of Tippoo residing at this places have declared their ignorance of any English Prisoners being in confinement at Gooty, but have promised to write to their master to procure an order to the Commandant, directing him immediately to liberate every person of the above description — As soon as the letter is received it will be transmitted to you.

To Resident at Hydrabad — declaration of Tippoos Vackeels respecting the English Prisoners said to be at Gooty — and requesting the Nizams Passport for the march of Captain Dallas's Party thro his Territories —

The new Estimate of the Disbursements of the Detachment Serving with the Nizam will be sent to you the moment it is received from the Military Auditor General, who is now employed upon it.

I am directed to request you will be

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be pleased to obtain a pass port from his Highness the
nizam, and forward it to Captain Dallas at Ongole,
for the march of his Party, consisting of about Comen.
through his Highness's Territories: you have been already
informed that Captain Dallas is employed in the
purchase of Horses at Hydrabad for the native
Cavalry

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St George
12 September 1792

/Signed/ W.C. Jackson
Secretary

To Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Chief &c Council at

Masulipatam.

Gentlemen

We have received your letter Dated
the 28th Ultimo

By the General order of the 3d April
1792. it is expressly stated that all appeals to
Government against the decision of the Military
Auditor General, shall be made through the
Channel

To Chief & Council
at Masulipatam
- Mr Dobbyn's
appeal thro them,
against the refund
ordered by the mili-
tary auditor Gen.
irregular —

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Channel of that Officer, and as Mr. Dobbyn has deviated from this rule in the instance before us, we cannot, however strongly we may be inclined to afford him every opportunity of explanation, enter upon the subject until it shall be brought regularly before us — Mr. Dobbyn, as a Member of your Board, cannot be relieved from the responsibility attached to his Office of Paymaster, and if he had required any testimony from You in support of his Charges, he should have addressed you by Letter, and a copy of your reply might, with propriety, have been transmitted by him to the Military Auditor General with his appeal.

We are,
Sir
Your
Fort St. George
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/ Signed / Chas. Oakeley
Fort Council

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters Entered in Mem. Nos. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65
66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76.

To Colonel Braithwaite

To Officer Commanding the Army

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no objection to his proposed form of publishing the General Orders — Captain Wahab's letter respecting repairs at Tiagar should have come direct to Government, and that of Lieut. Cockburne and Cornet Roberts, thro' Colonel Floyd — — Leave of absence granted to Lieut.t Brown and Sober — in future. such applications from Company's Officers to be made in the form of a letter from him to the — Governor in Council —

To Military Board

To Military Board — to reconsider the Claim of Captain Lightburne. for freight of Baggage from Nagapatam —

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General his — remarks upon the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate of Cash for September approved. — Instructions in Consequence — Mr. Roebuck will be directed to regulate his advance by the Statement recommended

To Ditto

To Ditto — with directions respecting the Gratuity to be paid to Colonel Martinze —

To Military Paymaster General

To Military Paymaster General with copies of the Military Auditor Generals letter on his Estimate for September, for his Guidance; and directing him

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him to regulate his advances by the Statement No. 3 —

To Ditto

To Ditto — desiring him to furnish the Hospital Board with certain Accounts of the Surveyor —

To Garrison Storekeeper

To Garrison Storekeeper. — to report the present Bazar price of the musters of the Rice thrown overboard by Captain Skiddy — and the Amount to be paid him in consequence —

To Ditto

To Ditto — desiring him to Ship on the Surprize certain Articles for the use of the sick Bengal Sepoys returning to Calcutta — also Provisions. Wood & Water for 21 Days —

To Town Major

To Town Major — directing him to furnish the Garrison Storekeeper with a List of the Articles above mentioned —

To Commissary Genl of Grain & Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — the recommendations in his last Letter approved — to report whether it would not be most Eligible to replace Grain at the different Stations by means of Contract — directions respecting the Company's Claim

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Claim for Gram supplied Colonel Floyds regement —

Colonel Nesbitts application to be complied with —

To Military Paymaster Twenty two

To Military Paymaster

Doolies to be sent to Poonamallie for the sick there —

To Colonel Floyd

To Office Commanding the 19th Regement

of Dragoons — informing him of the Directions given to

Mr. Cockburn, respecting the Companys' Claim for Gram

supplied that regement —

To Paymaster to Colonel Maxwells —

To Paymaster to Colonel Maxwells Detachment

Detachment — acquainting him that the nabob has

ordered his Phousdar at Tinnevelly to supply Sheep —

To Master attendant

To Master attendant — his Engagement

with Captain Landys, of the Surprize approved — but a

— nother Vessel to be taken up in room of the Beglar —

To Messrs. Porcher, Redhead & Compy

To Messrs Porcher Redhead & Compy

communicating the Orders given, for the payment of Colonel

Martins Gratuity —

To Mr. Marigney in reply to his second

To Mr Marigney

letter, respecting the purchase of Stores —

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To Lieutenant Lober. giving him leave

To Lieut. Lober — to proceed to Bombay — for six months.

To Captain of the Bagler directing him

To Captain of the Bagler — to receive Stores on board.

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Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered on C.C. Nos. 144 - 145 &c.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

From the Nabob — Enclosing a passport

for Captain Dallas's Party thro' his Territory.

From Buckajee Pundit. contradicting

Ditto Ditto from Buckajee Pundit

an Assertion reported to him to have been made by one

Annaje. regarding him.

Received the following Letter.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

From Military Auditor General — with computation of the advance due to the Cloathing Contractor

The Contractor for providing the army

Cloathing having applied to me some time ago for

the

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the Computation of the Advances he is entitled to receive in the Current year according to the terms of the Contract, I have complied with his request accordingly, and Do myself the honor to lay before you, Honorable Sir, the inclosed particulars of the computation. the Abstract of which, as this day furnished to the Contractor, stands as follows—

Computation of the sum total as the Contract on which Advances of Cash are due to the Contractor for the Current Year—

Pagodas 45.694.40.70

	P. F &
Advance of 20 ℔ Ct in the above sum payable 27th June 1792	9.138.41.62
Ditto 15 ℔ Ct do 15th July 1792	6854.10.26
Ditto 10 ℔ Ct do 1st Sept. 1792	6569.20.71
Totatal advance to the Contractor	20562.30.79

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect

Y.ys Y.s

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 13th September 1792

/ Signed / Henry Malcolm
Milit.y Aud.r General

Calculation

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14th Calculation of the Advances to be made to the Contractor for Army Cloathing in 1792 taken from the last returns in the Adjutant Generals Office prior to the Date of the Contract viz. The Returns of May 1792.

2d Battalion Artillery	2 Serjeant Majors 2 Quarter Master Serjeants 2 Drill Serjeants	at 7 " 16 " each	44 " 12 "	
	36 Serjeants	at 1 " 10 each	260 " 24 "	
	39 Corporals	at 3 " 21 " each	136 " 21 "	
	4 Drums and Fifes majors	at 11 " " each	44 " " "	
	16 Drummers & Fifers	at 2 " 22 " 30 each	40 " 26 "	
	732 Matrosses (including Drummers	at 1 " 38 " 40 each	1403 " " "	1928 " 4 "
Invalid Artillery	43 Serjeants	at 4 " 20 " each	192 " 20 "	
	16 Corporals	at 3 " 12 " " each	52 " 24 "	
	4 Drummers & Fifers	at 2 " 15 " " each	9 " 18 "	
	197 Matrosses (including Drummers	at 1 " 35 " " each	361 " 7 " "	615 " 27 "
4th Battalion Infantry	4 Serjeant Majors 4 Quarter Master Serjeants 4 Drill Serjeants	at 6 " 30 " " each	80 " 24 "	
	84 Serjeants	at 2 " 4 " " each	250 " " "	
	127 Corporals	at 1 " 33 " " each	226 " 33 "	
	8 Drums & Fifes majors	at 9 " " " each	72 " " "	
	59 Drummers & Fifers	at 2 " 7 " " each	127 " 35 "	
	2284 Privates	at 1 " 32 " 40 each	4054 " 16 " "	4908 " 24 "
Invalid Infantry	3 Serjeant Majors	at 4 " 15 " each	13 " 3 "	
	97 Serjeants	at 2 " 40 " each	286 " 16 "	
	24 Corporals	at 1 " 28 " each	51 " 28 "	
	22 Drummers & Fifers	at 1 " 32 " each	38 " 32 "	
	160 Privates	at 1 " 26 " each	259 " 2 " "	648 " 39 " "
		Carried Over		7002 " 5 " "

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Brought Over ——— 7002.. 5.. —

5 Regiments of Native Cavalry

5 Serjeant Majors	} at	11..	110.. .. ..
5 Quarter Master Serjeants			
10 Serjeants	at	10.. 33.. ..	107.. 36.. ..
27 Subadars	at	10.. 33.. ..	291.. 9.. ..
87 Jemidars	at	10.. 33.. ..	938.. 15.. ..
120 Havildars	at	2.. 11.. 30	272.. 21.. ..
120 Naigues	at	1.. 21.. ..	180.. .. ..
5 Trumpet majors	at	9.. 36.. ..	49.. 12.. ..
21 Trumpeters	at	2..	42.. .. ..
5 Farrier majors	at	11..	55.. .. ..
23 Farriers	at	1.. 20.. 20	34.. 3.. 60
5 Black Doctors	at	.. 43.. 40	4.. 39.. 40
30 Buckallies	at	.. 41.. 40	29.. 27.. ..
2062 Privates	at	1.. 21..	3093.. .. .. 5207.. 37.. 20

30 Battalions of Native Infantry

30 Serjeant Majors	} at	6.. 30.. ..	604.. 12.. ..
30 Quarter master Serjeants			
30 Dirle Serjeants			
72 Serjeants	at	2.. 4.. ..	214.. 12.. ..
292 Subdars	at	4.. 17.. ..	1286.. 8.. ..
298 Jemidars	at	2.. 16.. ..	709.. 22.. ..
1198 Havildars	at	1.. 10.. 70	1508.. 8.. 20
1195 Naigues	at	.. 41.. 60	1187.. 37.. 20
60 Drums & Fifers mayors	at	9..	540.. .. ..
3077 Drummers & Fifers	at	2.. 2.. 15	629.. 41.. 40
27 Black Doctors	at	.. 41.. 40	26.. 28.. 40
289 Buckallies	at	.. 41.. 40	285.. 23.. 40
20011 Sepoys	at	.. 41.. 40	19772.. 32.. 40 26765.. 15.. 40

Carried Over ——— 39975.. 15.. 60

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		Brought Over—		39975.15.6
Cavalry	1 Quarter Master Serjeant		12.12.40	
	1 Subadar	at 50 Pa	12.8.—	
	2 Jemadars	at 12.8.— ea	24.16.—	
	6 Havaldars	at 2.20.— ea	14.36.—	
	5 Naigues	at 1.27.10 ea	8.9.50	
	1 Trumpeter		2.4.—	
	1 Black Doctor	at 1.4.40 ea	1.4.40	
	2 Buckallies	at 1.4.40 ea	1.4.—	
	73 Privates	at 1.27.10 ea	120.6.10	
Infantry	1 Subadar		4.17.—	
	2 Jemidars	at 2.16.— each	4.32.—	
	2 Havildars	at 1.10.70 ea	2.26.60	
	4 Naigs	at 1.4.60 ea	3.41.—	
	2 Drummers & Fifers	at 2.2.15 ea	4.4.30	
	1 Buckally		1.4.20	
	72 Privates	at 1.4.40 ea	71.6.—	239.2.10
Battalion Artillery	14 Drill Serjeants	at 6.30.— each	94.—.—	
	21 Serjeants	at 2.34.— each	59.—.—	
	70 Subidars	at 4.9.40 ea	295.35.—	
	64 Jemidars	at 2.9.— ea	141.30.—	
	333 Havildars	at 1.7.— ea	388.25.—	
	190 Naigues	at 1.4.— ea	185.20.—	
	5 Drummers & Fifers	at 1.30.— ea	12.—.—	
	1 Black Doctor	at 1.4.— ea	1.4.—	
	772 Invalid Sepoys	at 1.4.— ea	753.26.—	1931.5.—
Regular Invalids	89 Subidars	at 4.30.— each	419.24.—	
	62 Jemidars	at 1.34.— ea	123.2.—	
	209 Havildars	at 1.6.— ea	238.36.—	
	86 Naigues	at 1.4.— ea	83.40.—	
	20 Drummers & Fifers	at 1.30.— ea	34.12.—	
	354 Sepoys	at 1.40.— each	337.6.—	1236.36.—
	Carried Over			43432.16.70

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Brought Over 43432.16.70

Gun Lascars

		£	f	d
32	Lyrangs	at 2.7.— each	69.14.—	
120	Tindals . . .	at 1.19.— each	174.12.—	
30	Buchallies . . .	at 1.6.— each	34.12.—	
1603	Lascars . . .	at 1.10.— each	1984.28.—	
			2262.24.—	

45694.40.70

Advances to be paid the Contractor in 1792

Calculation Pagodas 45,694.40.70 advance of 20 ℘ Cent payable on this Sum in June 1792 — Pags 22 6 — £9,138.41.62

15 ℘ Cent on Ditto payable 15th July 1792 — 6.854.10.26

10 ℘ Cent on Ditto payable 1st September 1792 — 4569.20.71

Total advance to the Contractors as above 20,562.30.79

/Signed/ Henry Malcolm
Military Auditor General

Received the undermentioned

Letters Entered in M. B. No. 77. 78. 79.

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General enclosing an address from Lieut. Sheriff of the Cavalry, requesting Pay during his absence in England. Col. Braithwaite's Sentiments thereon — reports the promotion of Mr. James Campbell in the 77th Regiment, at the Presidency, still a Lieutenant Fireworker in the 1st Battalion of Coast Artillery — Lieutenant Peile recommended

to

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to be sent to Bengal to raise Lascars for that Battalion

From Ditto

From Ditto — submitting the request of Lieutenant Macaulay for leave to proceed to England for the Settlement of his private Affairs —

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions —

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions submitting the Complaint of the Storekeeper of Dindigul of the obstacles thrown in his way by the Commandant to repairing the Granaries at that place —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr. —

Friday
14th September 1792 —

Minutes of last Consultation —
read and approved —

Read the following letter from
Bengal —

To

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir, at Fort St. George.

From Bengal—Sentiments on the Variation between the Nabob's & Purnaiah & that settled by Lord Cornwallis—the former recommended to be fixed—hope the Treasure from Seringapatam has been received

1 We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, dated the 3d. Instant, enclosing a Copy of one Addressed to you by the Board of & assumed Revenue on the 23d. of July, an Extract of the Letter written on the Subject of it to the Nabob Walaw Jah, and his Highness's answer.

2 The 5th. Article of the Treaty, concluded with the Nabob by Lord Cornwallis Stipulates that the Tribute or Peshcush payable by the Polygars, as more particularly mentioned in the Schedule No. 1 which Amounts in the total, & nearly to the Sum Specified in the Information Laid before you by the Board of Revenue, shall be Collected by the Company, who agree that they will not increase the Demand on the said & Polegars

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Poligars beyond the Sums stated in that Sche-
dule, unless upon future Enquiry, it Should
appear that these Poligars ought, by Vertue of
any existing or lawful Engagements, to pay a
larger Amount / meaning clearly, for Tribute
or Peshcush / wherever it should be Demanded
of them; and it is declared, in the 6th Article,
that the Rights of Sovereignty over the Poligars
are to continue with His Highness.—

3 It is true that the Form of the
nabob's Perwannah, sent to you by the Board
of assumed Revenue, does not exactly correspond
with that settled by Lord Cornwallis, in as much
as that the Words, to which you object in the
former are not to be found in the latter, but the
Variation between the two appears to us to be
only trivial. The Terms of the one having expressed
that such a Sum on Account of Peshcush, is assign-
ed over to the Company, while those of the other,
which his Highness has issued, express the Sum

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to be in part - Vizt. Now it is clear that the Nabob and the Company might suffer, if the Peiwannah was not written in one or other of these Ways: for, as the Amount payable to the Company by each Polegar is specifically mentioned in each Peiwannah, a fair Inference would be drawn from thence by every Polygar that more was not Demandable from him, while the 6th Article of the Treaty supposes a possibility that more might be due than the Amounts specified in the Schedule; and Provision is made for that Circumstance.

We have besides to Observe, that

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the Assignment to the Company is expressly reserable to Tribute or Peshcush; it takes no notice of the Khalsa Lands belonging to the Nabob and they cannot therefore be Considered as included in it.

It is therefore without Hesitation that we recommend that the Nabob's Peiwannahs to the Polygars may be issued in their present

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Form. so that this part of the Treaty may be carried into Effect without delay.

5th We have had pleasure in hearing That Tippoo Sultaun was providing for the payment of the first Instalment on Account of the 2d Kist due from him by the Definitive Treaty; and we hope that it has been already received. The liquidation of it at Rhitnaghery instead of Amboor. would have been attended with little Inconvenience to your Government.

We have the Honor to be

Yr. & Yr.

Fort William 20th August 1792

/ Signed /

Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

Minute & Observations of the Board thereon

The Board apprehend that in their anxiety to obtain such an alteration in the form of the Arabobs Penwannah to the Tributaries as might make it more consonant to what appeared to

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to them to the Governor General's intention. they have gone further than that intention warranted —

They were aware that the 5th Article of the Treaty Stipulated for an encreased Demand of Peishcush. if, upon further enquiry, it should appear that the Poligars ought, by virtue of any existing or lawful engagement, to pay a larger amount — But as the sum of the Peiwannah, as settled by Lord Cornwallis, mentioned a specific Sum to be paid on account of Peishcush, and contained no intimation to the Poligars that the Demand would be liable to any encrease. the Board conceived the words in part, which the Nabob had substituted in the Persian Copy, might occasion an apprehension in the minds of the Tributaries that further undefined claims might be made upon them by his Highness, and, so far, counteract his Lordship's object in taking an assignment of their respective Tributes —

As the Peiwannahs are only to have force for one year, and the Nabob has yet been

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been unable to produce any engagement by which the Tributaries are bound to pay larger sums than those mentioned in the Schedule affixed to the Treaty. The Board hope no inconvenience will results from their having obtained his Highness's consent to alter the form of expressions so far as to assure the Tributaries that what they are called upon to pay for the present year will be in full of his Demands during this period – The Board did not mean thereby to restrict his Highness from encreasing the requisition in future years. if he should be able to prove his right to such encrease, but to confine it to the prescribed amounts so long as the right should remain unproved.

With respect to the argument used in the Nabobs' letter to the late President relative to the Khalsa Lands in the possession of the Tributaries. it may be proper to observe that the whole payment required from them. on whatever account. has usually fallen under the denomination of Peishcush – If they possess any Khalsa Lands at rent

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rent, they have so possessed them for many years, and that rent has been considered as fixed, and constituting a part of the General Demand of Government

Agreed that the above be communi=
=cated to the Governor General in Council, and that his =
Lordship be informed, that if this explanation of the =
measure do not perfectly meet his idea, the Board will procure the next years Peruannahs, in the form most consonant to it.

Read the following Letter from Lord Cornwallis—

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council &c &c &c
Fort St. George

Honble Sir

I have been honored with the Receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo, intimating that there is a small omission in that part of the Plan for the distribution of the off Reckonings which consti=
=tutes the European Infantry Fund, & requesting my Sentiments

From Lord Cornwallis—correcting the Error respecting the Distribution of the Shares of 200 Pags of the offreckonings of the European Infantry Fund—

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Sentiments upon it.

It is evident, from the Extracts you have furnished, that the fair Copy of my Letter to your Board must have been inaccurately made; and to remedy this defect therefore, I now do myself the honor to subjoin a Copy of the Paragraph as it stands in the Original Draft of the Plan proposed and which provides for the distribution or Allotment of the Shares of 200 Pagodas.—

"That the Remainder of the Shares "of the Shares of 400 Pagodas, shall be paid, in the "Proportion of One each, to all Colonels and Field "Officers of Infantry on the Effective Establishment, "without any Exception to those who may have been "in the Receipt of the Extra Shares, and to the Several "Captains Commanding Battalions of Sepoys, as far "as the Fund will go — whatever Sum may remain, "after such distribution, shall be further divided into "Shares of 200 Pagodas each, and be paid to the "Senior Captains Commanding Sepoy Battalions, as "far down as it will extend, in addition to the Shares

of

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" of 400 Pagodas each, and whatever fractional part
" remains in any one year less than 200 Pagodas, —
" after the Subsequent Divisions so directed, is to be carri-
" ed to the account of the following year."—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort William
20th August 1792.—

/Signed/ Cornwallis

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Paragraph in the foregoing Letter be published in General orders.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.—
Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir

In Obedience to your commands relative to the matter contained in the General Letter from the Honble Company Dated 4th August 1791 the Regulations drawn up by Mr. Jackson, and the Extract, paragraph 20th, of the General Letter from the Honorable Company Dated 9th February 1792—

We

From the military Board—subs-
-mitting Minutes of Colonel
Brathwaite, Col. Malcolm
& Colonel Rob. on the Courts
orders regarding the Mili-
-tary Expenditure, and
Mr Jackson's proposed
regulations—General
opinion on the Subject
and on the Accountant
General's Plan respecting
the Military Storekeeper's
Department—mode
adopted of supplying
the Hospitals by Contract
the most Eligible—

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We have the honor to lay before you the Minutes given in by Colonel Brathwaite, President of the Military Board, by Colonel Malcolm Auditor General, and by Lieutenant Colonel Ross Chief Engineer, on these Subjects — in addition to what has already been presented to your Honor on a former occasion on the same subjects, in the observations of the late Military Auditor General, Commissary General of Stores, and in the Proceedings of the Military Board under date 7th March 1792 — and to add, by way of general opinion or report, that the Orders of the Honble Company contained in their Instructions before mentioned, cannot otherwise be carried into execution (so farras regards this Presidency) than by establishing, in the first instance, the principles of System to be observed in the constitution of each and all of the Publick Offices connected with the Military Expenditure, as laid down by the Honble the Court of Directors in their General Letter of the 4th of August 1791, and Secondly by forming Regulations by which the duties of the several Offices are

to

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to be conducted under the principles thus establish-ed, and we are also of Opinion, from the 20th Paragraph of the Company's General Letter 9th February 1792, that both will fall to be adopted and enforced to whatever extent, or in whatever manner, Govern-ment shall hereafter determine, in order that the required additions, alterations and amendments may be introduced and established in a new Code of Regulations for the Military Expenditure at this Presidency.

Having taken into consideration the paragraph in your Letter of the 17th July last, respecting the different points submitted to your consideration by the Accountant General regarding Military Stores, and enclosing his Letter on that subject, We now lay before your Honorable Board our opinion thereon, Viz.t That the principle of the Plan proposed by the Accountant General for more accurately ascer--taining the expenditure of Military Stores, and

enabling

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enabling Government, at any time, to comprehend at one view the whole expence, for any, given time as good. But we conceive, that the great principle of the System, recommended so strongly by the Honorable the Court of Directors for checking the expenditure of Military Stores, particularly in the 69th Article of their General Letter of the 4th. of August 1795 renders the Military Storekeeper of Fort St. George absolutely incompetent to the duties and powers which the Accountant General's plan, if adopted, would vest in him — as that Plan vests him with powers not reconcileable with the duties of any particular Storekeeper, and more especially, as Military Storekeepers are, as yet, the Agents for supplying such Stores, as are authorized to be bought or made up.

It was our Intention, in consequence of your having recommended the Subject to our Consideration, to have proposed the supplying the Hospitals by Contract, but as we

see

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see by the Advertisement in the Courier that you have adopted that mode. We conceive it can be only necessary for us to say, in reply to that Paragraph of your Letter of the 17th. of July last. that we believe it the best method that can be adopted if responsible Contractors can be found. It will be the duty of the Surgeon to see that the Contractor does his duty — And the Medical Board will always have it in their power to Authenticate his charges by the report of the visiting Surgeon and the Hospital Returns of numbers and Cases.

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c.

John Braithwaite

Henry Malcolm

Patrick Ross

Thomas Geils

Jno. Richardson

BJ. Close

George Hall

Fort St. George

8th. September 1792.—

[Signed]

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Minute of Colonel Brathwaite
President, in Virtue of his Commiss
Coast, given in September 6th 1792
met by order of Government to ta
the Letter of the Court of Director
under date August 4th 1791, an
/enclosed/ for Checking Milit
which have been proposed by
I cannot but
the Honble the Court of Direct
informed of all that has been do
Consumption of Military Stores, a
Disbursements of all kinds on the
the year 1786, and which has sinc
great and Constant Attention tha
have supposed so much necessary
as their Letter seems to imply; muc
they would have sent the propose
lations prepared by Mr Jackson, which, although
they carry strong marks of the unremitting attention

of the Army on the
at a full Board
ke in to Consideration
this Government
d some regulations
ary Disbursements
W. Jackson
be of opinion that if
s had been fully
me to regulate the
d to Check Military
Establishments since
been an object of
they would not
still to be done
h he'e do I think
of rege-

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and zeal of that faithfull Servant of the Company, and certainly have much merit when it is remembered under what Circumstances they were drawn up, and that they are the work of a person, I believe, who served very little with any Army in the field. have also, on this account, many defects and tend, in some instances, to Create embarrassments and difficulties without in the least adding to the Security which it is so desirable to Establish against any unnecessary or Extravagant Expenditure in the Military Department, and which I trust has been very nearly sufficiently established by regulations much more Comprehensive and extensive (though not all yet Collected and published in our Code) than those proposed by Mr. Jackson, which appear to me rather as hints for some perfectly new Establishment, drawn together from a recollection of some long existing regulations, and a rather imperfect knowledge of Service in the field.

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Strict Oeconomy, is certainly most necessary, and, to that end, Certain regulations are necessary: but I am of Opinion that the fewer they are, and the more simple they are the better they will answer the end; and there cannot be better principles to proceed upon than that all Departments should be kept as seperate as possible, and that no person should hold two appointments so as to Lessen the Check that there ought to be on every one Seperately considered, consequently, the Commissary General ought not to be the person applied to for any thing — This Office, if it is at all necessary that such an Office should exist, should, in my Opinion, be solely an office of Check, and not an Office of Supply of any kind whatsoever; but I am of Opinion the Office is altogether unnecessary; the late Establishment of an auditor Generals' office at the Presidency, where all accounts must be finally passed, renders a Commissary General of the Army in the field, as far as I can judge, of no use; the head of each Department (regulations having been formed

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for each department) should be considered as the sufficient Voucher for that Department to the Commander in Chief as to the immediate state and Condition of that Department, and should be held responsible if any thing was found to be misrepresented in that Department, on any enquiry made into it. which the Commander in Chief certainly has power and means to make when he pleases; and any charge countersigned by the Head of a Department and accompanied with prescribed certificates, cannot, I conceive receive any signature further than that of the Commander in Chief, whose signature at once Confirms that the Charge was necessary. and made by his Authority; and I cannot possibly conceive how the signature of a Commissary can be thought necessary to add weight to that of the Commander in Chief, or in what instance it can give to Government any better security than it has already. For the help of the Commander in Chief in some degree. who has so much to attend to. as not to be able to examine every

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every thing with strict attention so as to be sure
that the regulations have been as much attended
to as they might have been, I think it would be
well to Establish, in lieu of the Commissary of the
Army a Clerk of the Check or Examiner, whose sole
charge which are to be sanctioned by the Com-
mander in Chief, and that, for this purpose, all
such should be previously laid before the Clerk
of the Check, and by him laid before the Commander
in Chief with his opinion on the same. The Commander
in Chief would then determine whether to sign
them or not; but whenever any charge should be
signed by the Commander in Chief it should, from
that moment, require no other signature whatsoever,
and should indemnify the paymaster for pay-
ing the charge to whatsoever Department.

And I cannot conceive it
would be good Policy to subject a Commander
in Chief to any sort of controul whatsoever of
any person or persons in the Camp which he
Commands

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Commands, or that it should at any time be necessa-
-ry for him to discover any part of his intended plan
of operations, by submitting to the Consideration of
any persons whatsoever whether such things were
necessary: it rests with him alone to form his plan, and;
having formed it, he knows best what is necessary;
and his order alone should be effective throughout
-out. and should be implicitly obeyed by the
head of any Department to whom it was addressed,
and the voucher for the charge, incurred, in conse-
-quence, in that Department. should be solely the
signature of the Commander in Chief, who, for his
own Security, will see that it has been examined
by the Clerk of the Check and is made in Strict
Conformity to Established regulations. or as
near as Circumstances will permit. and that the
proper Certificates accompany it

On this Idea I should consider
as heads of Departments in an Army, of Course,
all Commanders of Corps to the Extent of the
duties

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duties and expenditures of the Corps. and in a more general Idea.

The Commissary General of Stores for every Charge in the Ordinance and store Departments; to this Office all heads of Departments wanting Stores must apply: he must Charge for the whole, producing his Vouchers, & this charge and Vouchers must be examined by the Clerk of the Check, and signed by the Commander in Chief.

Commissary General of Grain provisions and Arack to this Office all heads of Department must apply for provisions of every kind allowed in the field, and Spirits: his Charge and vouchers must be examined by the Clerk of the Check, and countersigned by the Commander in chief.

Quarter Master General Through whom every thing relative to Tents must pass. If the Camp is upon Tent allowance, which I should conceive the Cheapest plan. this Officer will not be much incumbered or have much to do: his demands, charges, and vouchers to be examined by the Clerk

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Clerk of the Check, and Countersigned by the Commander in Chief—

The Surgeon Major for every charge relative to Hospitals, the sick, and wounded, each regimental Surgeon applying to him, and he charging for the whole, his charges and Vouchers, of Course, to be examined by the Clerk of the Check, and signed by the Commander in Chief— The Contractor or agent for supplying Carriages, Carriage and draught Bullocks, whose charges and Vouchers being examined by the Clerk of the Check his Accounts should be signed by the Commander in Chief: and lastly the Paymaster who should have no duty but that of payment and forwarding his Accounts to the Auditor General—

I presume that if Effectual regulations Exist for each of these Departments, and if these regulations are, as much as Circumstances will admit, properly attended to, which it must be the duty of the Clerk of the Check / who will

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have no other duty to do / to examine that every thing
that can be done is done for the Controul of the Expen-
-ditures in the Field — which appears to have been
the main Object of the Honorable the Court of Direc-
-tors, and which I have no doubt they will see has
been constantly attended to of late years, and during
this War in particular — one great Cause of the Evils
of which they complain in the last War was, that
their Government here was absolutely surprized &
found unprepared in every Department, and their
Treasury quite Empty, nor did the latter ever receive
any effectual Supplies throughout the War, which,
under such circumstances, could not but be produc-
-tive of Extravagant charges, and an heavy load of Debt
— I trust however that the measures lately persued &
still persuing will effectually Guard against every
such Cause of Expence in future — I have here given
my Idea of the System for Expenditures in the Field,
and which I believe is nearly the System of late
practised — I suppose all the Departments, in the
first instance, Compleatly equiped and fitted out
with

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with Stores, Carriages, Artificers. Cooleys. Lascars. and Cattle under the Orders of Government by the Military Board: how they are to be kept up must Depend upon Circumstances; and it is not possible to lay down any fixed rule. It must be by Indents on the Presidency or the nearest Arsenals or Stores, or by purchase in the field: and, to authenticate either of these, I think the Signature of the Head of the Department, Examination of the Clerk of the Check, and signature of the Commander in Chief, all that can be desired: every head of a Department is held responsible for every charge in his Department and every thing once delivered to his Department, should be considered as attached to it: the Clerk of the Check is to report if regulations are deviated from; that the attention of the Commander in Chief may be particularly drawn to that point, and an enquiry consequently be made, and the muster Master is an instrument at all times in the hands of the Commander in Chief, to be employed in any Department, when he pleases: the Signatures of the Heads of the inferior Departments, or Branches, such

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such as Artillery, Engineers, Cavalry, Infantry, &
will be the Vouchers to the greater Departments
Viz. Commissary General of Stores, Commissary &
General of Grain & Provisions, Agent or Contractor
for Cattle, and Surgeon Major, and the Signature
of the Commander in Chief, who can avail himself
constantly of the Clerk of the Check and the Muster
Master, ought to be a sufficient Voucher to the &
Paymaster to pay, and bring to account for the &
Auditor Generals Office; I am of opinion that very
little Embarrassment, and very little waste or fraud
can have place under such a system, and that
many Difficulties are removed, and no Check
effected by demolishing that Gigantic fabrick, and,
as I conceive, unnecessary Officer, the Commissary
of the Army, whose duty is much better provided
for by an auditor General at the Presidency, and
a Clerk of the Check, and Muster Master in the field,
the two Latter possess every necessary power and
consequence to establish sufficient Checks on all &
Departments; but, fortunately, none that can embar-
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was the Plans or operations of the Commander in Chief, which is almost as essential a matter to be attended to as the Disbursements, even were we to confine our thoughts to the Article of Expence alone —

I think it necessary to submit these ideas to the Board — I presume every Member will submit his thoughts on the Subject, and from these and our general Report to Government I hope Government will be enabled to render the minds of our Honble Employers perfectly easy on this very important Subject of Military Expenditure, and Convince them that it has been and still is a Subject to which the Military Board in particular has paid and is paying much attention. I shall now only add what has occurred to me on the mature examination of Mr Jackson's proposed regulations article by article. I fancy it will appear, however they may serve to mark that Gentleman's zeal and Capacity, that we can now derive very little advantage from them — Indeed I

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I believe very little now remains to be done by us unless Government should order us to revise all the existing regulations, and then prepare to lay before them an Amended and Corrected Copy, which will establish every Check — which can, without material Injury to the Service, be established on each particular and general Department — I believe this has been the Constant rule of the Service Viz.t That the Authority of Government or that of a Commanding Officer, when not incompatible With the orders of Government, Authorize the Disbursement of money for Public Services; there is nothing new therefore in this proposed Regulation, save, that it omits to include Chiefs at

Observations on reading Mr Jackson's proposed Regulations Article 6th

Subordinates and Residents, both of which I think ought to be included, under the same limitation in this case as the Authority of Commanding Officers, as they have equally occasion sometimes to Authorize Military Disbursements — I think the signature of either of these should be a sufficient Voucher for the Paymasters Disbursement

-ment. they are the heighest and best authority or which can be had on the Spot, and consequently the securest responsibility that Government can possibly have that no money will be improperly expended. for all public Charges must finally pass the Auditors Office before they can become a Debit to Government-it is surely better that the auditor General should have it in his power to call upon Superiors for a refund. than any person else I cannot therefore agree with Mr. Jackson in what he says, subsequently, that the Signature of the Commanding Officer is only a Certificate and no Voucher; I am decidedly of Opinion that the Signature of the Superior authority on the Spot ought always to be considered as a Voucher, and responsibility Consequently rest with that Superior, as the responsibility of the Superior is Certainly the best security any Government can have, particularly when that Superior is a Military man, Government having it almost always in it's power to reimburse itself. and it

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should be perfectly understood and made known, that whenever the Auditor General finally decided against any charges made by such Superior, that Government would reimburse itself out of his growing income at least, if it did not think it necessary to proceed any farther with all Superiors therefore Vouching any extraordinary disbursements on the Spur of the Occasion, excepting in the case of Secret Service, should be directed to advise the Auditor General, by Letter, of the same, so that when the Paymasters' accounts come before him, he would be able at once to determine whether to admit or reject the Charge.

Article 2d.

I think there should be no limitation in regard to secret Service, such as whether in the field or Garison, Chiefs. Residents and Officers in Command, though not in the field, may possibly render good Service to the state by the Employment of money secretly; if they Demand it therefore, and have such a receipt as Mr. Jackson has stated, I think the Paymaster

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master should not be authorized to hesitate about
the advance of it, it being always understood that
they are to make Oath to the Expenditure if required.—
This discretionary power might however be limited
to Chiefs and Residents and Officers of high Rank
and experience, and responsibility, in the Service,
and it being always understood that in all Cases
the most Speedy explanation possible in regard
to all money so employed must be forwarded to
Government, through the Channel of the Commander
in Chief if expended by an Officer — Government will
then decide whether such money has been Judici-
-ously applied or not, and admit or reject it accord-
-ingly, and give notice to the Auditor General
whether he is or is not to pass such a charge for
Secret Service; and, in case the Charge is rejected, the
person in Authority who drew the money from the
Paymaster should be made to refund it: as a Security
to Government, therefore, it may be well to Consider,
whether the Sum to be advanced should not be
limited — In the Case of an Officer, except when
employed in very important Services, it might be

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limited to a Sum not exceeding the Gratuity and o
ffreckonings due to him for the Current year, and it
might also be limited that no Paymaster should
make a second advance for such Service until the o
former had been passed.

Article 3d

I think what I have said on the
two former Articles applies to this — I mean, that I would
wish to Establish it as a principle that the Signature
of the Superior on the Spot should always be a
sufficient Voucher for immediate payment, subject
and responsible to the Controul of the Auditor or
General: I think if this principle is once established,
Superiors will be as attentive to all expendi=
tures of Publick money as their own and. I
cannot think of any regulation, that can so well
secure Government in all Cases of this kind.

Article 4th

I see nothing new in this regu=
lation: it has been the usage of the Service, but I
think it better that the Commanding Officer should
call a general Muster as often and when he
thinks proper, taking care that there shall be

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a muster once in every month if practicable, but

that there should be no stated time for musters —

Article 5th It is certainly proper that no

charge for Hircanahs should be paid except for

those Allowed to the Captain of the Guides; but

for the Commanding Officer, as he is the best judge

how to dispose of and Employ them, and will conse-

-quently furnish all such Officers under his Command

to whom they may be necessary; but, for the reasons I

have before stated, he being the most secure respon-

-sibility that can be had, and the Person who best

knows how, why, and when they are employed, I

should think his signature quite sufficient: the

charge for Hircanahs should form a part of his Contin-

-gent Bill, which, like every other, must be subject

to the Control of the Accountant General, who, in all

cases of which he can have any doubt, will natu-

-rally, before he decides, seek the Sanction of the Au-

thority of Government: that being understood, every

Officer authorizing the Expenditure of public

money, should be held responsible to submit

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to the decision of the Auditor General.

Article 6th

I concur entirely in opinion with Mr Jackson as to the Utility of this regulation nor can I think of any thing better to be done to this effect that when the Stores received have been examined by the Commanding Officer of Artillery, and Commissary of Stores, and such Checks as may be established, and who are directed to Certify the receipt on the spot in order that their Certificates may be forwarded with the Storekeepers account, that they should be directed to give a duplicate of all such or Certificates to the Commanding Officer on the spot as it is essential that the Officer to whom application was, in the first instance, made, to authorize the Demand, should be satisfied, to what extent and at what rates, Stores had, in Consequence of his Orders, been provided, and I think the form of the Certificate signed by the Commissary of Stores, and Commanding Officer of Artillery, should be, We, whose names are hereunto Subscribed, do Certify that we have examined

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examined the Stores contained in the accompanied
List, and which were ordered by the Commanding
Officer to be supplied for carrying on the Service,
and do find them as good and as Cheap as, under
all Circumstances, was practicable

Article 7th There is nothing new in the Propo-
=sed method of paying, Mustering, and Sam of
Opinion that all arrears due to deceased Soldiers
should remain at the head Quarters of the Corps,
as the place to which all Heirs will natu=
=rally, make application and, I believe the on-
=ly possible fixed place of application to
which Heirs can have recourse; all command=
=ing Officers, of Course, should therefore keep all
such Arrears in a Regimental Stock purse,
never to be taken from the Corps, in which should
be a Roll of the Persons to whom any thing, is
due, and specifying the Amount of the sum,
and whenever any Claim was made, a Regi=
=mental Committee, consisting of three Officers of
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the Corps, the Commanding Officer always to be one, should set upon it, and, if they find the Claim good, the money should be paid. and the Mans name, and the sum erazed, by just drawing a pen across both; and the Commitee should sign under, paid such a Day: and for this purpose sufficient room should be left on the Rolls. between each name: any money not claimed in three years should be applicable to any such fund as Government shall think proper to constitute for such purpose The act of Parliament or articles of War vests Officers of the Corps. and these only with the trust and Responsibility in regard to Effects Arrears &c. of deceased Officers. and Soldiers, and neither Commissaries or Paymasters can or therefore have any thing to do with such matters

Article 8th — I do not Conceive there is any necessity for a Commanding Officer to countersign any Officers Chit or demand for his Established Pay and Allowances: the Officer having signed them himself

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himself is sufficient proof of his presence, and the
General orders by Government, and regulations, he
have already settled his rank situation, Pay, and
Established allowances, and the Paymaster
cannot now be involved in difficulties comparable
to what he might heretofore, every thing being now
to be drawn for by heads of Corps or Departments
in one abstract: very few signatures therefore
will come before him. I conceive therefore the
Commanding Officers Signatures can never be
necessary, but as head of a Department, and to
authorize some extra disbursement, arising from
the exigencies of the Command he holds.—

Article — — — 9. 10. 11. On these articles I wish to hear
the Sentiments of the Chief Engineer before I deliver
any Opinion— But it does not strike me that
there is any thing new in them; they appear to be
the exact practice of the Service.

Article ——————— 12th I approve, and it is the usage
of the Service long Established.

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Article 13th

I approve, and let it be the wage of

the Service long Established.

Article 14th 15th 16th

I am of Opinion that these Three

Articles militate with The order that all Command-

-ing Officers of Corps are to draw for the whole Corps in

one Abstract: but I think some regulation for

paying ~~wounded~~ Officers or such as come in Sick from

the field, immediately on the Spot very proper.

Article 17th

Individuals ordered to March

should be paid full Batta from the day of the order,

if it appears they have been detained by some

Subsequent order or Occurrences of the Service: but

if the delay has been of their own creating, they

should only draw Batta from the Day they

actually march.

Article 18th

This has long been established.

I believe under the explanation now given by Mr.

Jackson.

Article 19th

I approve.

Article 20th

It is most indubitably proper

That

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that Government should approve any new appoint-
ment which the Officer Commanding in the field
finds it necessary to make before such Person so
appointed can draw pay; but, if approved by
Government, he should be entitled to draw pay
from the day he Commenced the duty by order of
the Officer Commanding.—

Article 21st I think whatever Sum Government
may determine to pay for an Horse killed on Service,
or failing in Consequence of Service, it should be
one and the same sum to every Officer to whom
an Horse is allowed every Officer if possible,
should be well mounted.—

Article 22d I am of Opinion that Brigade
Majors, whether in field or Garrison, cannot carry
on their duty without writers, and that they ought
to be allowed for them.—

Article 23d All Secretaries, as well as the
Secretary of the Commander in Chief, require
Candles.—

I shall

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Article 24th I hold the same Opinion with regard to Stationary.

Article 25th Every adjutant of an European Corps has so many Books to keep if he does his duty. that he ought Certainly to be allowed a Cooley to carry them.

Article 26th I know of no Warrant Officers in the Companies Service.

Article 27th By late regulations there are no Colonels attached to any Corps and Lieutenant Colonels Commanding have, on that account, a large allowance from the Offreckoning Fund.

Article 28th I approve; but, if consumed, from the Day of appointment

Article 29 It is not only possible, but very probable in this Climate and Country. Officers Commanding may sometimes find themselves so Circumstanced as to judge it much for the good of the Service to encrease the Cuckallies beyond the established number; in this as in all other Cases

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Cases of extra disbursement. I am of opinion, the Commanding Officer should be fully empowered to do what he thinks necessary, at the risk of standing to the Expence himself, if in Consequence of the disapprobation of Government the Auditor General rejects the Charge.

Article 30th All Charges respecting Doolys should I think be Certified by surgeons for Corps, and the Surgeon Major or Senior Surgeon in the Field should make a Return of and Certify for the whole number employed either regimentally or for the General Hospital.

Article 31st I would propose to the Board to enter seriously on the Consideration of a respectable Corps of Pioners: that we have not one I consider a great defect in the Establishment.

Article 32d The whole medical department appears to me to merit much consideration: nor do I think, what Mr Jackson has said upon the Subject by any means adequate to the importance of the Object: but I am Convinced by experience, that Coolys indented for, by the Day, to Commissaries

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Commissaries, and which are usually prefsed —
. Men never answer: they break, distroy, and abandon
things Committed to their charge, so as to create
ativinous Expense to the Company. Small Cases
where the number can be ascertained they should
be monthly Servants, and kept to the same duties
throughout under the entire charge of the head of
the Corps. or Department. to which they belong.

Article 33d

This will depend upon the manner
in which Bullocks are to be furnished, either by
Contract. or an expres Agent: the Quantum of Bul-
=locks for a Corps must depend upon the establish=
=ment of that Corps, or its numbers in the field. and
=bly be different on Different Services. and all this
I conceive must be regulated by the Officer —
Commanding on the Spot. If Bamboos are not
to be carried on Bullocks. & Jancy Bamboo Coolys
must be again employed. I am told it has not
answered to carry them by the Lascars —

Article 34th

I think this the duty of a —
Master

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Muster Master and Clerk of the Check —

Article - 35th As it is of much Consequence to have a good supply of good Bullocks: if there is no Contract I think every person should be free to tender Bullocks to hire, but none should be taken into the Service unless Approved by a Committee appointed for that purpose —

Article - 36th This regulation appears very proper but I think all this should be done by the Commissary of Grain and Provisions, whose department I conceive it to be to victual the Troops, and who should be with them —

Article - 37th I think the Captors of Bullocks, and Sheep should be allowed the Current price for them: that is the price which the Commissary of provisions at that time Charges for Bullocks and Sheep purchased —

Article - 38th Arrack and Provisions is issued daily, on specific Indents made from Corps, according to their present strength, and, I suppose, brought to Account accordingly: the Returns of the Corps

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Corps will always Establish a Check on these
Indents and Issues

Article 39th

Very proper in the Field, but for
the purchase of Horses generally, Government has
established Agents.

Article 40th

Contains a number of regulations,
duties and disbursements — already well provi-
ded for and established; I have already given
my Opinion that the responsibility ought to
remain with the person highest in authority
and that the signature of such person should
be Considered as sufficiently indemnifying the
Paymaster with regard to the Lascars. they are
the Cause of very Considerable disbursement, and
it is an Establishment of so much importance,
that I could wish the Board Individually
to turn the subject in their minds, that we may
be prepared to propose a Plan for putting that
Establishment upon as regular a footing, as every
other Establishment: it is to all intents and
purposes a military Establishment, and a
very essentially necessary one, and should

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be well considered while we are on the subject of
. Military disbursements. I think they should be
divided on the Coast into three large Corps or Gangs,
one for the Center Division under the orders of
the Military Board, one for the Southern Division
under the orders of the Committee of Works and
Stores at Trichinopoly, one for the northern
Division under the Committee of Works and
Stores at Masulipatam: and from these all
Detachments should be made for Stations
as Services in the respective Divisions they
should in all places be as regularly Paraded
Morning and Evening as any of the Troops,
and as regularly Mustered, and entirely
Subject to the orders of the Officer Command-
-ing on the Spot. who, having supplied the Store
keeper daily with the number required for
his Department, should distribute the rest on
public Works, as occasion may require and as
applications are made by Engineers or other
having public Works in hand: when no Specific
Works is in hand, there is always sufficient
employ

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employ for them on Adjacent Roads. drains &c. the Commanding Officer should be held respon= =sible. that they are not employed on mere pre= =vate Business: Monthly Returns. and De= =tails of them. should be sent regularly to the Head Quarters of them in the Division, ie. to the Committees at Masulipatam and Trichinopoly and from these to the general Head Quarter. ie. the Military Board at the Presidency. and, as exact Muster Rolls should be made of them all, either effective. Invalided. or Pensioned. as of any of the Troops. they appear to me at pre= =sent not sufficiently well regulated. though a very necessary part of the Military Establish= =ment a similar regulation may I think be well adopted for all Artificers who may be to formed into one great Gang or Corps under the Military Board and so detached to all the departments and Corps as the service may require, and the regulations authorize the placing this People under the orders of the Paymaster appears to me as very irregular

because

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because the Office of Paymaster, is not and ought not to be an Office of any Control or authority, but simply that of Payment, as the Honble the Court of Directors on have determined in their Letter of the 4th of August, and Mr. Jackson's Idea is in direct opposition to that of the Court of Directors, as it places those people under the sole orders of the Paymaster, who Consequently cannot be subject to any Check or Control over them, which Certainly ought not to be the case, if he is the person who is to pay them and bring them to account.

/Signed/ John Brathwaite.

A true Copy

/Signed/ James Brodie
Secy M. B.

Minute of Colonel. Malcolm

Military Auditor General

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In obedience to the orders of Government to this Board, I shall now State the Observations which

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which occur to me on the Subjects comprehended in the Extract of the Honorable Company's Letter. Dated 4th. August 1791, in communication with the proposed set of Regulations for the Service at this Presidency, drawn out by Mr. William Jackson.

The matter on which the Observations of this Board is called for by Government appears to me divisible into Four General Heads.

First General Head

The process by which the Military Expenditures are to be incurred and checked, and the responsibility to be attached to every Individual employed in Departments of Supply and trust, in order that regularity may be established in every Stage of Disbursement. That every article of Store shall be good: and that a rigid Economy, shall be observed in the Military Expenditures both in Peace and War

Second General Head

Uniformity of System at the Presidencies of Bengal Madras and Bombay in keeping and checking the accounts of Military Expenditures

Third General Head

The Utility of a Final Audit in Bengal of the Accounts of Military Expenditures at Madras and Bombay.

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Fourth General Head

Equality between the Kings and Company's Troops in regard to the periods of payment, and the denomination of Currency in which the payments are made, together with the General rule to be observed in making payments to Soldiers of every description, and in the liquidation of such Arrears as may be unavoidable.

I shall State my Observations under each head Seperately, and conclude with such General remarks as arise from a consideration of the whole. I proceed to do this in the confidence that, my opinions as a public Officer being called for by my Superiors on an important public Subject, I am fully authorised to State them without any reserve, that is not provided for in the respect and deference due to the opinion of Superiors at a time it is made a point of duty to express my own.

First General Head

"In regard to the process by which the Military Expenditures are to be incurred and checked &c. &c. &c. &c.

There can be no doubt of the general principles

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principles being well founded which are laid down by the Honorable the Court of Directors in the 13th & 33d Paragraph of the General Letter before us: although this is my opinion, I am inclined to consider that the Service may suffer, at times, by limiting, without reserve of any kind, the Disbursements of money on Account of Secret Service to the Commander in Chief and Commanding Officers of Detachments: because from the very extensive frontier we occupy under this Presidency, several of our distant posts are well calcu= =lated in point of situation for obtaining early and useful Intelligence of the conduct of our Neighbours on matters essentially necessary for us to be informed of, and to provide against, but of which Intelligence we will probably be deprived unless it is intended that the latitude granted in the conclusion of the 33 Paragraph to the Commander in Chief, on the Score of Secret Service Money, shall by him be extended to the Officers he may judge best qualified, from situation and otherways, to be entrusted with the expenditure of money occasionally for procuring intelligence.

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The concluding part of the 13th Paragraph directs a Proceeding which perhaps may not be found so necessary in the case of Contracts or Engagements now existing that may have been entered upon under a penalty mutually provided for by the Contracting parties, and if adopted, as a summary measure, in such Cases, it may tend to deter many Men from entering into Engagements of Supply by Contract, that would greatly benefit the Service: I am therefore inclined to believe that the reasonable time which the Honble Court has been pleased to allow for the parties to abandon the Contracts in question or to relinquish the Service, is meant to provide against any measure which, however desireable in one point of view, might tend, in other respects, to the prejudice of the Service and of the Individuals who have entered into Contracts depending on the good faith of this Government.

The General rule which the Honble the Court has directed to be observed Viz.t "That no person whose office attaches to him the Purchase, Issue, Payment, Charge, or Control of the Military Expenditure, or disbursements

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"ordinary and Extraordinary, shall be entrusted or concer-
"ned in any Contract or Engagements for Cattle, Stores
"Provisions, Spirits &c. &c." does not appear to me to
have been the General rule at this Presidency; and it
will be required, I conceive, in compliance with the
General principles established by the Honble Court
which are particularly defined on this part of the
Subject, in the 69th Paragraph of the Letter before us,
"That each Office and Department shall be kept
"completely seperate and distinct for the purpose
"of preserving an effectual check and Controul"—

The Department of Commissary
General of Grain and Provisions, the Agency for the
Supply of Spirituous Liquors the Medicial Store
Department, the Office of Paymaster at Subordinates
and Outstations acting in the three fold capacity
of Paymaster, Storekeeper and Deputy to the Commis-
sary General of Grain and Provisions, and the
Military Storekeeper at the Presidency, the Person hold-
ing this Station being the Agent for providing Military
Stores, appear to me to be Offices that are more or
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less Objectionable at present under a consideration of the principles of System laid down by the Honble Court. The Office or Contract of Purvey for the Hospitals will fall to be included of the same description, unless it shall be provided for, in the Agreement with Mr. Parrow's Successor, that every Article furnished for the Hospitals that can be placed in charge of an Officer seperate and distinct from the Purveyor, shall be so placed, under any new agreement which may be adopted in that Department of the Service.—

It becomes necessary in this place to remark on what is said concerning the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency: in the Minute of the Commissary General of Stores he States — "That the "Military Storekeeper, who is the Agent of Supply, is "neither interested or employed in the Issue or Expen- "diture of the Military Stores, that being the Pro- "vince of the Commissary General of Stores under the Sanction and Authority of the Military Board."

I find by the Regulations, under the Head of "Commissary General of Stores at

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Fort St. George. "That this Officer is in fact in charge of the Stores at the Presidency, and that it does not appear, either in the old or new Books of Regulations for the Service on the Coast, that the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency is expressed, specially, to be the Officer in Charge of the Military Stores at the Presidency, otherways than as the charge should be considered to follow as a matter of course from the general acceptation of the duties of the Office in Military arrangements and expenditures.

It may appear therefore that the existing practice, as Stated by the Commissary General of Stores, under the authority of the Regulations, is at variance with what may be considered the rights and duty of officer in a Military Storekeeper.

This proceeding of the Service on the Coast arose, I imagine, from the custom generally followed of placing in the Military Storekeeper the duty of providing the Military Stores.

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The Military Storekeeper was a member of Council until of late years, and Presided at the Committee of Stores: but the Duty of this Committee is now vested in the Military Board.

Regulations appear both in the old and new Books for Storekeepers at Subordinates and out Stations. but both books are Silent in regard to a Specific regulation on the same principle, for the Duty of the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency which Appears to me an omission that ought to be rectified.

I conceive myself called upon, by the consideration of the Subject before us, under the principles laid down by the Honble Court Paragraph 33d, to express my opinion that responsibility for the Receipts and Issues of the Military Stores and for all the important Duties of Military Storekeeper at the Presidency should be established in one person, which does not appear to be the case at present, as the Military Storekeeper absents that no Stores can be received or issued from

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from the Stores there without his Authority, while, at the same time, the practice, as stated by the Commissary General of Stores, points out a proceeding so very different. Affecting the Military Stores, as to leave the party to which responsibility attaches, in some degree, doubtful.

The duty and designation of each Office should correspond: for the purpose of ascertaining precisely the means and efficiency of check: or if, in any case, it appears proper to place them at variance, it may prove publickly useful to have the cause clearly established as a part of the System, in such cases to be observed.

The Honble Court having established, in the 13th and 33d Paragraphs of the General Letter before us, certain first principles: proceed, in paragraph 34 and from that to paragraph 70 inclusive, to a detail of a variety of Regulations that will, in general, be found useful in producing order and Regularity, responsibility in office, efficiency of check,

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Strict Economy in the Military Expenditures

When I express myself as considering those details to be of a Description that will only in general be found useful, I beg leave to explain, that it may be totally impracticable to comply with some of them on Field Service, and that some inconsiderable variation of others may be found necessary, on adverting to the present situation of the Service on the Coast.

The existing Regulations at this Presidency provide already for many of the cases pointed out by the Honble Court, and when those Regulations are revised, under an adoption of the first principles laid down by the Honorable Court, affecting appointments and the constitution of all Offices connected with the Military Expenditures, it will be easy to arrange the alterations and amendments which require to be inserted, together with such parts of Mr. Jackson's proposed Set of Regulations as appear new or applicable, under a consideration of the part of the existing Rules of the

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the Service which are not objected to on the principles of System laid down by the Honble Court.—

These Rules render it unnecessary to adopt many of Mr Jacksons regulations, while others will be found not to apply, from the Changes that have taken place since the period that his labours were so zealously exerted to benefit the Service on the Coast, several will fall to be inserted. but I am confident it will not be expected, by the Honorable Court, that this should be done in any ways than by a Selection which will clearly provide against any inconsistency that might arise from entering the whole without previously considering the fitness of the proposed Set of Regulations on comparison with the Changes that have taken place since Mr Jackson drew them out; besides which it will be found, I imagine, that some parts of Mr Jackson's regulations are contrary either to the first principles of System, or to the regulations pointed out by the Honble Court; for Example, at the Close of Article 40th of the former I observe that Mr Jackson inserts

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inserts in a Notabene "that in case of the absence of
"the Commissary (Military Auditor General)
the Paymaster is to act for him."

Whereas the Honble Court, in
Paragraph 70th of their General Letter before us,
expressly declare "that, in the absence of the Commissa-
"ry (Military Auditor General) his Duty must
not devolve on the Paymaster."

There can be no doubt of the Wisdom
of the prohibition, thus so pointedly expressed, to
the Paymaster officiating in the duty of the Officer
of Audit and check. Which induces me to be
of opinion that the Paymaster and the auditor, or
Officer of Check, should not be joined together
in the execution of duties affecting the Supplies,
and the expences to be incurred; because the
Seperate consideration and duty of those Two
Offices forms a very essential part of the effecting
of Check on the public expenditures: I think it
my duty to make this remark, in consequence
of the orders I have received from Government,
although I perceive that my opinion is not

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precisely conformable to some parts of the rules pointed out by the Honorable Court.

I shall now advert to some of the principal points contained in the paragraphs of the General Letter now before us, from 34 to 70 inclusive, and, in communication with the 76th Paragraph, which forms a part of the Division I have classed under the first General Head.

The reasoning adopted by the Honble Court, in Paragraph 76th, in regard to the operations of the Commander in Chief in the Field, of a System established on the first principles they have laid down, appears to me conclusive.

In thus expressing my sentiments on this part of the Subject, it occurs to me that the rule exhibited in 37 Paragraph, in the case of Supplies to be provided with an Army on Field Service, is not intended to be understood in the literal sense conveyed by the Words of that Paragraph, prohibiting the Commander in Chief from authorizing the purchase of Stores before the Commissary

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Commissary of the Army, the Commissary of Grain and Provisions, or the Storekeeper, together with two Field Officers shall have certified that such purchases are necessary; because, if the rule is to be literally understood, it may be found to be subsersive not only of the Authority and responsibility which is considered to attach to a Commander in Chief employed on a distant Field Service, but also to place the power of judging of the necessity of Expences in certain Officers who should not, I conceive, be considered qualified, as a matter of course, to decide usefully in such cases.

I understand the Military Auditor General to be meant under the designation of Commissary of the Army, as the former Officer was held, until very lately, under the latter designation

The Commissary of Grain and Provisions and the Storekeeper, although they may be authorised to Indent for such Articles as they may suppose necessary with their respective Departments, subject to such Indents being passed by a superior Authority, do not appear to me eligible in

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in point of principles of System to act in a manner which will operate as a power over the Commander in Chief under the form of a negative voice — they are I conceive in the situation of Officers that it will be proper to call upon for Returns of the State and condition of their respective Departments, and for such other information as they may have the means of giving, but not to be invested with a prohibitory voice in regard to the Articles to be purchased or the expence to be incurred —

I beg leave however to express my Opinion, and trust it will accord with the intentions of the Honorable Court, that it will be extremely useful to establish the principle on Field Service of Assembling a Board of Officers to assist the Commander in Chief in determining on the necessity of providing Supplies and to investigate the means by which they can be procured of the best quality, at the Cheapest rates, and in the most expeditious manner —

I am of opinion that the Board for these purposes if thought necessary, should consist of the same description of Officers that stand appointed Members of the Military Board by order of the Hon.ble Company

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Company, and that it shall be in the option of the Commander in Chief to add one or more Officers to the number in the Field, none of which shall be persons employed in providing the Supplies or in charge of the Articles to be supplied.—

That it shall be a part of the duty of this Board to inform themselves, as correctly as possible, of the means within each Department to provide the whole or a part of the Articles required through the labour of the Artificers or Workmen on their respective establishments, with the assistance of others regimentally distributed to the Different Corps.—

That the actual State, in regard to quantity and quality, in the Camp Bazares, of the several articles wanted, and the prices, shall be a necessary part of their Investigation.—

That they shall be authorized to call for written Certificates of Information and report from the Superintendent of the Bazars, and from the heads of all Offices from whom they shall desire information

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information.

That the President and each Member of this Board shall affix their Names to the report to be made of their proceedings to the Commander in Chief, after detailing the quantum of each Article which, in their judgement, is necessary to be provided, the probable means of being supplied, and the fixed or probable rates of purchase according to the information they have received, and, in case a difference of opinion shall arise, either in regard to the necessity of the Supplies, the means, the quantum, or the rates, that the Sentiments of each Member shall be inserted in the proceedings to enable the Commander in Chief to form a judgement with the fullest information before him on the Subject—

That the Commander in Chief shall ultimately decide on the necessity of the expence being incurred, on the quantum and quality of Supplies to be provided, and on the mode of payment:— considering him as the first Man in point responsibility and the best Security in an Army—

That