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# Diary

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry

Received Letter from the Rajah of Calastry, entered in C.C. No 185. enclosing Sinnah Nair's reply regarding the property he was accused of having plundered from Ram Purshad

Recieved the following Letters

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

Sir.

From Persian Translator at Bengal enclosing letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Rajah of Travancore

I have the pleasure to inclose a Letter from the Governor General to the Rajah of Travancore, which you will be pleased to forward, with the information of the Honble the President, to its address.

A Copy of it in English and Persian accompanies for the Information of the Honble Board.

I am,
Sir
Your
(Signed) G. T. Cherry
Pers Transr

Calcutta
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To the 23d Rajah of Travancore

Written 30th September 1792

To the Rajah of Travancore requiring an immediate release of all Tippoo Prisoners —

Having lately received intimation from Tippoo Sultaun that, at the commencement of the late war, while he was in the vicinity of your Country, and an Engagement took place between your Army and his, several of his Commanders were taken prisoners, whose Names are in the Separate Paper inclosed, and that he had learnt from a Brahmin Named Jewun Row, who had been also a Prisoner and had made his Escape, that some of those People had been put to Death, but he had received no account of those who remained, I think it necessary, in consideration of the connection between the Company and you, to inform you, that, by virtue of the Treaty of Peace at Seringapatam the contracting Powers are bound to release all Persons Prisoners with them: and, having considered your Subjects who may be Prisoners with Tippoo Sultaun in the same manner as

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the Company's Subjects, and in consequence of your notification that many who were taken during the war have not been released, having written to Tippoo Sultaun on the Subject, I request that you will immediately release all such Persons belonging to Tippoo Sultaun, as may be in confinement, and transmit to me, for the information of Tippoo Sultaun, a faithful Account of any who may be dead while in your Country—

While I am thus anxious that no Condition of the Treaty should be left unperformed on the part of the Allies or their Friends, I am not unmindful of the representations which you have made in respect to the three Talooks included by Tippoo Sultaun in the Division of Territory ceded to the Company, and in behalf of the People said to be confined by Tippoo Sultaun. I have written to him on these Subjects, and request that you will rely on the friend-

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Friendship of the Company, who considering
your zealously attached to their Interests,
will see that justice is done you.—

List of Persons represented by Tippoo Sultaun to
have been made Prisoners by the Rajah of
Travancore

Tubeyet Ally Khan
Meer Kunum ul Deen
Mahomed Omar
Mahomed Hoseen
Mahomed Said
Abdul Mahomed
Mahomed Tippoo
Golaum Hyder—

A true Copy
I Signed J. H. Cherry
Pers Trans.r

W. C. Jackson Esqre
Secretary to the Political Department
Fort St George

From Collector at Tinivelly enclosing Major Dalrymple's reply to his last letter.—

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to
enclose Copy of Major Dalrymples reply to
my

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my Letter of the 15th instant, a Copy of —
which was transmitted to you Yesterday.

As the Major has written
to Mahomed Ali Beg to the effect —
mentioned in his reply, I agree with
him in opinion that the Explanation
which I suggested, would, now, be —
improper —

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) Alex. Macleod
Coll.r

Dendigul
17th October 1792

Alexander Macleod Esq.re
Collector

Sir,

I was favored with your's of yesterday
late last night. I am perfectly of your
opinion that very reasonable time should
be given, and every method used, to detach
Goundun from Veerapatchee —

I do not see the necessity of
writing again to Mahomed Ali Beg, or
Mahomed Rous, as Mahomed Ali Beg
has

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has already been wrote to the Government that
very much disapproved of Veraputchas —
Conduct, and had ordered an inquiry into it
would not writing again appear too ir-
regular?—

Dindigul
6th October 1792.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J.P. Dalrymple
Majr

A true Copy
(Signed) Alex Macleod Lieut

To W.C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

From Lieut Agnew for Invalid Clothing on the subject of Artillery — Lascars Clothing for 1790 not indented for — Forms of Indents —

Permit me to request you will
mention to the Honble Board, that no —
Indents for Clothing for the use of the
Invalid Artillery Lascars for the year 1792
were ever sent to me, of course no Clothing
was ever made, and the stoppages upon this
Account have, to this moment, remained in
the hands of the Company: some demands
have been made within these few days for
this Clothing, which cannot now be —
discharged

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discharged without the directions of the Honble
Board for that purpose

Give me leave Sir to —
suggest that if an order was Issued, directing
the Commanding Officers where Invalid —
Artillery Lascars are Stationed to deliver
to their respective Paymasters without loss
of time, a List of the Claimants, agreeably
to the enclosed forms, they might, by them,
be transmitted to the Paymaster General,
and, after being checked and Allowed, —
directions might be given for the Payment
and if it was expressed that no claim would
be admitted after the 15th of December next
the whole would be adjusted whilst I was
on the Spot to afford any information —
and Assistance that might appear —
necessary — —

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I am,
Sir &c &c
R. Gomonde
Late Agent for Invalid
Clothing —

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23d The Honble Company Dr

To Cloathing for the undermentioned Invalid Artillery Lascars for the year 1790

| No | Names | Ranks | Corps Invalided from | Corps they belong to | Actual time to be Invalided |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Coverapah | Lascar | 1st Battn | 12 | 1st January 1787 |
| | Modeen Saib | Lascar | 2 ditto | 4 | 16 Nov 1789 |

24th Received letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No 186 stating that four Foreigners had arrived in the Palnaud Districts without the Districts of his Highness

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No 187 enclosing Mr Andrews reply to the Charges of his Highness — Manager at Trichinopoly against him —

Despatched the following Letters

Ditto-ditto to the Nabob

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G. Governor General in Council at Fort William

To Bengal enclosing Accounts Expences of each Kings Regiment from 25 June 1789 to 24 June 1790 cause of their arrear explained similar accounts to June 1792 will shortly follow

My Lord

On the 1st Instant we had the Honor to receive your Lordships letter dated the 6th of August —

We

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2 We last no time in calling upon our Military Paymaster General to explain the Cause of the delay in the transmission of the Accounts of Payments to His Majesty's Troops serving under this Presidency - and the Reason he has assigned for not sending them to a later Period than June 1789 is, "that the "Accounts had not been received from His "Majesty's Paymaster General." -

3 We have now the honor to enclose seperate Abstracts of the entire Expences incurred by each of his Majesty's Regiments serving on this Coast, accompanied by a General Abstract of the Amount of the Disbursements of each Regiment from 25th June 1789 to the 24th June 1790, and we hope in a short time to be able to transmit similar accounts to June 1792. -

4 In future the Statements required by your Lordship shall be sent every Six Months, upto the 24th day of every June and December, as far as regards the King's Subsistence, and

to

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to the end of these Months as far as
regards the Extraordinaries—

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We have the honor to be
with respect &c &c
(Signed) Charles Oakeley
for Council

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.
Governor General in Council
at Fort William

To Bengal with
a Copy of the last
letter from & to Colonel
Maxwell Complaint
of Rajah of Ramnad
referred with papers
on the Subject

My Lord,

1st We have the honor to transmit
to your Lordship Copy of a letter received
Yesterday from Lieutenant Colonel
Maxwell with Copy of our answer—

2 In regard to the Complaint
preferred to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell
by the Rajah of Ramnad, we cannot give your
Lordship more complete information than by
transmitting an Extract from the Report of the
Board of Assumed Revenue under date the 23
May 1792.—

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We have the honor to be
with Respect &c &c
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
for Council

To

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To Colonel John Brathwaite
President &c. Members of the
Military Board —

To the Military Board
referring Lieut Capper's
letters regarding the
Provision of Bullock Carts
for the Center Division
—sentiments of the
Board on the subject
—a mode for the
future supply of
them less expensive
than the present
to be suggested

Gentlemen,

We herewith transmit Copies of two letters addressed to us by Lieutenant Francis Capper Barrack Master in the Center Division of the Carnatic. —

We do not consider the orders of the 22d October 1786 and 25th January 1788 in the same light with Lieut Capper; nor do we suppose that it ever could have been the meaning of Government that the terms "to last for three years" implied, that if a given Number of Carts were provided at the Eve of a War for the use of the Troops, and that those Troops were in the field nearly the whole time for which the Carts were to last, and consequently made no use of them for that period, that the Company were to pay precisely at the same rate as if all the Carts had been in actual use for the whole

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whole time they were to serve - Indeed Lord Cornwallis himself appeared to entertain a different opinion last year from that he does now - for, in answer to a question from us "why the recruits from Europe had "not been furnished from the Cotts in "Store, a considerable number of which "had been unoccupied since the commence- "ment of the War" he observed that "his "reasons for not serving out the Cotts in "Store to the Europeans lately arrived, he "hoped would appear satisfactory, as they "originated in a wish to avoid rather than "incur any additional expence to Government" - and this, was a principal inducement with us for consenting to pay him for the provision of new Cotts for those 24 recruits. But we cannot understand how any expence could be avoided, or rather how it was possible not to incur a considerable additional expence, if the Cotts at that time unoccupied, were, - notwithstanding, then running on in the

period

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period for which they were to last.—

You will observe by the accompanying return that every Colt in the Center Division was provided subsequently to February 1789 - the War commenced early in 1790, and the Troops did not return into Cantonment until the middle of the year 1792 - but what determines the point more than every other consideration is, the Provision of fifteen hundred new Coats for the recruits of the last — season, when there were more than that Number actually in Store at the time the provision was made. —

It is not our intention, however, that Lieutenant Cassper should sustain any loss - we wish only to do strict justice between the Company and the Barrack Master, and we desire, in consequence, that you will furnish us with your opinion, whether any and what compensation should be granted to Lieutenant Cassper for the injury — which

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which the Cattle may have sustained during the time the Troops were in the Field — mentioning, at the same time, if you can ascertain it, the proportion of Cattle in actual use in the Coast division during the year. We must here remark that we were totally unacquainted with the circumstance stated in Lieut. Caspers Letter, Viz! "that the Cattle provided for "the Cantonment of Walajanbad were "piled up on the Glacis of the Fort, "& hungle put during the year."

As the arrangements for the Barrack Masters Department are defective in many points - as they seem not to have been drawn with that precision which the Subject — demanded - and as different interpretations have frequently been put upon them, we wish you to suggest such mode for the future provision of Cattle as may appear to you most likely to remedy these defects, and, at the same time

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time, before the heavy expence of the present System - we shall withhold our orders for any further provision — until we are furnished with your report.

We are,
&c &c &c
(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&c Council

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List of Papers sent to the Military Board

No 1 Letter of this Date
2 Letter from Lieut Frances Capper with a Return of Cotts in the Center Division ——— } 13th October 1792
3 Do from Do Do with Do — Do } 18th Do — Do
4 Regulation for the office of Barrack Master ———
5 Additional Do for do — do — 25th January 1788
6 Return of Cotts in the Center Division
7 Letter to Lieut Frances Capper — 23 March 1790
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To Lieut Colonel Hamilton Maxwell

Commanding the Detachment

Serving to the Southward

Sir.

To Lieut Colonel Maxwell - the seizure of the Poligers approved and the good Conduct of Major Stevenson on the occasion - Proof of the undue influence used with them required -

I am directed by the Board to inform the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th Instant and to inform you that he approves the Measures you adopted for securing the persons of the Poligars, in consequence of their refusal to fulfill the Settlement they had entered into with you at Palamcotah -

The President in Council remarks with satisfaction the Testimony you have borne the Zeal and good Conduct of Major Stevenson and he desires you will express to that Officer the Sense he entertains of the correct attention with which your orders were executed -

He is much pleased with your endeavours to obtain substantial Proof of that undue Influence which you suspected to have been used with

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with the Poligars, and desires you will
transmit the most accurate information
you can procure upon that point.

I am,
Sir, &c &c
(signed) W. C. Jackson
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To Mr Benjamin Toren

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the
President in Council to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated the 22d
Instant, and to inform you that so soon
as Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has
stated the Grounds for his suspicion of
improper interference on the part
of your Dubash, they will be duly
communicated to you. In the mean
time, I am ordered to send you the
following Extract from his letter received
Yesterday. — "I have reason to think that
"I shall be able, in the course of a few
"days, to lay before you substantial —
proof

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Jam. Hamilton Esqr. Boston

State of Lafayette in closing any Commercial Intercourse—

Jam. Hamilton

Secretary of State

Philadelphia

Sir

I have the honour to enclose for your information, a Copy of a Proclamation issued by the President of the United States, on the 24th Instant, forbidding any Commercial Intercourse with the Dominions of the King of France, and also a Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Virginia to me, on the same Subject, which requests that I will cause the Proclamation to be published in the Gazettes of this State, and transmit to the Governors of the other States, the Letter which he has addressed to me.

I have the honour to be Sir Your most obedient Servant

Jam. Hamilton

Jam. Hamilton

Secretary of State

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Ltr B Nos 192. 193. 194. 195. 196.

To Resident at Travancore —

To Resident at Travancore forwarding the letter from Lord Cornwallis to the Rajah — with a translation thereof —

To Captain Oliver Commanding 13th Battalion

To Commandant of 13th Battalion his Signature to the pay Abstracts does not, of Course, involve him in responsibility for any Loss. —

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General the Sum stopped from Lieutenant Cockburn and Cornet Roberts for two Tents issued to them at Vellore to be repaid.

To Colonel Floyd

To Colonel Floyd advising of the orders above given. —

To Lieutenant Montgomery of the Cavalry —

To Agent for Horses at Arcot desiring he will supply such Number as may be occasionally wanted to Complete the Body Guard. —

At

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# At a Consultation

Present

## The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Friday 26th October 1792

Governor — President

## Ernst William Fallofield Esqre

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read the following letters from Bengal —

## To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council at Fort St George

From Bengal the contribution proposed to be demanded from the Travancore — Rajah towards the Expences of the Military Establishment approved —

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, dated the 31st of last Month, and approve intirely of your calling upon the Rajah of Travancore to allot a certain Portion of his Revenues for the support of the Company's Military Establishment that are kept up for the general defence — according

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according to Sir Charles Oakeley's proposition. —

We have the Honor to be
Hon^ble Sir &c &c
Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

Fort William
24th September 1792

(Signed)

To the Hon^ble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Hon^ble Sir,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 6th Instant and to express our entire approbation of the Draft of the Treaty, you have prepared, to be concluded with the Rajah of Tanjore, on the same Principles that governed that which was lately entered into by the Governor General with the Nabob of the Carnatic, and comprehending the latest arrangement of the Hon^ble Court of Directors with respect to the Rajah's Payments. —

Ditto Draft of Treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore duly approved

We

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We request that a copy of the Treaty, in the English and Native Languages may be transmitted to us, as soon as convenient after the same shall have been executed by your Government and the Rajah—

We have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir, &c.

Fort William
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(Signed) Cornwallis
Peter Speke
Wm. Cowper

To the Hon'ble Sir Charles Oakeley &c
Governor in Council
at Fort St George

From Ditto in reply to the Proposition to add two Battalions to the Establishment — incompetent at present—

Hon'ble Sir,

The Governor General has laid before us your letter, dated the 16th of July, submitting to his Lordship, for the Reason therein stated, the Expediency of Strengthening your Military Establishment by the Addition of two Battalions to supply the Place of those lent to the Nizam; or, if this be ineligible, that the

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the present Force allotted for the Protection of the Circars be increased by adding to each Company of the Native Infantry in that Quarter in the proportion requisite to make up the Deficiency occasioned by the circumstance abovementioned.—

We shall only say that we do not wish that either of those Measures should be adopted at present, and, in the course of the next Six Months, it may perhaps be more easy to Determine whether any Augmentation to your regular Military Establishment will be indispensably necessary.—

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir &c &c
Cornwallis
(Signed) Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

Fort William
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Resolutions in consequence.

Resolved that the proposition stated in Sir Charles Oakely's Minutes of the 31st August be communicated to the Rajah of Travancore

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Resolved that Mr Powney be advised of the subject and directed to place it before the Rajah in a strong point of view.

Read the following letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered also in C.C. No 1831

## Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart &c &c

Dated 11th October 93.

From the Rajah of Tanjore stating additional arguments against the terms of the proposed treaty with hereafter reply to the statement of his Private Debts - intreats that the Article regarding Serfoge and the Effects of the late Rajah may be withdrawn - and encloses an address to Lord Cornwallis.

I have received the letter which your Excellency did me the favor of sending through means of Mr Swartz under date 29th September, and the contents have given me the greatest concern after writing my sentiments so fully upon the different points of the Treaty, which you transmitted to me, I did expect that your Excellency would have favoured me so far as form an arrangement by which I might obtain relief without injury to the Company or inconvenience to their affairs. I am therefore much surprized that you should, in answer, have said that it

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it is not in your power to depart from the instructions of the Company regarding my annual payments. Though the — Company did not ascertain the value of my country from its accounts, yet, convinced, by my writings and the public report, of the unjust principles upon which Sir A. Campbell's Treaty was framed, determined to free me from the heavy burthen and to grant relief, for which they accordingly sent orders. In this view it is evidently clear that it was the intention of the Company to have an easy — arrangement made; and I have the firmest conviction that if the accounts of the Collector's receipts had been known to the Company, they would, without paying any attention to Sir A. Campbell's Statements have sent instructions for granting me relief according to the resources of the country. Now — in forming a permanent and everlasting Treaty with me, your Excellency, who is intimately acquainted with

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with its situation, have rigidly and to my surprize, adhered to orders, which the Company have transmitted with or deficient information of the produce of my country—

Your Excellency is pleased to say that the Lord Pigot Beliader in his Treaty with my ancestor stipulated for the annual payment of four lacks Pagodas, he had no conception that the Revenues of the country were unequal to the payment of a larger sum— Lord Pigot concluded that treaty upon a thorough knowledge of my ancestors abilities; but he had no intention of draining the country of all the revenue, which it could possibly produce. With due attention to the assistance which the Company had constantly derived from my ancestors, and with due regard to the expences and establishments, the maintenance of which was necessary to their rank and dignity. Lord Pigot

carried

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carried that Treaty into execution. Now that a new treaty is making, if I am just presented with a dress of appointment and an arrangement formed, by which my rents are placed upon an increasing scale and the surplus revenue secured to the Company, the name of the Rajah of Tanjore is sunk, and my occupation becomes that of a renter. I entreat therefore, in the most earnest manner, that your Excellency will be pleased to take into your consideration the dismemberment of the Karical — Maghanie and Nagore Zaguer from my country.— that you will reflect upon the damages, which it sustained during Hyder's War.— that you will turn to the authentic accounts of the two years collection made by the Collectors— and that you will then form an arrangement by which my honour and dignity may be preserved unimpaired, and my payments accommodated to the resources of

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of the Country—

I am totally ignorant of the accounts, from which your Excellency has fixed the gunnah Wasool at nine lacks sixty two thousand Eight hundred and forty three Pags: these accounts have not yet been forwarded to me. under the name gunnah wasool the resources of the Country can be known to none: but if the account be drawn from the sums actually received in hand, the ability of the Country will be known to all — Your Excellency was pleased to send me the whole account of the first year after the assumption according to that account the Company's net receipts amounted to the sum of 3,65,451 Pagodas fanams and 22 Cash. It does not therefore appear proper to calculate the resources of the Country upon a gunnah Wasool not forthcoming, and to make a consequent increase of my annual Kists. —

Your Excellency has written that

of

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it is just to charge me with the balance — according to Sir A. Campbell's Treaty, because I had ability to pay more than I actually — did in 1790. — upon the breaking out of the war General Medows writ, under date 13th April 1790, to inform me that the terms of Sir A. Campbell's treaty were to be in force. In the answer, which I then — returned, and in the letter which I addressed to Lord Cornwallis on. 15th. May 1792 I have stated, in the clearest — manner, that, at the commencement of the War, there was not a balance of 30,000 Ps due from me — If, after having destroyed my respectability it was omitted to send the Seedars according to Sir A. Campbell's Treaty into the country on behalf of the Company — no blame is imputable to me. As no reply has been made to the letters which I wrote upon this subject, I conceive that my arguments are strengthened and confirmed —

Your Excellency has written that

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In your Excellency's letter my private debts to Europeans are stated altogether at 686630 Pagodas odd fanams: and a separate account of it is inclosed. I will take it into consideration, and after comparing it with the accounts in my records shall transmit my reply.—

Your Excellency has written that there is no cause for withdrawing the Article regarding Sherfogee and the Bais Shaebs of the late Rajah and that I must know the present treaty to be more binding than any other engagement.— It does not appear proper to my mind that my family concerns should be inserted in a Treaty to be concluded between me and the Company. If your Excellency will provide for this matter in some other way, you may rest assured that I will adhere to the termes you may make

I make my most earnest entreaty that your Excellency will be pleased to consider the observations I have made in

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in my former as well as in my present letter, that you will shew me favour, and that you will make an arrangement according to the resources of the country. Your Excellency may perhaps conceive — that I do not write with sincerity. It is necessary to my character and dignity to procure the restoration of my country; but because I am thoroughly convinced of my inability to abide by the terms of the of the treaty, I withhold my consent and give sufficient proof of my sincerity by suffering the country to remain under the Company's Authority —.

I have not the smallest diffidence in your Excellency, but, as you have written that it is not in your power to deviate from the — instructions of the Honble Company and of Lord Cornwallis, I have addressed a letter to his Lordship, forwarding copies of my former letter to your Excellency upon the articles of the — treaty

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Treaty, and of my present address - that letter goes inclosed under a flying seal in your Excellency's letter. I request you Excellency will do me the favor of having it translated, - and of transmitting it, after your own perusal, to Lord Cornwallis. - Believe me always your sincere friend. to a friend why should I write more?

Dispatched the 24th
Sutter or 11 October 1792

A true translation
(signed) J. Webbe M. S.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis &c &c

I addressed a particular letter to your Lordship under date 1st May 1792, when you were with the Army in the Carnatic, from which my whole situation will have been made known: since which your Lordship restored the Nabobs country, which had been assumed to his possession. After your departure for Bengal it was agitated to form a

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a Treaty between me and Governor Sir E. Barkeley, in order to make known to your Lordship the difference which has arisen between me and Sir Chas Barkeley. I have inclosed in this Letter copies of two Letters* that I addressed to his Excellency. I intreat therefore, in the most earnest manner, that your Lordship will do me the favour of taking those Letters into your serious consideration that you will grant me relief from the heavy burthen which has been placed upon me, in order that my people may enjoy happiness, and that I, making good with convenience my payments to the Honble Company, may continue to enjoy happiness with my family in the administration of my Government: as the fame of your Lordship's justice and equity is splended throughout the world. I have made my situation fully known to you; and, trusting in every respect to your great character and dignity, am without

resource

* dated 17 Sept. and 11th October 92 already translated.

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resource. As your Lordship's attention
and justice has been shewn to all
ranks of people, I have the firmest
confidence that your justice and —
attention will also be turned towards
me. upon this subject it is unnecessary
to write much. May your favor
increase! —

Sree Ram Pritaaj

From the Court of Tanjore
Despatched 24 Sufferoor
11th October 1792.

A true Translation
(signed) J. Webbe Mar. Trans.

Minutes thereon

The Board are well pleased
to observe that the draft of the Treaty
they has prepared to be concluded with
the Rajah of Tanjore has met the —
approbation of the Governor General in
Council —

Resolved that the Rajah's
letter to the Governor General be now
transmitted to his Lordship. —

Resolved that the Rajah
be informed of the approbation of the
Bengal

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Bengal Government to the treaty, and — recommended to come to a speedy determination on the subject —

Read the following letter from the Board of Accounts Revenue —

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley &c
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From Board of Accounts stating the balance appearing against Mr C Sloyer on the closing of his accounts explanations on the subject

Hon'ble Sir,

We have the honor to inform you that upon closing the accounts of Mr. Sloyer's Management the following balance appeared against him Vizt —

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|---|---|
| To Balance of Cash | Pags 6920 10. 50 |
| For repairs of Tanks not allowed | 1,750 " " |
| Petit charges not allowed | 18 7 20 |
| | Pags 13,688. 17. 70 |

We immediately called upon that Gentleman to pay the amount by the end of this Month; but his answer, — a copy of which is inclosed, makes it necessary for us to go into some — explanation of the different heads of demands against

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against him. In regard to the first, it is
necessary to remark that in this is included
the sum of Pags 4,251.22.30 being the amount
stolen from Mr Sloyers Cutcherry: but your
Honble Boards decision on this subject —
rendered it necessary for us to call upon
him for the amount — and, having done
our duty in this respect, it is only left
for us to report to you the answer we
have received from him —

With respect to the second
we have the honor to inform you, that,
upon auditing Mr Sloyer's account it —
appeared that he had incurred an expence
of Pagodas 11,750 in repairs of Tanks —
without obtaining our previous sanction,
but as Mr Sloyer justifies himself upon
the necessity of the case, we shall —
defer our further demand till your —
Honble Board shall have decided upon
his representation. It is justice to Mr Sloyer
to remind you that his districts situated in
a manner nearly similar to those of Tanjore

and

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and Trichinopoly, and that upon our representation of the necessity there was to make a repair of the banks in those Districts, the Honble Board were pleased to grant an allowance on that account — The Vouchers which Mr Floyer has laid before us in support of this expenditure are receipts from the renters for the amount and the original engagements by which they bound themselves to execute the work.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & &

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David Haliburton
[Signed] J. Webbe

To David Haliburton Esqre
President & Members of the Board
of Assumed Revenue —
Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to receive your letter of yesterday's date, and do myself the Pleasure to remit to you the Sum of

Star

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Star Pagodas 2591.. 24.. 20 which, with the real balance of Cash in hand, includes a charge of Star Pagodas 4. 9. .. for lamp Oil in September not allowed by the Minutes of your Audit. With regard to the same Petit charges from October to January 1792 now brought against me by the Accountant, you will find them carried to the Credit of the Revenue in my Accounts for February last.

The Balances due from the Several Districts in my Division are as follow Viz.t

My Settlement with the Trevedore Nandwars of the last Phasley Amounted to 1350.... Star Pagodas 6 Their Rupooms to 245.... I had Collected only 1587.12.7. when they withdrew from their District the balance then against them, for which I could not Procure any Acknowledgement as they did not return to their District after their unauthorized departure from the Presidency Amounts to ——— 287.4. 13. 73

The Moochelka of these Nandwars for Tuckavy Phazley 1200 which I inclose herewith is 2550. .. — ..

You have in your possession Acknowledgements of Sums due from the other Districts as Tuckavy but actually a balance due from the Inhabitants for ——— 10760 .. — ..

Total Outstanding balances due from the Inhabitants including Tuckavy — .. } 16.184.. 13.. 73
Amounts to ———

you

You have not been pre-
allow by your Audit the Repairs of Tanks, as
not being authorized; but you know well —
Gentlemen, how severely the last Monsoon was
felt throughout the Carnatic — In my —
Division very heavy rains fell almost —
incessantly from October to the end of December
All the Southern Countries suffered exceedingly
and a thorough repair of Tanks and Water —
Courses became afterwards indispensably —
necessary — It would have been prudent in
me to have sanctioned the Disbursement
by your previous permission. I hope your
excuse for this unintentional neglect and
I trust you will do me the justice to consider
it an error in Form merely, for I solemnly
assure you the Money was advanced to Contractors
whose receipts for the Amount are in your
possession, and you have further their —
Engagements for the just performance of the
Contract — These Contractors are Principal
Inhabitants who / equally with the Ryots /
are intrusted in the improvement of the
Soil

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You have not been pleased to allow by your Audit the Repairs of Tanks, as not being authorized; but you know well — Gentlemen, how severely the last Monsoon was felt throughout the Carnatic — In my — Division very heavy rains fell almost — incessantly from October to the end of December All the Southern Countries suffered exceedingly, and a thorough repair of Tanks and Water — Courses became afterwards indispensably — necessary — It would have been prudent in me to have sanctioned the Disbursement by your previous permission. I hope your excuse for this unintentional neglect and I trust you will do me the justice to consider it an error in Form merely, for I solemnly assure you the Money was advanced to Contractors whose receipts for the Amount are in your possession, and you have further their — Engagements for the just performance of the Contract — These Contractors are Principal Inhabitants who / equally with the Ryots / are intrusted in the improvement of the

Soil

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Sod, and who could not misapply the advance without subjecting themselves to distress by the failure of the subsequent cultivation. —

There appears against me a balance of 435 Ps. 22. 38 because I have not been Permitted to write it off in my Accounts as Stolen — It was Customary, on the Arrival of Cash from any Aumildar, for his Vakeel to attend the throwing of it in the Cutcherry — after it had been throwed, I Cutcheree before the Vackeel used to deliver to me the Money and demand my Receipt — The Sum Stolen was kept for the night in the Cutcherry Cash Chest because it had not been all throwed nor the bad Pagodas exchanged. I had granted no receipt for the Money when it was Stolen; I afterwards indued on an adjustment of accounts with my Aumildar, I thought myself bound in Justice to — indemnify him; I must observe that I had not the Management of a flourishing Province nor were there any opulent Soucars as in Tanjore, to insure my Collections — and

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and warrant my residing constantly in one spot—I had no security from an impoverished Country but the Harvest; and I found it frequently necessary to move from District to District, at certain Seasons, to realize the Revenue—on such Circuits the Cash Chest (on which the Robbery was afterwards committed) was escorted by a Guard of Sepoys and a Centinel at all times placed over it every Sepoy of the Detachment knew it to be a Cash Chest—On the night of the Robbery a Centinel as usual stood over it—He was placed in the inside of the Tent close to it—There were double Cannauts to the Tent, and only one door was left open which was within a few yards of, and directly opposite to, the main Guard Tent; and besides a Sargue, by order of the Havildar, of the Guard, slept close to it—this Man acknowledges he knew it to be a Cash Chest; that it was safe when he laid down; that it was missing when he awoke—It is now said, in excuse for the Centinels

that

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that four Prisoners also slept that night in the Tent – I was not informed of this when I made enquiry into the Circumstances of the Robbery – nor does it appear in the examination before Mr Kenworthy – I had frequently directed that all Prisoners should be confined in the Main Guard Tent My butchery broke up about 12 Oclock at night; if the Centinel afterwards admitted four men within the Tent, and suffered them to sleep there he neglected his duty. This Circumstance should have rendered him more Vigilant; and, altho' the Chest might be moved by two men, it could not have been conveyed away from the spot where he watched, had he been faithful to his trust – For what purpose were Sepoys allowed me but that they might be employed in escorting and securing the Public Treasure? If, instead of Placing this Treasure under the Charge of a Centinel, I had exposed it to every possible risk, Government would have done only what they now do in holding me Accountable for the loss – Circumstanced

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as you are, Gentlemen, I am sensible you are obliged to make this demand on me: but I hope you will see no impropriety in — recommending the hardship of my case to the reconsideration and indulgence of the Government.

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I have the Honor to be
very respectfully
Gentlemen &c &c
(signed) Charles Floyer
late Coll.o 2.d Dr. Dr.t

A true Copy
(signed) J Webbey 2.d Secry

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

From Board of Inquired Revenues, with Mr D. Crawfords reply to the Nabobs complaint against him - and a Bill of Bills on Mr. Torin, in favor of Venkata Subiah, for 25,000 Pagodas

Honble Sir,

Having called upon Mr Crawford, in compliance with your orders of 10th October, for an explanation of the complaint Preferred against him by his Highness the Nabob, we do ourselves the honor of laying before you Extract of a letter from that Gentleman in Answer to the allegations of Noor ud deen

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Ahummed Khan—

Your Honble Board having decided, under date 31st July, that the balance on Account of His Highness the Nabob — proportion of the Revenue should be paid to Vencata Seobiah, we have the honor of inclosing a Sett of Bills upon M.r Torin for Pagodas 26,000 in his favour, being the — Amount due to His Highness upon comparing the Accounts up to 12 July - We, at the same time, think it necessary to apprize you that further Sums are due to the Nabob for Money realized since that Period, and as soon as the exact Sum can be ascertained we shall do ourselves the honor of — informing you of the Amount.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir, &c &c
David Haliburton.
[Signed] J. Webbe

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To Noorden Mahamed Cawn

I received your Letter of the 29th Instant

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Instant and understand the Contents: but your Demands of Sums which you say are due on Account of Collections in Palnaud and Angole, do not appear to be so in the Public Accounts: and, as there are Transactions of which I am entirely ignorant, it is impossible for me to give you any satisfaction on that Subject.

I have been waiting your return from Palnaud some time to deliver up the accounts of this District, and to get the Balances acknowledged: a list of them is inclosed: I should have done this before you went: had you given me any Notice you were going.—

The Palnaud Accounts are not yet arrived which puts it out of my power to settle with you immediately the Affairs of that District; therefore I request if you are obliged to quit this, that you will leave Power and Authority with some person here to finish the Business with me.—

Angole
30th September 1792

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt humble Servt
Signed D. Crawford

Attested by
Signed J. Webbe Secry

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Extract of a letter from Mr Daniel Crawford
Dated 17th October 1792.

In reply to your last letter
I must positively deny the Truth of Nerrinder
Mahomed Cawn's charge of inattention in
me, as the fact is that he did not receive
any answer from the best of all reasons
because he left this place sooner than it
was in my power to give him one to
a demand of so serious a Nature, as that
which he made—

I say a demand Gentlemen,
for this business did not come before me
in the shape of a complaint against
Suggapah, but as a peremptory requisition
for between 5 and 6000 Mr P to be paid
into his hands, as due from the Public
Cash to the Inhabitants, and as this
does not appear to be the case on the
accounts of these Districts, I declined giving
him any satisfaction in the Letter I
addressed to him, which was returned to

me

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me unopened, as he quitted Angole some hours before: I have kept it by me since and now enclose it, to shew the Board that there was no remissness on my part—

Indeed had it come as a charge against Juggapah, I should have declined taking any notice of it, as I was so pointedly objected to as a member of a former Committee in your letter of the 21st April last however, according to your orders, I shall use my best Endeavours to come at the truth of this accusation; altho I must confess it will be extremely difficult, from the accusers having it in their power by threats or any other means, to oblige the Inhabitants, now entirely dependant on them, to cloathe falshood in such a dress, as to make it wear the appearance of fact, but however arduous the task still it shall be my constant aim to administer impartial Justice, and the result of my enquiries shall in due course be laid before you——

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed J. Webbe

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Board of Revenue on the subject of the Balances due to the Renters of Cholangaveram and Madhery — and of those due by the renters of Arnt Polore and Wandiwash.

Hon'ble Sir,

In our letter of the 8th March 1792 We had the honor to represent to you the insurmountable difficulties Mr Kindersley had found in settling with the Nabob's Servants, the accounts of Collection and charges in the Jaghyres of his Highness previous to the surrender of them — but as it would have occasioned further delay in closing the accounts wanted for his Highness at that time, we thought proper to give him Credit for what appeared to be Mr Kindersleys net receipts from those Jaghyres, as will appear from the accounts then laid before you. —

That Gentleman has since reported to us that the Gross Collections from them having been ascertained and agreed to, both by the Renters employed by him, and his Highness's Servants. the only difficulty

difficulty which remains, in order to ascertain the net receipts made by the Renters: is to fix on the quota of charges of collection - the Nabobs Servants refused to allow of those claimed by the Company's Renters, but certainly can have no reasonable objection to fix them according to the establishment in force before the assumption as proposed by Mr Kindersley - By adopting this mode there will be due to the Renters of Cholangavoram and Madhery, in which Divisions part of the Jaghyres were situated Pagodas 1470 1/8 which, in justice, ought to be made good to them - On the other hand, there remains due, on the same principle by the Renters of Arcot, Poloor and Wandawash the sum of 1524. 8/8 which balance would, but for the obstinacy of the Nabobs Servants in coming to a settlement of accounts, have been recovered from those Renters, while Mr Kindersley possessed the authority, in the same

manner

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manner that they discharged their engagements
for the farms they held under the Company
— In order to adjust this difference we —
propose, with the leave of your Honble —
Board, to discharge the Sum of 1770. 1/8
what appears due to the Renters of —
Cholangaveram and Machery, and debit
the Nabobs Ys. for the amount. and with
regard to the balances due from the
Renters of Arcot, Polore and Wandewash
on account of receipts from the Jaghires
situated in their several farms amounting
to Pagodas 1524. 8/8. they must necessarily
remain against the Renters; and we —
apprehend it would be extremely difficult,
if not impracticable, to recover them
from these men, who have, as already
mentioned, before discharged in full
their engagements to the Company for
the farms they held: It might also be
urged in their favor that they are
entitled to some compensation for the
loss they sustained by being deprived of
part

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part of their farms before the expiration of their leases - if however your Honble Board are of opinion these balances - should at any rate be made good to the Sabob. his account will be credited for the amount.

The necessity of adjusting these differences will, we hope, plead our excuse for troubling your Honble Board and we request your early orders respecting them.—

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir &c &c &c
David Haliburton
(Signed) J. Webbe

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25th October 1792.

Minutes of the Board in the foregoing letters.

The Board are of opinion that the sum of 11,750 Pagodas advanced by Mr Floyer for the repairs of Tanks without any communication with the Board of Assumed Revenue was extremely irregular - and that that Board acted very properly in calling upon him to refund the Amount - as it is possible, however, that the work on which

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which the sum is said to have been expended might have been indespensably necessary for the security of the subsequent cultivation, the Board are disposed to overlook the irregularity, and to admit the charge, provided the Gentlemen of the Assumed Revenue shall be perfectly satisfied that the Money so advanced, was actually appropriated to the Service in question - of this, they must make themselves acquainted, and, if there be sufficient proof of the Expenditure, a remission may be made of so much of the Balance now standing against Mr. Floyer -

The Board can come to no determination in any respect favorable to Mr Floyer concerning the Money stolen from his Cash Chest at Cuddalore, until they are in possession of the Evidence of the four Prisoners who were confined in the Tent at the time the Robbery was committed - they hoped that Mr Floyer would have been able to send those men to the Presidency in consequence of their former

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former orders for the purpose of appearing at the Trial of the Sufrags whom they mean to bring to a general Court Martial as soon as the necessary Witnesses can be procured to support the Prosecution. The Board of Assumed Revenue must ascertain from Mr Flower whether the men are to be found.

Agreed that a copy of the Extract from Mr Crawfurd's letter be sent to his Highness the Nabob

Ordered that the Bills drawn upon the Collector at Tinnevelly be delivered to Vencata Soobiah, agreeable to the desire of His Highness the Nabob contained in his Letter of the 27th May ... 1792.

Agreed to approve the suggestion of the Board of Assumed Revenue regarding the Balance due to the Renters of Cholangaveram and Macherry - Viz: that it be paid to those persons and the Nabob 1/5 debited for the amount.

As it appears that the balance due by the Renters of Arnot Poloor and

Wandwash

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Wandawash, would, but for the obstinacy of the Nabobs Servants, have been recovered while Mr Kindersley possessed the authority; and as the Board of Assumed Revenue seem to think that those renters are entitled to compensation for the loss they sustained, by being deprived of part of their Farms, before the Expiration of their Leases, it is resolved to remit the sum of — Pagodas 1524. 8 1/3 due by them —

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General —

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President and Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

From Military auditor General reply on the subject of Majors Batta to a Captain commanding a King's Regiment — Correspondence effecting it —

Honble Sir,

I have had the honor to receive Mr Secretary Jackson's letter of the 20th Instant, "directing me / by your order / to inform you "whether there is any regulation on this — "Establishment which authorises the payment "of Majors Batta to the Senior Captain of "a Kings Regiment being in the Command "of the Regiment, and of a Station to which

Batta

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"Batta is annexed."—

In answer I beg leave to acquaint you that there is no record in my Office, nor any General Order within my recollection at present, authorising the payment of the Batta concerning which information is desired, but I have reason to believe that it has invariably been paid, and passed in the Accounts for many Years.—

I think it my duty to lay before you at the same time, copies of such Letters or Orders as have passed to and from the Office of audit having reference to the subject.

It appears in the address of Colonel Capper of date 23d September 1788— as per inclosure, that a communication with Government, affecting this subject, had then taken place, in consequence of an application from Captain Robertson 78th Regiment, and that, unless the Batta in question had been authorised during the Colonel's absence in Europe, it was not an Established allowance

at

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at the period of his assumption, but that previous to the 5th December 1791, as per enclosure of that date in answer to your Secretary's Letter dated the 30th of the preceding Month, the allowance had been established as a rule of the Service —

I have it not in my power to ascertain, for the information of your Honble Board, the precise date of its commencement under authority, but am inclined to suppose it may have taken place some time prior to 1783, at which time it is stated to have been paid to Lieutenant Colonel Sterling in the rank of Major, although holding no higher rank regimentally than that of Captain in the 36th and therefore, it appears to me that the allowance so paid could only have been admitted under some specific rule which gave to a Captain Commanding a King's — Regiment the allowance of Batta annexed to the rank immediately above what he held in the Corps, because, were it otherways, the allowances of that Officer (Sterling) would have fallen to be drawn either as a

Lieut

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Lieutenant Colonel, his Army rank, or as a Captain, his regimental rank; and that the Resolution of Government on Colonel Kappers Letter of the 23d September 1788 granting the allowances to Captain Robertson as an indulgence, applied particularly to the operation of the precedent which the Colonel recommended to provide against in case a claim of such long standing as appeared in Captain Robertsons reference was admitted. —

As I understand it is the rule of His Majesty's Service to give to a Captain Commanding a Kings Regiment in the Field the Bat and Forage Money of Majors, and to a Major commanding in the same situation the Bat and Forage Money of a Lieutenant Colonel, Field allowances in Europe similar to Batta, I am induced to believe that the principle of this rule has obtained in allowing the Batta of a Major in this Country to a Captain Commanding a Kings Regiment in situations

where

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where Batta is admitted, although I cannot trace any specific regulation in the records of my Office on this subject —

Should the allowance be judged admissible by Government I use the freedom of suggesting that it may be necessary to establish clearly the rule and Voucher under which the Batta is to be paid and passed in the Accounts because the Regimental Command of a Kings Regiment being actually in a Captain will depend on the duty in which the Field Officers are employed. —

The Commands contained in your Secretary's Letters of the 13th and 17th Instant relative to the Half Yearly accounts of the Expence of His Majesty's Troops serving under this Presidency, and in his Letter of the 18th Instant relative to the Book of Regulations shall be executed with every care and despatch in my power. —

I have the Honor to be,
with the Highest respect
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Maj. and Ass. Gen.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
22d October 1792

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That if Captains Dalrymple and Shaw received the Batta of a Major, altho they not in the command of Regiments, it was an irregular proceeding, which cannot be admitted as a proper precedent.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General—

Will.m C. Jackson Esq.re
Military Secretary

Sir.

From Accountant reporting on Mr Sum General's standing to the debit of Mr R. Gardiner in the Books of the Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts.

I beg you will inform the Honble Governor in Council that on the receipt of your Letter of the 29th September I proceeded to search the books of the Military Paymaster General and Superintendant of the Nabobs' disbursements, for several years back, and have found that the Sum reported to stand to the debit of Mr Gardiner appears in the books of the superintendant in the year 1783, and is stated in the Monthly Accounts of the paymaster at Nellore to have been advanced at different times to Mr Gardiner as

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that as the Certificates of the Military & Paymaster General and Superintendant to which he has claimed reference are at the foot of an account Current, comprehending a period distinct from that in which the Sum now standing to his debit was incurred - and as the Accountant General has represented that this sum appears in the Books of the superintendant in the Year 1783, and is stated in the Monthly Accounts of the Paymaster at Nellore to have been advanced at different times to him / Mr Gardiner / it becomes necessary for him to explain whether Credit was ever given by him for the Sums which, by the report of the late Accountant General, were placed at his Debit in June 1790.

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bt
Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir, I have the honor to enclose a representation

From Col Brathwaite forwarding a representation from the officers at the Presidency unprovided with quarters of the distress they suffer from the reduction of House Rent

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Dist. Cloaths and very contingent expence which may arise over and above those stated as indispensably necessary: and that of this he must sacrifice three to make up the Company's allowance of five Pagodas to Eight, which is the Rent he actually pays, so that he has only — Seven Pagodas remaining, which is less than the Sergeants of the Battalion he belongs to receive, while they, over and above their neat pay, receive Cloathing and have not the character and — appearance of Gentlemen to support; and I submit it to your serious — consideration whether it is possible to support that character and appearance at this place on seven Pagodas: and — whether many young Gentlemen may not be led into situations and actions not strictly becoming, by being on so very straitened an income — —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) John Braithwaite

Military Board
Quarters — Madras
23d October 1792

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one view, the great disproportion, between the Allowance, and the Rent demanded for the houses we now occupy, we have subjoined an Account of the different sums we individually pay Monthly, and we think it would appear on Examination that we are not in possession of such houses as are above our pretensions according to our several Ranks, and the usage of the service in quartering Officers in public buildings.

On this, as on almost every other occasion, when Officers serving on the Coast have had occasion to represent to Government such hardships, as they conceive themselves to suffer, we beg leave to recur to a Comparison of our situation, with that of the Officers — unprovided with public Quarters on the Bengal Establishment, which extends to all Stations under that Presidency, we are happy to find them so much better provided for; but, far from admitting any superiority of Claim, and feel ourselves proportionally humbled by such a distinction —

Here

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after the 15th and for half a Month if he dies before the 15th —

"The same Rule to be observed with respect to officers, who, from their Situation, are entitled to House Rent for any broken part of a Month"

We are assured that the above Regulations was in force, when the last advices were received from that Presidency —

You will perceive, that the above Allowance, is considerably greater than has at any time been paid to Coast Officers, so situated, and that a Cadet and Conductor, at Bengal is at present in receipt of more House Rent, than a Field Officer is here, this if we may be permitted to form a conclusion from the Rent, demanded by the Inhabitants here, it is not more than sufficient to defray the expence. —

We have not been able to ascertain, exactly what allowance is made to

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Company of the aforesaid description until such time as the Barracks may be ready to receive us - and

Thirdly That an indemnification of the expences we have already incurred since our being stationed in the Black Town We may be granted to us in such proportion as your Honble Board may think just and reasonable -

In full confidence that Government is at all times ready to attend to, and redress such Grievances of their Military Servants, as may be found to exist We have the Honor to subscribe ourselves with the most perfect respect

Honble Sir,
&c &c &c

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October 1792

Signed
J Bilcliffe Lt Colonel 25th Native Regt
George Hall Major 18th Native Regt
Wm Flint Capt 20th
Richard Pains
Lieut Capt -- 10th
R Wayne
Lieut -- 7th

*Statement of the Monthly Pay and unavoidable expences of a Subaltern officer at Madras, not Quartered in the Fort.— In which is included the charge of keeping a Horse, a conveyance of some kind being — indispensible to pass the Streets of the Black Town (always muddy after Rain) should his residence be there, or the Waters in other directions, in the approach to the Fort to execute his Duties.——*

| *Lieutenants Pay for a Month of 30 days* | P. | F. | G. | *Ensigns Pay for a Month of 30 days* | P. | F. | G. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Subsistence | 18 | 31 | 40 | Subsistence | 15 | " | " |
| Extra Pay | 7 | 21 | " | Extra Pay | 3 | 31 | 40 |
| Spy allowance | 5 | " | " | Spy allowance | 4 | " | " |
| Ron Money | 1 | " | " | Ron Money | 1 | " | " |
| | 32 | 7 | 40 | | 23 | 31 | 40 |

| *Servants Wages &c Monthly* | P. | F. | G. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cook | 2 | " | " |
| House Servant | 2 | " | " |
| Boy | 1 | " | " |
| Horse Keeper | 1 | 23 | " |
| Grass Cutter | 1 | 11 | " |
| Barber | " | 23 | " |
| Washing | " | 33 | " |
| Ironing | " | 33 | " |
| Potey | " | 12 | " |
| Sweeper | " | 30 | " |
| 3 Seers of Gram daily (at present 2 Fan[ams] per Seer) amount to 4 Pagodas suppose on an average fire wood to boil the Gram | 2 | 23 | " |
| | 13 | 23 | " |

*Remains to a Lieutenant for his Table, Regimental Sales Linnen and other Expences*

| Daily P. | F. | G. | Monthly P. | F. | G. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 27 | 18 | 29 40 |

*Remains to an Ensign for his Table, Regimental Sales Linnen and other Expences*

| Daily P. | F. | G. | Monthly P. | F. | G. |
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| " | 15 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 40 |

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Madras

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor General of the Poſſeſsions
of the Honble the English East India
Company on the Coast of Coromandel
&c &c &c

From the Chief of Madras - inclosing a bill for Provisions supplied the detachment of Royal Artillery on board the Snow Mary. —

Honble Sir,

The Snow Mary, commanded by Captain Taylor, coming to Anchor here in the Roads on the 14th of last Month from the South, I have procured, upon the — request of Captain Moſs, for the Artillery men under his Command as much — Provision as I was able to get: though we were ourselves in want of Eatables; but this Gentlemen, as well as his Lieut: have not answered the Friendship which I have done them in this Business; they departed without paying my Servant for what he delivered, and had procured for the Captain's Account upon my order against the promise that all should be paid for with ready Money; and left here

twenty

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Sir,

The wind being fair I am under the necessity of putting to sea, in consequence of which an Officer cannot be sent. I shall peruse your account and send you an order for payment from Negapatam, for all articles, I have received, at a fair and reasonable rate. I cannot help regretting that there has been so much trouble in procuring the trifling things we have received. —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signd) Thos Ross Capt
Royal Regiment of
Artillery

On Board the Maria
Sadras Roads 18th September
1792

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Ordered to be paid —

Read

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To W.C. Jackson Esqre

Secretary to the Military Department

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I herewith transmit Copy of a Letter from Captain Wells, late Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle with the Grand Army under date the 4th Instant, with Copies of two Letters addressed to him by Mr Morrison, one of the Sub Agents, and his Answer, referring him to me as he considered his Office at an End—

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that a certain number of Riots were placed under his charge on the 1st October 1791. that the balance due to the Company by them on that day amounted to Pagodas 926. 18. 54. that the heavy rains which they Encountered proved fatal to many of their Cattle, and consequently made fresh advances to procure new Bullocks necessary, by which the Balance was Encreased, instead of diminished. The Mastry has given in a list of the Inhabitants at present Indebted to him, and who he represents as totally unable to pay, whose Balances amount to Pag.s 1599. 31. 9 & the Balances he states due by him to Riots amount to Pag.s 294. 13. 14.

The Balance standing against Ragana in the publick Accounts is only Pagodas 821. 40. 44, and if 200 Pagodas are repaid to him, which appears all that is recommended by Mr Morrison and Captain Wells, it will stand Pagodas 1021. 40. 44 so that, supposing the Balance said by the Mastry

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Nagana hereafter find means to inforce
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whether the 200 Pags, if to be repaid, shall
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relief Intended for the latter, who fairly
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for it appears on their Account, that
the recommendation has been given
the Masters States —
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due to him from the Inhabitants
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to dive into the truth of his assertion
and, if the debt is just, the Inhabitants
by having such an Indulgence shown
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From these facts it appears
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The Claim of Chuntadry Pitta Vencatachellum, for which he — obtained a Conditional obligation from Mr Morrison, for Pagodas 210, is not stated or Connected with any of Mr Morrison Accounts before me — it appears a Private Transaction between him and a Bengal Servant of Mr Morrison, for which, he says, Mr Morrison became responsible —

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comprehensive of my sentiments, to —
obviate the necessity of troubling you
further by any elucidation of the —
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with my Opinion, to accede to the
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authorized by Lord Cornwallis, vide
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justly considered in equal Claim,
and the precedent just-mentioned —
strongly in support of it —

I trust you will see no —
objection to Mr Morrison being reimbursed
the 500 Pagodas which he paid to
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Hire for Cattle in the Provisions —

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application to Government for Relief—

Camp at Nellore 4th Octobr 1792—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Edmund Wells
late Dt. Agent with the army—

A true Copy
(Signed) Tho.s Cockburn
by G.G.O.

To Captain E. Wells
late Principal Agent for Bullocks

Sir

On a final adjustment of the accounts for Bullocks hire in the Grain Department, I find the situation of Nagana, Bullock Mastry, particularly requiring my application to you in his behalf; and, being similar to one I had formerly Occasion to prefer in favor of Narrain Row, I hope the same indulgence may be granted to him— From the Amount here due to the several proprietors of Cattle under the management of Nagana Mastry for Aprio

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each: further - that his rents were more
than commonly unfortunate at
Seringapatam - having lost early in
February 289 Bullocks - which property
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I must also beg to recom-
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by me as Copartners, it appears —
however that they seperated interests
in December last, at which time
there was a balance due by both to
the Company, for advances of Cash
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equal in its proportion to each, and
made Monthly stoppages accordingly,
always in the name of Coopoo Mootoo,
who was the Original principal, and
in whose name the accounts were always
kept in my Books. It was mentioned to
me by Sedar Saheb, that his proportion
of the balance was very trifling, but,
on the other side, Coopoo Mootoo told
me that Sedar Saheb's proportion of the

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed Alex. Morison
late Comy of Grain & Stud
Agent for Cattle in that
Department

Madras
23d September 1792

A true Copy
Signed Thos. Cockburn
Cy. G. G. P.

To Captain Edmund Wells
late Principal Agent for Bullocks
with the Army

Sir, Inclosed I do myself the honor to transmit

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Maistries in the Grain Department, as appears in my Books, with the signatures of each Mastry, acknowledging the Debts: as the Amount exceeds the Balance as settled in your Account Current between the Maistries and me, which explains this difference as arising from the Batta Rice they received and which was not included in the Monthly stoppages however much I regret that the Balance due to the Company should be so great, I can confidently affirm that it was my opinion, at the time, and still is so that larger stoppages — could not have been made without the greatest distress to the people —

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(signed) Alex Morison
late Commissary of Grain
and Sub Agent for Bullocks

Madras
24th September 1792

A true Copy
(signed) Tho Cochburn
Cy. G. G. O.

To

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which was generally felt long enough to liquidate, by their earnings, the balance due to the public — I shall represent this circumstance to Mr Cockburn: and, the case being precisely similar to that of Narrayn Row Maistry, to whom such an Indulgence was authorized by Lord Cornwallis, I imagine the application will be considered reasonable and complied with accordingly. —

My Office as principal agent with the Army having ceased, it is entirely out of my power, whatever might be my sentiment on the case you state, of Coopoo Mootoo and Selam Saheb, to yield the relief solicited. The present principal Agent Mr Cockburn, is the only proper Person through whose means it is practicable to obtain it, and he will doubtless, give every Consideration to the subject which it demands —

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Dist. Cloaths and very contingent expence which may arise over and above those stated as indispensably necessary, and that of this he must sacrifice three to make up the Company's allowance of five Pagodas to Eight, which is the Rate he actually pays, so that he has only — seven Pagodas remaining, which is less than the Sergeants of the Battalion he belongs to receive, while they, over and above their neat pay, receive Cloathing and have not the character and — appearance of Gentlemen to support, and I submit it to your serious — consideration whether it is possible to support that character and appearance at this place on seven Pagodas, and — whether many young Gentlemen may not be led into situations and actions not strictly becoming, by living on so very straitned an income —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite

Military Board
Quarters Madras
23d October 1792

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one view, the great disproportion, between the Allowance, and the Rent demanded for the houses we now occupy, we have subjoined an Account of the different sums we individually pay Monthly, and we think it would appear on Examination that we are not in possession of such houses as are above our pretensions according to our several Ranks, and the usage of the service in quartering Officers in publick Buildings.

On this, as on almost every other occasion, when Officers serving on the Coast have had occasion to represent to Government such hardships, as they conceive themselves to suffer, we beg leave to recur to a comparison of our situation, with that of the Officers — unprovided with publick Quarters on the Bengal Establishment, which extends to all Stations under that Presidency, we are happy to find them so much better provided for; but, far from admitting any superiority of claim, and feel ourselves proportionally humbled by such a distinction —

Here

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after the 15th and for half a Month if he dies before the 15th.—

"The same Rule to be observed "with respect to officers, who, from their "Situation, are intitled to House Rent for "any broken part of a Month"

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Company of the aforesaid description until such time as the Barracks may be ready to receive us - and

Thirdly that an indemnification of the expences we have already incurred since our being stationed in the Black Town We may be granted to us in such proportion as your Honble Board may think just and reasonable -

In full confidence that Government is at all times ready to attend to, and redress such Grievances of their - Military Servants, as may be found to exist We have the Honor to subscribe ourselves with the most perfect respect -

Honble Sir,

&c &c &c

Fort St George
October 1792

Signed
J Bidcliffe Lt Colonel 25 Years Rank
George Hall Major 18 Years Rank
Wm Flint Capt 20 Yrs
Richard Prins Lieut Capt -- 10 Yrs
R Wayne Lieut -- 7 Yrs

Statement of the Monthly Pay and unavoidable expences of a Subaltern officer at Madras, not Quartered in the Fort — In which is included the charge of keeping a Horse, a conveyance of some kind being indispensible to pass the streets of the Black Town (always muddy after Rain) should his residence be there or the Waters in other directions, in the approach to the Fort to execute his Duties ——

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| Lieutenants Pay for a Month of 30 days | P. | F. | C. | Ensigns Pay for a Month of 30 days | P. | F. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Subsistence | 18 | 31 | 40 | Subsistence | 15 | " | " |
| Extra Pay | 7 | 21 | " | Extra Pay | 3 | 31 | 40 |
| Sepoy allowance | 5 | " | " | Sepoy allowance | 4 | " | " |
| Plow Money | 1 | " | " | Plow Money | 1 | " | " |
| | 32 | 7 | 40 | | 23 | 31 | 40 |

| Servants Wages Monthly | P. | F. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cook | 2½ | " | " |
| House Servant | 2 | " | " |
| Boy | 1 | " | " |
| Horse Keeper | 1 | 23 | " |
| Grass Cutter | 1 | 11 | " |
| Barber | " | 23 | " |
| Washing | " | 33 | " |
| Ironing | " | 33 | " |
| Pottey | " | 12 | " |
| Sweeper | " | 30 | " |
| 3 Seers of Grain daily (at present 2 Fanams per Seer) amount to 4 Pagodas suppose on an average fire wood to boil the Grain | 2 | 23 | " |
| | 13 | 23 | " |

Remains to a Lieutenant for his Table, Horses, Servants, Sales Linen and other expences —

| Daily | Monthly |
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Madras

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

Governor General of the Possessions
of the Honble the English East India
Company on the Coast of Coromandel
&c &c &c

From the Chief of Madras - inclosing a bills for Provisions supplied the detachment of Royal Artillery on board the Snow Mary. —

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Amount to be paid to Mr Christiane—

I have the Honor to be,
with profound Veneration
&c &c
(Signed) J. D. Simons

Sadras
19th October 1792

Provisions requisite for the Detachment of Troops on board the Snow Maria Capt Taylor Commander bound to Negapatam consisting of part of the Kings Artillery 74th Regiment and second Battalion 101st Artillery being obliged to put into Sadras, wind bound, without provisions— 14th September 1792.—

| | |
|---|---|
| Bags of Rice (if no Biscuit) | 30 |
| Bullocks (to be salted on shore | 4 |
| Pigs (to be ditto ditto | 34 |
| Lbs | 1½ |
| Salt | 4 Puttoos |
| Ghee | 15 Casks |
| Water | |

(Signed) Thos Ross Capt
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Artillery Commanding
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To the Governor of Sadras

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Captain Wells remarks that it appears to him more a transaction between the parties, them connected with the publick; and perhaps it is strictly to be so considered: but the fact of Salar Saheb's being Indebted to his Riots Pagodas 982. 5. 58 for hire earned, which has been stopped to pay Balances due by Riots under Coupoo Mootoo, who by his List are Indebted to him Pag 1,513. 40. 17 is fully Established - Had the respective Balances due by Coupoo Mootoo and Salar Saheb been settled on the 1st December, the circumstance complained of could not have happened - but this investigation Mr Morrison observed the hurry of the Service at that Moment prevented, and that he therefore, to save the Company from Loss, had made equal Stoppages from both - the Question therefore is whether, under these circumstances, Salar Saheb and his Riots ought to suffer the loss of their hire, or the Company sustain the

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To

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which was generally felt long enough to liquidate, by their earnings, the balance due to the public — I shall represent this circumstance to Mr Cockburn, and, the case being precisely similar to that of Narrayn Row Maistry, to whom such an Indulgence was authorized by Lord Cornwallis, I imagine the application will be considered reasonable and complied with accordingly —

My Office as principal agent with the Army having ceased, it is entirely out of my power, whatever might be my sentiment on the case you state, of Coopoo Mootoo and Selam Saheb, to yield the relief solicited. The present principal Agent Mr Cockburn, is the only proper Person through whose means it is practicable to obtain it, and he will doubtless, give every Consideration to the subject which it demands —

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To Lieut Alex. Morison
late Sub Agent for Bullocks in the
Grain Department of the Army

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letters of the 23d and 24th ultimo, with their several Enclosures—

In reply to your representation in behalf of Waggunnah — Maistry, contained in the former Letter, I can readily say, from my own knowledge, that the greater part of the Inhabitants or Bullock Owners under his Management, had heavy Balances standing against them, when they were first appointed to the Duties of the Grain Department, as particularly appears by their several Accounts in the hands of Mr Cockburn from whom they were received — but I do compare with their Debts and their Cattle were, those few, I am persuaded a very small proportion survived the Mortality which

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I recommend your laying it before him and now return the papers which appertain thereto.

I come now to answer your favor of the 24th ultimo—

The five hundred Pags paid by you to Mr Thomas Kingsmill was posted to the Credit of Account advances made to the Grain Department by your directions to me, verbally. yet, had you, at any subsequent period, prior to the final close, and delivery of my Accounts to Mr Cockburn, expressed a desire to be reimbursed that sum in Cash, I shall must certainly have done it without hesitation, and corrected the entry in Account Advances. By this conveyance I write to Mr Cockburn requesting that he will be pleased to repay you, which I have no doubt he will do—

I have returned to you the list

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List of Balances due to the Company from the sundry Individuals of the Grain Department, it being blended with Accounts for Rice which are not in any manner connected with the Duties and transactions of my late Agency. In lieu of it, I must request you will be pleased to furnish Mr Cockburn with a list containing the Names of the several Persons, and sums due from each, corresponding with the Balance standing in my Books delivered over to that Gentleman, as "Advances made to the Grain Department to purchase Cattle," and is, I believe, including the 223 Pagodas repaid to Narayn Row, Star Pagodas 3474. 30. 78 —

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
Signed Edmund Wells
late principal Agent
for Bullocks with the
Army

Camp at Nellore
4th October 1792

A true Copy
Signed Tho. Cockburn
C.G.G.D.

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad —

William Collins Jackson

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Fort St. George

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Sir,

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I immediately transmitted the Governor's letter to the Nizam, and, having soon afterwards applied for an answer, was informed it had been sent with the usual complimentary —

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furnished with Persian Copies as
well as Translates of any papers of
this kind which the Board may have
occasion

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made on the spot, he requested you would
furnish an Harkara, on your part, to
accompany the person who is to be
sent to Cosa Meah on that of this Highness
Accordingly, my friend, fix upon an
Harkara, and send him to me, that I
may despatch him along with the
person on the part of the Sircar —

true Translates
(Signed) Wm. Stewart Asst.

Extract of a letter from the Governor General
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With great difficulty I

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Resolved, however, that a Letter be written to Bengal on the Subject.—

Read the following——

Proceedings of the Hospital Board—with Enclosures entered in Mb: Nos 197. 198—

## Hospital Board

22d October 1792

The Hospital Board have the honor of forwarding Copy of a Correspondence with Mr Irwine, Surgeon of His Majesty's 19th Regement of Dragoons, complaining of the small quantity of Madeira Wine allowed him for the use of the Sick: the answer from the Board

From Hospital Board referring a Correspondence with Mr Irwin attached to the 19th Regiment of Dragoons and a request from Mr Walker that his Horses on hand may be purchased by the new Contractor - Bill of Mr Gilmore Death of Mr Skarrow - Mr Strut ordered with the Artillery Detachment for Vizagapatam.

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The Board have the honor of forwarding Copy of a Letter from Mr Walker, Surgeon, on the Subject of Hospital Stores purchased from the Purveyor:- in their Proceedings of the 3d September last:- they recommended the purchase of these Stores at a fair valuation, which Government thought it necessary to decline— As the Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to grant Mr Robert Abbot the Contract for the Madras Hospitals and its Dependencies, provided he consents to take the Clothing now on hand— they are of opinion that no

This to be deferred until the Contract is made—

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The Hospital Board are sorry to inform Government of the death Mr Sharrow Assistant Surgeon —

The Board recommend that Mr Strutt — Assistant Surgeon ordered to accompany a — Detachment of Artillery to Vizagapatam be stationed there —

Approved

Signed
Jas. Anderson
Physician General
Colly L. Lucas
W. Raine
Head Surgeon

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I have the honor to be
Honble Sir &c &c
(Signed) Robt Abbott

Fort St George
24th October 1792

Mr Abbott having declined the terms offered to him - the Board resume the consideration of Mr Colts Proposals stated in his Letter of the 18th Instant

Mr Colts proposals accepted - provisionally.

Resolved to accept Mr Colts proposals for victualling and Cloathing the Sick in the Presidency General Hospital and its Subordinate Hospitals, for one year, at the rate of 9 fanams P man P Day - provided he consent to purchase the Stock of Cloathing he now on Hand in the Hospitals abovementioned at a fair and

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General letter from England 16th May last ff Bellmont — read; and — orders passed thereon —

The Board now proceed to pass the necessary orders upon the letters from the Honble Court of Directors in the Military and Political Departments — dated the 16th May last, and — received via Bengal ff Bellmont

General Letter
Political Department

Requires no Remark

Para 1 to 12 receipt of dispatches — satisfaction at the operations of the army — opinion on points relating to the assumption.

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32 No reply

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Physician General
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Fort St George
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32 No reply

33 - approbation of the measures for rendering the Collectors in the Tanjore - Country independent of each - other —

34 No reply

35 & 38 allowances to the assumed Revenue Servants approved - no - Increase to be made without the previous - sanction of the Court

No remark

The Board have only in one Instance consented to any Increase to the Allowances referred to in these Paragraphs; and that was in the case of Mr Lindersley, which they doubt not, for the reasons given, will be fully - approved by the Honble - Court —

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Government to Major General Auchmuty last Year – It does not seem necessary to address the Rajah just now on the Subject of further Mortgages, as the Treaty to be entered into with his Excellency goes to the Exclusion of all such Transactions in future; and unless the Management of the Revenues of the Country were to be continued in the Company's Hands, it would not be assessable to discharge the debt due to the Dane, as there is no probability whatever of reimbursement from the Rajah.

18 Lord Cornwallis answer to General Auchmuty approved. No Remark

19 & 23 no reply
24 & 25 Consult Reference to Letters of the Board of Revenue Recommending the Appointment of Collectors to the Ceded Districts
26 & 28 – to Reply.

29 & 31 approbation of the Conduct of the Board on the Subject of the – Do Do

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39 Division of the Revenue — business noticed in the Revenue Department —

Requires no remark

40 no reply

41 Suspension of Mr Holland Junior taken off —

Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to Mr Holland, and that he be informed that his Suspension is taken off —

42 & 43 on the subject of the Operations of the War — Captain Alexander Reads Zealous Conduct highly approved. —

Requires no remark

44 & 53 no reply

54 & 55 on the subject of the War

No remark

56 & 58 no reply

59 Tinnevelly Poligars to the Collectors proposed instructions regarding them approved

The conduct of the Poligars since the conclusion of the War, and the proceedings had against them will be noticed very particularly in the next dispatches to the Honble Court —

60 The Nabobs request to rent the Jaghire and the Guntoor Circar cannot be complied with.

Ordered that a letter be written to His Highness the Nabob in respectful terms, notifying to him the orders of the Honble Court on the subject of his Application to rent the Company's Jaghire and the Guntoor Circar —

Resolved

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61 & 66 No reply

67 & 69 regarding the surveys of Captains Beaton and Allan orders thereon—

Resolved that a Copy of these Paragraphs be sent to Captain—, Beaton and to Captain Allan with directions to complete the information required by the Honble Court with all possible dispatch.

70 regarding the liberation of the Persons in Captivity in the Mysore Country—

Requires no remark in this place.

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General Letter
Military Department

Para 1 advice of the last Despatch—

Requires no remark

2 Lieut Colonels Liding to remain Each Poll permitted to return to the Service without prejudice to their Rank—

The Officers mentioned in this Paragraph will be admitted on the Establishment agreeably to the orders of the Honble Court—

3 Appointment of four Assistant Surgeons—

Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be sent to the Hospital Board for their information—

Copy

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4 McCarthies appointed a Cadet.

Copy to the Adjutant General, with orders to attend to the Instructions of the Hon'ble Court regarding the Age of Mr Carruthers.

5 & 6. Naval Stores for the Squadron — Cloathing and recruits for the King's Regiments —

These paragraphs require no particular observation.

Char. Oakeley.

W. Farquhar

George Barry Elton

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## Diary

26th Sent the undermentioned letter &c.

Entered in M: B: No. 199.—

To Capt. R. Bell

To Captain R. Bell — authorising him to Employ two Writers for one Month to &c. enable him to prepare the returns required of him — Remark on the Subject —

27th Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M B. Nos. 200- 201- 202-203- 204- -205-

From Commissary General of Grain & Provisions-

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — enclosing the Estimate for his &c. Department for November —

From adjutant General-

From Adjutant General submitting the appointment of Mr. Thomas Geils as Lieutenant Fireworker — vice James Campbell — appointed to a Kings Commission —

From Mr. W. Burke-

From Mr. William Burke requesting a Permit to the Captain of the President &c. Washington to receive him and his Servant on Board —

From

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# Fort St. George October 1792.

From Commandant at Permacoil

From Commandant at Permacoil

the 27th

Has apprehended Two French Deserters - and requests Orders regarding them -

From Colonel Martinz

From Colonel Martinz - has received the Orders regarding the Military Establishment for the Marwar Districts -

From Paymaster at Madura

From Paymaster at Madura stating that the Collector will only supply Cash for his Dindegul Payments -

the 28th

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob, Entered in C. C. No. 189 proposing to Employ Captain Dighton - of this Service, on the part of the Company in the Tinnevelly Country -

Despatched the following Letters -

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal enclosing a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Lord Cornwallis and Copy of one to the President - regarding the proposed Treaty

My Lord,

No. 1

We have the honor to acknowledge the 4th receipt of your Lordship's letter dated the 24th ultimo, and to express an satisfaction that the Draft of the Treaty we had prepared to be concluded with the Rajah

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4th 28 Rajah of Tanjore, had met your Lordship's approbation

2 We have already informed your Lordship that the Rajah had started various objections to the Treaty, and refused to affix his Seal and Signature to it. The management of the Revenue of the Country is therefore still in our hands, but we hope that, when the Rajah shall have been informed of your opinion, he will no longer delay the execution of the Treaty.

3d We have herewith the honor to transmit a letter from his Excellency addressed to your Lordship - and, in order to account for it's being sent in its present form, we must remark that it came enclosed in a letter to our President - a Translation of the letter to your Lordship, and Copy of the Translation of the Rajah's Letter to Sir Charles Oakeley dated the 11th October are also sent.

We have the Honor to be with Respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

Fort St. George
27th October 1792.

To the Right Honorable Earl Cornwallis K. G.
Governor General in Council at
Fort William.

To Bengal with a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad regarding Credit on Bengal for Capt. Dallas and the Heavy Guns presented to the Nizam—

My Lord,
1

We have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship

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28th Lordship copy of a letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, with its Enclosures—

2d As Sir John Kennaway has stated that there would be an advantage in furnishing Captain Dallas, whom we have employed to purchase Horses at Hyderabad for the native Cavalry with Credit on Bengal, whenever the Exchange is in favor of that place, we have desired him to take the necessary measures for obtaining such Credit, which we hope your Lordship will approve—

3d We request to know if it be your Lordship's intention that the Guns mentioned in the Postscript of Sir John Kennaway's Letter should be sent from hence to Masulipatam in the month of February next, before which time, we apprehend there will be no opportunity of sending them—

We have the honor to be with Respect

Fort St. George
the 28th October 1792.

Yr. Yr.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
Yr. Council—

To David Haliburton Esqr.
Yr. Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue

To Board of Assumed Revenue—Opinion & directions relative to the Demand against Mr. B. Floyer for repairs of Tanks and the amount

Gentlemen,

We have Received your letters dated the 24

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Amount Stolen from his Cash Chest, at Cuddalore - Balance due to the Cholengaveram and Mackaveray Renters to be paid & that due by those of Arcot, Polore & Wandewash to be remitted -

the 23d 24th and 25th instant -

We are of opinion that the Sum of Pagodas 11,750 advanced by Mr. Floyer for the Repairs of Tanks, without any communication with your Board, was extreemly irregular; and that you acted very properly in calling upon him to refund the Amount. But, as it is possible that the work on which the Sum is said to have been expended might have been indispensably necessary for the security of the subsequent cultivation, we are disposed to overlook the irregularity, and to admit the Charge, provided you shall be perfectly satisfied that the money to abovementioned was actually appropriated to the Service inquestion. - of this, you will make yourselves acquainted, and, if there be sufficient proof of the expenditure, you will remit so much of the Balance now standing against Mr. Floyer. -

We can come to no determination in any respect favorable to Mr. Floyer, concerning the money stolen from his Cash Chest at Cuddalore, until we are in possession of the evidence of the four Prisoners who were confined in the Tent at the time the Robbery was committed: we hoped that Mr. Floyer would

have

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28th have been able to send those men to the Presidency in consequence of our former orders, for the purpose of appearing at the Trial of the Sepoys whom we mean to bring to a general Court Martial as soon as we can procure the necessary Witnesses in support of the prosecution. We wish you to ascertain from Mr. Floyer whether the men are to be found.

We entirely approve your suggestion regarding the Balance due to the Renters of Cholinga-varam and Madhurry, and accordingly desire that it may be paid to them, and the Nabob's J/s debited for the Amount.

As it appears that the Balance due by the Renters of Arcot, Polore and Wandewash, would, but for the obstinacy of the Nabob's Servants, have been received while Mr. Kindersley possessed the authority; and as you seem to think that these Renters are entitled to compensation for the loss they sustained, by being deprived of part of their Farms, before the expiration of their Leases, we consent to remit the Sum of Pagodas 1,524-3/8 due by them.

We are
&c.
Signed Chas. Oakeley
&c. Council

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28th " Sent the undermentioned letters Entered in MB. Nos. 206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234.—

To Col. Brathwaite — To the Officer Commanding the Army advising of the Increase of House Rent granted to the Officers serving at the Presidency and unprovided with quarters—

To Military Auditor General — To Military Auditor General with directions on the foregoing subject—

To Adjutant General — To Adjutant General, with Extract from the General Letter dated 16th May last regarding Mr. Caruthers—

To Captains Beatson & Allan — To Captains Beatson and Allan of the Guides—with Ditto—Ditto—and desireing them to complete the Information required by the Court—

To Hospital Board — To Hospital Board—with Ditto—Ditto—

To Mr. E. Holland — To Mr. Edward Holland—with Ditto—Ditto—his Suspension taken off.

To Secretary at Bengal — To Secretary at Bengal—transmitting Copy of the Political Letter to England per American Ship—President Washington.—

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To Capt.n Alexander &c 28 Read-

To Officer Commanding in the Bara-
-mahal and Salem Districts- Changul Row to be also
punished- being an accomplice in the Guilt of
Perry Tamby- One hundred and Twenty Pagodas to be
issued for the Repair of the Tank at Sunkeydroog-

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions-

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions-

To Commissary General of Grain and
Provisions- a part of the Balance due to the late Contrac-
-tors for Bullocks- will be paid- Directions regarding
the Claims of three Bullock Masters-

To Mr. R. Gardener

To Mr. R. Gardener- The Explanation
given by him, not in point- to state therefore whether
he ever gave credit for the sum placed at his Debit
in June 1790- by the late Accountant General-

To Mr. C. Colt-

To Mr. C. Colt- his proposals of Contract
for victualling &c the Sick in the Presidency General
Hospital, and its subordinate Hospitals, accepted on
certain Conditions- Security in the Sum of four thousand
Pagodas- required.-

To Medical Store-
-keeper at the Presi-
-dency-
C. C.

To Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency
- stating the Terms on which the Provision of Bazar
Articles will be continued with him for another year-
Table of Rates enclosed-

To Military Auditor General-

To Military Auditor General the
usage

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28th usage of paying Majors Batta to a Captain in Command of a Sepoys Regiment – may be admitted as a Regulation of the Service –

To Major H. Fraser of 72d Regt –

To Major H. Fraser – in reply to his &c. application for the Allowance above stated –

To Military Board.

To Military Board – Monsieur Raymond to be supplied with various military stores, on account of the Nizam –

To Import Warehouse Keeper –

To the Import Warehouse Keeper 120 &c. Peices of Broad Cloth to be supplied the above Officer –

To Mons.r Raymond of the Nizam's Service –

To Monsieur Raymond – advising of the orders above given – that the Nabob's Dustuck &c. will be applied for, when he reports himself Ready to return to Hydrabad –

To Secretary at the India House –

To Secretary at the India House – forwarding the Madras Couriers since the Departure of the Ganges –

To Mr. W. Burke –

To Mr. William Burke requesting his &c. Care of a Letter for the Court of Directors –

To Capt.n Sifson

To Commander of the President Washington – permitting him to receive Mr. Burke and his &c. Servant, on board –

To Register of the Nabob's Debts –

To Register of the Nabob's Debts &c. enclosing

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28th enclosing a notification of a Dividend of Eighty ¼ thousand Pagodas on the 10th November—

To Military Auditor General— To Military Auditor General referring the Estimates of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, for november— to his Examinations

To Ditto— To Ditto— the Bill of the Chief of Sadras for Articles of Provision supplied the Detachment of Royal Artillery, to be paid to Mr. Christiane—

To J. D. Simons Esqr. at Sadras— To the Chief at Sadras— advising of the above, and acknowledging the assistance he afforded.

To Mr. Christiane— To Mr. Christiane— desiring him to apply to the Military Auditor General for the ¼ Amount of the Bill in question—

To Captain Ross at Negapatam— To the Officer Commanding the ¼ Royal Artillery— informing him that Mr. Simon's Bill has been discharged—

To Resident at ¼ Hydrabad— To Resident at Hydrabad, requesting him to procure Credit on Bengal, for Capt. Dallas when proper— Tippoo's Vakeels have been informed of his Communication regarding the Complaint against the Nizam's Annil— Reference will be made to Bengal respecting the Guns to be presented to the Nizam.—

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To Messrs. Wolf & Place— 22d

To Messrs. Wolf and Place desiring they will in future act with Ramrow- and Seenavasarow in examining the Nabob's Account—

To Chief Engineer

To Chief Engineer- Lieutenant Norris permitted to return to Vellore- another Engineer to be ordered to Complete the Surveys of the Hill Forts in the Baramaul—

29th

Received the undermentioned Letters Entered in MB. Nos. 235. 236 237 238. 239. 240—

From adjutant General—

From Adjutant General submitting Ensign G. Ricketts' request to resign the Service—

From Mr. W. Barke

From Mr. W. Barke- acknowledging the Receipt of the Letter for the Honorable Court—

From Lieut. Colonel Stuart—

From the Officer Commanding 72d Regiment- preferring a Claim to difference of Pay to several men of that Corps- and to Gratuity due to Adjt R: Sutherland—

From Commandant at Trichinopoly

From Commandant at Trichinopoly- forwarding Capt.n Bell's request to be repaid for fitting up the quarters allotted to him.—

From Capt. Isacke of the Artillery—

From Capt. W: B: Isacke- requesting that his Brother may receive Cadets' pay from the date of his Arrival at Bengal, and the usual allowance to

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the 29 Cadets on their appointment—

From Military Storekeeper with &c.
Accounts of Stores supplied by him in May, June and July—

From Military storekeeper—

## At a Consultation

### Present

### The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield Esq.

Tuesday the 30 October 1792—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved—

Read the following Letters from &c.

Mr. Benjamin Torin—

## To William Collins Jackson Esq.

Secretary to the Political Department

Fort St. George

From Mr. Torin in reply to the Charge of having rejected the offer of the Polygars to pay their Peishcush—enclosing his Correspondence with the Board of Customs Revenue and other papers relating to the Subject.

Sir,

Conformable to my Notice of the 22d Instant I proceed to reply to your Letter of the 20th

With regard to the Resolution of Govern=ment to direct Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to &c.

seize

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seize the Person of my Servant/on the grounds of his &
Suspicions only/ I am silent; as what I feel at the present
moment from this treatment, I dare not trust myself
to express—

The enclosed Copy № 1 of my Correspon=
=dence with the Board of Assumed Revenue will &
abundantly establish the Fact, that when I first went
to Tinnevelly all the Polygars did not only agree to pay
their Arrears of Peishcush, but did moreover voluntarily
enter into the Accompanying written Engagement &
№ 2 to make Restitution of their Assumptions, it is &
however no less true, that they have utterly broken these
Engagements and continued their Outrages — But if
Colonel Maxwell alludes to a more Recent tender
of Peishcush, It is true that Cutabomma Naig did,
in words, offer his Arrears, and that I refused the
tender on Account of the Conditions annexed to it &
It is no less Certain that I communicated this offer
to the Board of Assumed Revenue, and received their
Express approbation of my Conduct in this very &
particular — as will appear in the Short Extract &
№ 3—

That I declined any Tender on the Terms
of Original Agreements with me I positively deny

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my Correspondence will shew that, yielding to the necessities of the times, I readily agreed to every modifications of those equitable Conditions which a due regard to the security of the Country would admit—

I rest not much on the distinction between a Verbal Offer and an actual tender of Cash, altho' as Colonel Maxwell has found in their Recent Breach of Engagement with him (no less than with Mr. Martin and myself) this distinction, is a most important one in dealings with the Polygars of Tinnevelly- because, had Even the Cash been brought to me at the period when the Tenders were made, subsequent to their breach of Engagements with me, subsequent to their depredations, committed after these Engagements, and when they found the Government would soon be able to spare a force against them, I do not conceive that, on the Conditions of confirming their Usurpations and overlooking their plunder, the Money could then have been Accepted with Credit to the Company, or with Common Justice to the Inhabitants.—

My Agreements, conveyed in my Letters

to

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to them went to this Effect— "Restore the Property you have taken from the Inhabitants and the Circar in Open defiance of the Company's Authority, and prove yourselves, by this testimony, faithful and sincere in your Offers, and then I will Relieve you from the fear of Punishment by Renewing my negotiations for your Peishcush— The Company whose protection Extends itself to the lowest Ranks, Require that these Subjects should live in the peaceable possession of their Property and they scorn to receive a Tribute from you, which, instead of being the produce of Your own lands is, in fact, the unjust accumulation of your cruel Exactions from the defenceless Inhabitants

But fully to perceive and to feel what I contend to have been the absolute propriety of the System adopted, it is necessary for Government to take into View the whole of the Conduct observed by the Polygars and myself during the period of the Assumption it is therefore that I enclose, in proof of its prudence and Humanity, the whole of my Correspondence upon the Subject with the Board of Revenue No. 1 as above. No Evidence can be more Artless, than a detail which, at such distant and different periods, could never have

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been compiled with a View to what has now happened and, if I mistake not, no Arguments can more powerfully exhibit the Motives and Effects of my Conduct than the simple Review of the several Arguments therein recorded — The Board may deem the review some what tedious but, alarmed as I am to find those Measures arraigned to which I gave the Credit of tending most Effectually to secure the property and even Lives of the Inhabitants, as well as the Peace of the State — I must beg, at least, that I may be allowed to Claim an impartial consideration of these Papers, and then let be determined whether disgrace and even a breach of Trust to the injured Inhabitants would not, as I assert, have attended the acceptance of the Peishcush of those, who did offer it at the time, and under the Conditions on which it was tendered —

In my Correspondence, the Honble. Board will see with how favorable and forbearing a disposition I began my Communications with these People, how ready I was to accept even a part of their Peishcush, and that nothing but their continued and encreased

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encreased Outrages induced me to pronounce a severe example unavoidable, not merely to secure the Tribute, but, what was of more consequence, the Revenue of the Country and the Safety of the People

After adverting to the deprecations and Insults therein particularized, let it be determined whether the Security of the Inhabitants and of their Rents, did not become a Superior object to the mere collection of the Polygar Peishcush— For my part I thought they did, and my Reasons were these—

The Strange compound of ignorance and low cunning— of short sighted rashness, and of servility, of falsehood and Brutality which marks their Character I only mention, without dwelling on— This conveyed to the knowledge of Government by names the most Respectable, yet, from me, it might be treated as the declamation of a prejudiced person—

To form a just idea of the Pretensions of these People it is necessary to keep in view a distinction, which I apprehend has been overlooked— The more Northern Zemendars are I believe chiefly Lords

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Lords of extensive and compacted Territories, many of them confirmed by Legal Summuds from the &c. Government of the Country, and who have, I believe, generally, lost much of their former power and &c. consequence — The very Reverse is the case with the Tennevelly Polygars, who, as far as I can learn, were Originally a Tribe of domestic Military paid by the Inhabitants partly in Land and partly in &c. Money, for the Express purpose of protecting their Grain and other property — Their possessions are neither Extensive nor Compacted, but, as it were, &c. sprinkled irregularly over the face of the Country and occupy about one Tenth part only of the &c. District —

Owing to the Weakness of the Sovereign Power these Polygars have, gradually, rendered themselves, in a great degree, independant, by &c. converting their detached Villages into Forts as Fastnesses, and by embodying their People, and they had so utterly lost sight of the object of their original appointment, that they were daily &c. plundering the property they were paid to protect,

Resisting —

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resisting the authority they were hired to support, and,
tho' Subject to a Specific Tribute, adding to their o.
Possessions by encroachments on the Circar Lands.

Whatever might have been their Origin,
yet, grown up to a consequence, thus dangerous to the
Peace of the Country, I conceived the utmost indulgence
and tenderness of Government could be meant to e.
extend no further, than on their paying their stipula=
=ted Tribute to Confirm them in their established
Possessions, which Possessions were sufficiently o.
ascertained by Mr. Irwin during the assignment,
and it was fair to argue, if we did not enforce the e.
regular performance of their Watching duties, the
Fees for which, they still continued to collect; we had
a right to punish in the most exemplary manner
direct depredation in the remaining property of the
District upon their declining to forbear or to e.
restore their plunder.

(The late resolution of Government to
confine their demands for the usurpations to the e.
period of the War, is a Subsequent Measure and e.
was fully attended to by me)

I found these Polygars a People whose

resistance

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resistance to the Company's Arms under Colonel Fullarton, whose subsequent insensibility to the Lenity of the procedure observed towards them on that occasion, and whose continued disposition to avail themselves of the present War to ravage the Country of which they were Vassals, rendered them objects of Political more than financial attention — I deemed them a sore in the very Vitals of our Resources, an Enemy the more dangerous as they were an internal Enemy, and whom it behoved us to bring into such a state of permanent Subordination, by some decided Example, as might prevent in future Emergencies, of more avail than the Lenient Conduct observed in Lord Macartney's time — and, afterwards, it was a matter of Credit to me to find, by the Treaty with the Nabob, the Tributaries were to remain under our Control and allow me, as I vainly thought, to accomplish this public Benefit: above all, I was forcibly impressed with this great consideration, that the the revenue derivable from the Inhabitants of Tinnevelly District, was in the proportion

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to one to the Tribute payable by the Polygars, it became, both in point of Humanity and Policy, of much more consequence to take such measures as should tend to restrain the devastation of Nine Tenths of the Revenue than to realize the one tenth; especially when the Condition of receiving that one tenth, was such as to render the acceptance nothing more or less, than what had been, in the Mooresh — Government, a despicable Bribe to wink at the Enormities committed by these wretches.

Such were the Principles on which I acted, the more I weigh them, the less do I hesitate to declare, that, had every one of the refractory Polygars made the same endeavours after that Cutaboma Nayc.k did, I should, considering the time, the Conditions and Circumstances, have maintained the same Line and Conduct towards them, that the Board of Assumed Revenue approved towards Cutaboma Nayc.k — as indeed I did in the following instances towards the Chocumpetty and Eliapoor Polygars — with respect to whom I beg leave to refer to my Letters of the 22.d September 1790 — 6.th January, 26.th September, and 26.th November 1791 and 24.th May 1792, in the Correspondence No.1 — as to the first, I condemned for a Confirmation

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of a Tenure undecided upon by the Board of Assumed Revenue and as for the Rajapour - He stipulated for the Conditional Surrender of the very same Forts and Districts, which Cutaboma Naig also made the insolent terms of his Compliance — From thes it will be seen that, to close with their offers on such terms (even if sincere) would have been not only degrading the rights of Government and betraying our own Weakness, but removing the only restraint by which they were kept at all in Check, and, in Effect, to sanction their turning again upon the Inhabitants, to remburse themselves by their Extortions, conformable to their constant practise under the Nabob's Government —

For it had ever been the Principle of His Highness's Managers to take from the Polygars, whatever they could get from them by any means — without regard to consequences, whether by force or under the pretext of faithless promises — mock — Assignments of Lands, or by fighting them one against the other, and if a Caun or a Moodaliar had held the Power during the late War, there is no doubt but the Polygars would greatly have increased their

Pollams

Pollams by these Collusions Intrigues, and their wealth by unrestrained oppression — That they would openly have taken upon them to interfere in the collection of the Revenue, and only have allowed the Circar such proportion as they pleased, and, as usual (to warrant these Enormities) they would have spared a part of their Spoil to the Renter under the name of their Peishcush, tho, in other words, no more than a division with him of the public Revenue — This is not merely speculative, — because it was precisely the State of the District previous to, and for sometime after, the Assignment in 1781. and until Colonel Fullarton's active operations in 1783 reduced them to Obedience — as will appear from the Revenue Records of that Period. — it therefore appeared to me most prudent to look to the Revenue of Five Lacks of Pagodas instead of the Peishcush of sixty thousand, and most — consistent with the British Character to protect, for the time, the property and Lives of the Inhabitants —

The Board will decide whether the measure in question; which, abstractedly stated, appears so unaccountable, does not prove to be a

necessary

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necessary and essential part of the System I adopted and if it may not be concluded that too ready a belief has been given by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to the insidious and unqualified assertions of the Polygars, who could no other way frame a plausible Excuse for their misconduct, and who would be at no loss to fabricate any falsehoods that may appear to answer the purposes of the present moment.

I again request that the Correspondence I have so often alluded to, be attentively read. The facts therein asserted are too notorious to be denied by any creditable person who can be supposed to be acquainted with them. The Obligations the Polygars gave and broke are in my possession. The murders and Ravages they committed can easily be proved, as can their usurpation of the Circar Lands.

Before I conclude this Letter, I hope I shall be permitted to ask for the Opinion of the Revenue Board upon this report, that the Gentlemen under whom I acted may judge if it is consistent with the sense and Spirit of their Instructions, and whether I was not warranted by their Letters of the 9th February and 17th October 1791

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and 9th of February 1792 and indeed from higher authority, in delaying unseasonable attempts at the Collection of the Peishcush, and, in some cases, the refusal of it – and further, whether I had not reason to flatter myself that Government, approving my Conduct as they did, would have supported me by the adoption of such measures, as would have allowed me to redress the sufferings of the Inhabitants, to recover the Arrears of Tribute, and, by a Judicious application of their force among the most refractory Polygars, to have established the Company's – authority on a permanent Basis – not on any principles of temporary Policy to give myself a transient Credit, but on the avowed and liberal footing of securing the Public from their turbulence in times of future Exigence, and convincing them, that the welfare of the Inhabitants (as the source of Revenue, and on the score of Humanity) was our peculiar Care.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) Benj.n Torin

Madras
25 October 1792.

Extract

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Extract of the Letters to Board of Assumed Revenue and their Answers.

1790
September 1st

I can say no further, at this early hour, respecting the Polygars, than that I have sent them notice of the Change of Government, and a Cowle for their Protection, and it may be considered a favorable Symptom the disappointment the Nabob's People have met with in their Attempt to add these Tributaries to their numbers in — — Tinnevelly.

22d.

I have hitherto delayed making any report to the Board of the Tinnevelly Polygars, as I have considered it hardly fair to judge the conduct of these Tributaries, under the Influence of Reports, unfavorable to the Company's Authority — and, as their behaviour has been in very few — instances, exceptionable, to palliate the Evil appeared to me the best treatment to observe, 'till a few days shall convince them of my Establish Powers and leave them more at leisure to call to mind the lenity and Justice of — Company's Administration, as well as the fatal — sequences

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of their former disobedience — In answer to the Proclamation, I received respectful messages from all of them but from Cutbom Naig, one of the most powerful — I took a Copy of the Cadjan immediately, and sent the original back to him, remarking that, if I did not instantly obtain a reply, couched in Terms of the utmost respect to the Company — the Copy I had taken, should be transmitted to Government and that he must then abide by the Effects of his Folly — my Peon soon returned with another Cadjan offering abundance of Excuses and Apologies, and affording every Satisfaction —

The Chockumputty Polygar has not as yet made me any redress for four hundred Collahs of Paddy which he seized about the time the Change of authority took place — I am not — however without a hope to have the Grain restored — as his Conduct has, ever since, been respectful, and he Grounds his Pretension on a Claim of Desha Cavel; which I believe he cannot easily support when I have time to investigate the affair.

These

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These two Circumstances excepted, and that none of them have offered or shewn much inclination to wait on me personally, is the whole of my Complaints against the Polygars.

When the Board recollect the Good order these People were brought to by Mr. Irwin and the good Effects the Country experienced from the Chastesement they received from Colonel Fullarton, they will recur to the advantage we derived from a moderate Tribute publicly settled and fairly collected from them for the space of three years, without oppression on one part or Complaints on the other — and naturally wish to see, what hand the Nabob's Servants have made of the Polygars, for the last five years — as no Peeshcush whatever has been collected for Fusly 1199 — The enclosed account exhibits only the Settlement and Collection for four Years — and, in a third Column, I have stated what the Polygars would doubtless have paid if it had been the Policy of the Nabob to have adhered to the fixed Assessment Established by Mr. Irwin — There are however two Circumstances to be considered in forming an opinion upon

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upon this Statement — that, in addition to the small Sum carried to the Nabob's publick Account 15,0000 Chuckrums are known to have been privately received as Nazers, yet to claim these Sums both publickly and privately, the Nabob was put to the Expence of two Detachments of the Company's Troops; — This Force was employed in the year 1795 and 1796 — Their Extraordinary Charges to the Nabob must have nearly equalled the actual receipts from the Polygars and the awful impression left upon their minds — by Colonel Fullarton's Expedition, could only have been done away by the use of Force to freighten them into Engagements it was impossible for them to perform, or the Nabob to inforce

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To Mr. Benjamin Torin

Collector at Tinnevelly

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Assumed Revenue to desire that you will inform the Polygars dependent upon Tinnevelly, that nothing beyond the Peishcash, which was paid to Mr. Irwin during the late Assignment, will be demanded of them by the Company, and upon

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upon the principle, you are directed to make a Settlement with them for their Tribute on account of the Years 1199 and 1200 Fusly—

As the Board are convinced that these Polygars retain a lively sense of the lenity and moderation of the Company's Government, they hope that you will meet with no difficulty in completing this Arrangement and they rely upon your Experience and ability for retaining them in proper Subjection—

I am &c &c

(signed) Jo. Webbe
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28th

The Shevaloy Hills and Pilachy Farms ought to be equal to 90,000 Chuckrums, but many of the Inhabitants are fled—and the Shevagery Polygar has acquired, of late, too much influence over the Circar Servants; this accounts for the decreased Rents—In Mr. Irwin's rent there was a differnce of 23,000 Chuckrums between the 2nd and third year for these Farms, which shews the value depends chiefly upon the Encouragement and protection Gavernment can afford to the Inhabitants

October 18th

I shall now have leisure to treat with the Polygars, and I have little doubt, from their late

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late peaceable respectful behaviour, but I shall soon be able to furnish the Board with a compleat — " Settlement with those Tributaries, on the Terms prescribed to me in your Letter of the 8^th Instant.

November 25^th My further Supplies will be in — " proportion to the Amount of the monthly Rents, and the Occasional Receipts from the Polygars, deducting only the Disbursements to the Garrison of Palamcotah and the Provincial Troops — The negociation with the Tributaries is going on successfully, tho slowly, yet I hope soon to make a favorable report to the Board of their Settlement.

1793
January 6^th I have delayed for several days to inform you of my proceedings with the Polygars of Tinnevelly, as I earnestly wished, and fully expected, to have made a Compleat report of their perfect — Obedience, and that I had settled with them on the Terms prescribed in your Letter of the 8^th October. I was so sensible of the benefits they were to receive from the Exercise of the Company's authority in these Districts, and of the recollection they must have of M^r Irwin's Administration, as well as of the punishment inflicted by Colonel Fullarton on the

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the unruly that I entertained little doubt of their readiness to return to their allegiance — I thought I had only to hold out the same indulgencies to do away all the bad Effects of the Nabobs mismanagement of them since the restoration of the Assignment, nor have I been deceived in those Polliums where the men who had tasted of the sweets as well as of the bitters of the Company's Power, are still to be met with — but, such has been the Change from Death, intrigues, and the violent hand of oppression, that the work was almost to begin again — after I had established the Renters in their Farms, sent notice of it to the Poligars in their Districts — requiring the utmost Care of their respective Cowls, and to Conduct themselves peaceably and respectfully towards the Company's Amildars. adding that I had them leisure to settle their Peishcush, and — Summoned them all to the Cutchery, informing them, at the same time, I would refuse to see every one of them, who should presume to come in any Kind of State to Tinnevelly; that the honors they had assumed were incompatible with

their

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their vassalage, and that the open Town of Tinnevelly, when all their Business would be publickly settled made it unnecessary for them to be attended by any number of their Peons for the pretended safety of their Person — The Sheviguny, the most opulent and powerful Chief to the westward, followed the Badge Peon, in Person, to the Cutchery — and, Accompanied only by his Vackeel, settled his Peishcush for two Years, as per enclosed Bond, previous to which I obliged him to avow his Obedience to the Company — to promise to restore all he had plundered from the Circar since the day of the Proclamation, to give back to the lawful Proprietors, the Pollams he had usurped, and to confine himself in future, to his own possessions in the quiet Enjoyment of which, on the part of the Company, I promised to protect him as long as he should pay his Peishcush, observe his Engagements, and perform all the Duties required of him as a Polygar, Tributary to Government — The Sheviguny through the venality and intriguing administration of Elahar Cawn, had possessed himself of the Pollams of Shattoor and Pulitaven

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and totally des… enjoyed the Possessions of Tamaica
naig, who, by his … Industry and care, had made her
Villages objects … of temptation to the Opulent, but
I insisted upon … how He restoring, as well as some
Circar Villages … of which he has fairly purchas…
the Brevil… dged of Cultivation. The Shingarry,
found the … hand Terms to comply with, according
as he … law under the Carnac Sanction, to exercise
… Control over the District, and Beggar
to the West … stwards and Helena he would have
Loaded … the performance of, making his recollection
every … now and then to the Chastisement he received
from Colo … Lieut Fullarton Effectually subdued him
to the per… mance — and is actually in posses…
of His first … Company — Cuddalore and the Shallow
Bottum, … settle the … have we instated the only
remaining … all … the Family — The Renter
have regained … alienated Property, and
replaced the … Inhabitants in the managment
of the Villages in their respective Farms —
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and totally destroyed the Possessions of Tumeechemaig, who, by his Industry and care, had made his Villages objects of temptation to the Oppressor; these I insisted upon His restoring, as well as some circar Villages of which he had forcibly purchased the Previledge of Cultivation— The Shavigurry, found the[m] hard Terms to comply with, accustomed as he had [been] under the Cauns Sanction, to exercise [un]limited Control over the District, and Polygars to the W.[ard] Eastward and I believe he would have [not] Evaded the performance, but, awaking his recollection [of] every now and then to the Chastisement he received from Colonel Fullarton, I effectually subdued him to the performance— and I am actually in possession of His first Pagodas Peishcush and the Shattoor Pollam, in settle their Shaw re-instated the only remaining [Br]anch of the Family— The Rendermaig have regained Home, Splendour Property, and replaced the [Ry]ots Inhabitants in the management of the Villages in their respective Farms— The Pullitaveis Pollam only remains to be relinquished, which I every day expect to hear of—

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of most of the lesser Polygars to the westward have followed the Sheviguerry's Example, and have been equally Satisfactory in their Settlements — The few that have held off, act more from habit and their Ignorance than with any hostile view to the Circar — The Chocumpetty only, affords a Subject for your Consideration — This Pollam has, for many Years been in different hands, and, when we last held the Administration of the Nabobs Countries, we found it in the possession of Moorcar Thaven — a man who had distant Claims to it, and forcibly possessed himself of it a few years before — to the prejudice of Chinnaneija Taven, who had equal pretentions, and had Governed it for a length of time; when I call to mind the Service thus Moorcar Thaven proved himself of to the Company, by opposing Tippoo Saib during the last war, in his design to make himself absolute over the Polygars and to favor His Treaty with the Dutch to cover their descent upon the Tinnivelly Province — and again in conducting the force under Colonel Fullarton to the Summit of the Sheviguerry Comby, by which the Polygar League was intirely routed — The Board will be

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sorry to hear that it was the Policy of the Nabob to remove this man as soon as he recovered his Countries, and to reinstate Chinnaneya Shawn-Woorcar Shawn is now at Tinnevelly, with the Company's Cowl in his hand, and Soliciting the favor of Government — and the backward behaviour of the present Chocumpetty Seems to favor the measure, should it prove to be the pleasure of the Board to have him reinstated it is however only the Brother of Chinnaneya Shawn now in the management, as the principal died some months ago, leaving a Boy of 7 Years old to succeed him — By no means wish to excite the Board to any wanton or unnecessary quarrel with the Polygars — but to point out where their Credit calls for their interference, and where it was probable the misconduct of the Polygar will render it indispensable — for although Shaw succeeded, beyond my Expectation, in keeping these Tributaries from plundering the Crops or otherwise disturbing the Inhabitants, as is their Custom in time of war, yet much remains to be done, when the opportunity Offers to put these Tributaries back

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to their original Situation, a measure highly necessary if the Company are to retain their authority; and greatly beneficial, as the Board will perceive, from the following behaviour of the young Cultoma naig — who was employed by Eldalar Cawn, and has acquired the same degree of our growing power to the Eastward that Shevegurry held on the opposite side of the Districts — I consider the Death of old Cultoma naig, and the Father of the present Vakeel who managed their affairs, as the most untoward Accidents that could have happened, convinced that the weak — minds of the two young men, unable to discriminate, would be more prone to consider the Company's authority as a Check upon their consequence, than a benefit to the Polygars in General — This early appeared in the disrespectful answer the Board may remember he sent to my first note — it is only a Fortnight ago that he came to the Cutcherry, after various Evasions, and contriving to Keep back many others from attending on the Cercar — on his arrival He was required to make the same Settlements as the others had done, to relinquish the Villages and Property that he had

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had taken, and, in short, to conform to the orders of the Circar in every thing that related to good order and obedience — although he came into the Town without state, yet he contrived, in the three days he staid here, to introduce, by small parties, a large swarm which reduced me to the necessity of ordering him to send them away or to remove himself — Apprehensive he would prefer the latter rather than submit to the disgrace. That day concluded my settlements with him, and obtained from him a declaration renouncing the Circar Villages of Arivenoh and Mavelly Woody, in dispute between him and the Etiapoor Polygar, also other small Villages belonging to the Circar and lesser Polygar, which he had lately assumed; he then received Batta, and, in the Evening, went off with all his followers, to his Fort of Pandelumcour chy, promising to pay me a years Peishcush in four days — since which I have not heard from him, but learn that he is not disposed to make good his payment or to surrender any one of the Villages — as there are terms very moderate, in comparision with the depredations this Polygar has been committing for

for these last five years and such as we could not have dispensed with without yielding up the just rights of the Circar, and proving ourselves unequal to the management of them — Shaw informed Cuthbonaig that his negligence cannot fail to bring down upon him the Company's displeasure and to end in the loss of that safety and protection his Father had secured to himself by repentance and submission

Such however is the Character of this Vackeel, that Shaw little hope of his behaving better till we are in a situation to compel him — and indeed if I can but restrain him from troubling the Inhabitants, it is more to be wished that his Conduct, in other respects, should provoke an — Enquiry — as the Board will perceive, by the enclosed List, the enormous advantages and undue — " Priviledges the Polygar has, at different Times, " contrived, by Bribery or by Force, to get into his Possession — His stated Tribute is but 11,000 Chuckrums, and he holds, in Villages acknowledged to belong to his Pollams, and in Cutcherfees, a Revenue of 28,500 — in Villages belonging to the Circar, but assumed by him previous to the last assignment, 13,000 — a pretended claim of Deshacarel to the

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amount of 11,000 besides the above Villages of Arra-
-neerolum and Mavelly woody - equal to ten
thousand more: thus this Talookary's annual
receipt is upwards of 60,000 Chuckrums, for which
he only pays 11000 to the Circar - Upon a General
investigation of the Polygar dues I have reason
to think many Considerable recoveries may be
made to the Circar, and to an Amount that will
defray the expence of it - There are points that
Mr Irwin, in his Settlement with the Polygars,
had not time to contend with them during his
short stay Colonel Fullarton remained in the Country
and it would not have been polite, after he had
left it - nor would I recommend the subject to be
agitated till the War is over, and till our Govern-
-ment is better established than at present, -
fluctuating as it is with every report that the
Nabob or his adherents are disposed to circulate

Enclosed is a list of the Polygars
I have already settled with - and the Payments I
have made to this day - with People whose
principle it is to deceive, and who pride themse-
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on the breach of their Engagements and the length of time they can put off the performance of them, much patience is required; and, though I have little doubt of claiming the amount of their Bonds in the long run, Yet I am vexed to find them unmindful of any thing short of compulsion — The most danny hardly require to be punished, but to be over awed and to be forced out of those habits of independence and Controul (the Nabob's Government allowed of) by destroying that Superiority, which the Shevigurry and Pandelumcourcy Polygars have assumed over the others, even to the Appropriation of some of their Pollams and — consequent loss of their Peishcash — to the Circar.

February 28th

I am afraid to say, what will be the probable Effect on the Polygars, to this moment — wavering in their minds, whether to follow their old practice of plundering the Country while our armies are employed, or to dread the Consequences of the Company's Authority — my last letter will shew the Board the doubtful State they were then in, and the little I have been able to collect from them since, may be considered, as the

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Thermometer of their Conduct — I am not to
any credit for frustrating one attempt Cuddapa
Naig has already made, to unite the Eastern
Polygars, with the Sheivgurry and his Adher
to the Westward, in the plunder of the Crop; a
for keeping them both in constant Attendance an
Correspondence about disputed Villages while
Grain is getting in, continually upholding to them
the terror of the Company's Vengeance, for it is
your administration alone, they respect; and
have little or no Apprehension of our Power,
when it is not exercised in support of our —
measures — I am led to this remark from the
insignificant figure two Detachments made
here under Colonels Casby and Macleod, during
the last five years of the Nabob's Government in
which time these Tributaries Appropriated whole
Villages, in addition to their Pollams, and annua
purloin of the Circar Share of the Crop by levying a
fine from the Inhabitants as the price of their
forbearance, and yet plundering their Property

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That the Polygars withhold their Payments I have already acknowledged, and I am sure it is not in my Power to compell them; I think myself extremely fortunate in their passive State of Obedience, as I am confident it is unprecedented during a War, and without the Shadow of any Military Assistance beyond the Revenue Troops who were never of sufficient force to do more than protect the Crops.

August 19th

I was concerned to find this dispute with the Brahmins was no sooner Settled, than one of a more formidable kind began to appear among the Polygars — who have, in the course of 4 or 5 days, disturbed the Peace of the Country by little predatory Excursions, to the great annoyance of the Inhabitants, — they have not as yet ventured to lay their hands on any of the Circar property; but, as the Prosperity of the Villagers may be considered the riches of the Country, I am unwilling that these wanton attacks upon the Individuals should be — passed over with impunity — I can only attribute this

thus disorderly Conduct to a confused idea they have
entertained of the present State of the War, and the
presumption that our Troops will be much longer
engaged in the Mysore Country than they at
first Suspected — In a letter to Cutboma Naig,
who is the Source of this Evil — I have endeavo
to do away this false notion and threatened him
with the Company's resentment if an immedia
Stop is not put to these Outrages — I hope I h
not gone too far in declaring that every Violation
on the Inhabitant will be extorted from him
again, in the proportion of two for one, and that
the Seizure of the Circar Property will be attend
with the forfeiture of his Pollams or of any other, wh
shall dare to plunder what they are bound to
Protect or to disturb the good order that has hith
prevailed throughout the District. I
pretend to hope for a Strict Observance of t
Injunction from this unruly Savage race
People, it may however be of some avai

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not I should recommend the Assembling of one of the Revenue Corps, and, with a few Companies of Regulars, forming a small Detachment to keep them in awe 'till we can proceed against them in greater force and with more Effect — In this view I have Caused a Register to be kept of the occasional Instances that have occurred of their speculation and disrespect to your Authority —

September 5th. My order to Kilboma naig, the Polygar, were so far attended with effect as to force him to deny the Charges I had made against him, and excuse himself, in vain and frivolous pretexts, for his misconduct to the Inhabitants, and he has been less troublesome ever since — He never fails, upon these occasions, to make offer of his Peishcush, and a shew of Obedience, without the least Sincerity in either, and when I inform you it is under the insolent Condition of what He calls Justice, and which means nothing less than to Confirm him in the Possession of his — Assumptions and peculations, to the Amount

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of 60,000 Chuckrums Sannum, I am sure you will approve of my declining any thing from him on such ruinous and disgraceful Terms.—

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To Mr Benjamin Torin
Collector at Tinnevelly

Sir,

We have not failed to represent to Government the Conduct of the Poligars, together with the large balances now due from them; but, as the Situation of affairs does not admit of our enforcing any decisive measure, we must take some future opportunity of Collecting their Peishcush, and of Chastizing the insolence of Cattoma naig— mean while we approve your declining all Correspondence with him upon the Conditions you mention.

We are
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(Signed) Wm Petrie
D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

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To Mr Benjamin Torin
Collector at Tinnevelly.

Sir,

In consequence of your communication to us respecting the Conduct of the Polygars in the Tinnevelly Country, Government wrote to Lord Cornwallis on the subject — His Lordship, in reply has recommended the observance of the most lenient measures towards them without betraying too much weakness on the part of Government, and that a minute investigation should take place to ascertain wether they have any just cause of complaint — you will therefore lose no time in reporting upon this subject, transmitting, at the same time, to the Presidency a Statement of the arrears due by the Poligars —

We are
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Signed D. Haliburton
W. Balfour

September 26th

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 12th requiring from me a Statement of the Poligar Arrears, and informing me of Lord Cornwallis's desire that their disobedience may be immediately enquired into.

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I wish to express my Satisfaction that the Subject of the Tinnivelly Tributaries has been honored with his Lordships notice and that an opportunity is given me of exhibiting them in a proper point of View — so that the Company may profit by the occasion to make those unbearable People remember, that the Priviledges they enjoy in the limits of their respective Pollams entitle the Circar to an active support — from them in time of public Calamity, instead of the disbursteful and pilfering conduct they have observed during the present war —

I must acknowledge, however, that the Circar Revenue has not materially suffered from them, and that their behaviour, upon the whole if Compared to former times, has been less flagitious — for what was then done in an open and Outrageous manner has may been Effected, in a smaller — degree, by their Cunning and insidiousness; so far has the name of the Company and the — increasing Prosperity of the war been felt — among

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among them; but it is barely a palliation that they have not avowedly plundered what they are bound to protect

It will be found necessary to consider them not only in regard to their Arrears, their Assumption of Lands and their disobedience in withholding the required Supplies of money and Cattle for the purpose of the war, but with respects to the footing they are to be reduced for the future — no one will doubt for a moment, but if we had proved unsuccessful in our present Contest that these People would have been the first to have benefited by our misfortunes (as they did last war) and have proved a rankling and distructive sore in the very Heart of our Resources

As I had the benefit of Mr. Irwin's example before me, and saw the Effect of his moderation and Justice, I hope you will give me Credit for an adherence to his principles and his measures, only with this difference that as I was not to profit by a Military Force, but could only remind them of what they

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they had suffered, and warn them of what would follow — so I judged it necessary to be more tenacious of my Authority as I know if I granted a little; much would be taken — I therefore scrupulously insisted on every thing in the name of the Company, which the Sovereignty of the Nabob, and relative Situation of the Polygars could warrant — I was very upon this Plan, that what I gained would be well earned, that if they did not relinquish what I demanded they would not venture to take more — and that if they dared to disregard all authority the Company would have good grounds to proceed upon, when opportunity offered, to root out the Evil — How far this plan has succeeded you shall judge by my letters, the Dates, as p Margin, to which I beg leave to refer, and to the General Tenor of the Conduct of the Polygars, as it shall further appear by the following remarks — The Theveguny, who — I mentioned to have been the first to submit to my orders — was to have surrendered two Pollams he had usurped — one of which he restored

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28^th February
2^d June
12^th august
1^st September

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Apparently to the Shatoor; but his influence has still prevailed in it to the exclusion of the owner— the other, the Pulitaven (who also held the Company's Cowl) he never restored, though he admitted a guard into the Fort, on the part of the Company; and in this State matters remained while Our army was to the Southward, of the Coleroon; when, tired of an interference he thought we could not enforce— though fearful to alienate the Company's Troops, a Party of his Peons unarmed, forcibly uplifted the Guard and removed them, bodily, with their muskets, without the walls — From this much may be seen of their Insolence and their low cunning, and yet their dread of the Company's Vengeance— I have therefore never failed to persist in the surrender of the Pulitaven's Pollam, and to keep this as a Bone of Contention between us, for which the Shuigerry must, one day or other, be accountable— as our affairs draw to a Conclusion in the Mysore Country the Poligars become more Submissive, and I have lately received a Message

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from the Shroffgerry that the Pollam shall be given up provided Isaac will give it to the Pulitaven — I refuse all Conditions, of Course, and insist upon the Pollam being given up, and the Guards re-admitted — I have also taken Advantage of this impression and wrote the Shroffgerry to restore all the Circar Inhabitants, he has spirited away from the Oppression of the Nabob's managers, and to withdraw all his interference from the Circar Village — It would be endless to enter into the particulars of Poligar disputes I don't imagine his Lordship means to have the history of every little trick they have passed upon us — for their History is made up of these manœuvres — I have, however, as I before observed, a Register of all their faults — but it is impossible to judge such a subtle unsteady race by any regular Principle; their Character is a Compound of Contrariety; in matter of business they are liberal, often fair, but naturally deceitful — They would oppose the common Enemy on the Frontiers and plunder the Country themselves, and they are daring and timid; for they

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they are guilty of the most wanton acts of disobedience and rapacity; yet, under some disguise, to avert the punishment, they descend to every meanness for an excuse, and they are never to be believed — all the other Poligars to the westward have — regulated their Conduct by the Shevigerry — only that he has paid me one year's Peischcash; but that, in the hope of obtaining a permission to His usurpations.

The Chocumpelly is the next powerful Poligar to the westward — he has not yet restored the 400 Colluhs of Paddy nor paid any of his Peischcash — He is in league with Cattoma naig and his turbulent Conduct, in regard to the Inhabitants, has been always Conformable to that of his Confederate, and, at times very trouble-some indeed — Also the Wootmally, who is but — little removed from Tinnevelly, and has more than once laid the Inhabitants under a Contribution — It is not a month since I made him restore Bonds and Cattle which he had forcibly Extorted from the

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the Cercar Inhabitants of the Gurgagundem Farm-
and, in all probability, before another month is over,
he will commit a Similar outrage in some other
District — Thus is the Country continually
harassed by one or the other of them — The Chuppa
Poligar has also proved himself a great Delinquent
as his mal-practices have been much of the
nature of Woolwally, and have been of later date,
and no retribution whatever obtained from him
— He disregards my orders, and the People send
to enquire an Explanation of his misconduct —
But the Principal, and the worst of all the
young Cutboma nay — I have very fully detailed
my proceedings with him in the Letter of the
6th of January — the small Forts of Aravencolum
and Mahely Wooty, I then mentioned, are still
in his Possession, although I have sent and
a Vackeel at them to support the Claims of the
Company — and from which two Villages he
draws as much revenue, as the Peishcush he
ought, but has not paid, to the Company — he
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behaviour, ever since, has been a continual round of little robberies, Exactions, and very disrespectful liberties towards the Circar, and to the annoyance of the Inhabitants. He has had the audacity to collect from the Inhabitants a Dashacawel, under the name of an annual Gratuity; for his forbearance from plundering the Country: at the beginning of this year he not only collected it for Fasly 1201 but has began to anticipate it for 1202 - forcing from the People their Cattle and confining their persons; when the Board advert to the duties of these Poligars, and know that they enjoy 2/3rs of the Produce of their Pollams besides other fees for the protection of the Inhabitants. they will have a just idea of their enormity, and of Cullomo Naig in particular, against whom I have a very long List of Complaints: indeed there is to be attached for some of the Circar Revenue, for, Although I did not encourage the Ryuls to expect any remission of Rent on this Score, yet it

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it is well known many of them have suffered—
The Polygar has committed his Robberies under
such menaces that the Renters could not venture
to make an open Complaint against him—The
Proofs however, are not wanting—nor is he
free from open acts of Hostility against the
Company, such as interrupting us, for months
together, from Cutting wood for the Garreson
Store, and for opposing the Company's Sepoys
in the Execution of their duty—in one of these
Conflicts his People picked one of the Villages
Guards, and 2 Sepoys were killed upon the
Spot—This violence Imagnified into a high
Crime, as I really think public notice ought to be
taken of it, for their Strength and numbers are so
truly formidable, that it would be eminently dangerous
to our Interests to allow them to spill Blood with
Impunity—The Colarpetty, Caudelgoody and
Nagelapoor Polygarsare of Cuthoma Naigs Attahoods
and have been, at times very troublesome to the
Inhabitants, and disrespectful to the Power

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In proceeding to pass a determination upon their Conduct, there are many points for the Consideration of the Board — if Governments should incline to forgiveness, there is little doubt on the return of Peace, that these Tides will put off all Hostility, and the Vexatious distressing Excursions that now happen daily, will no be heard of again while the Company's Administration prevails — that the arrival of two or three Battalions will occasion the Peishcaush to be paid, the plundered and usurped property in part to be restored, and the deposed Polygars to be reinstated — and all without firing a musket; but this will be temporary, and last no longer than the Countenance of the Assumption, and the presence of the Detachment — Belicaw, I am well warranted in saying that no principal of good Government can bend these People to order and Obedience — Mr Irwin's Levity and Injustice last Assignment, in restoring Cuttoma Naig and Shevegurry to their Pollams, ought to have made an everlasting impression on their minds of the

Power

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Power and moderation of the Company's Government, and the equitable and easy Tribute that was taken from them, and is all we have now demanded is a convincing Proof that impartial Justice, in regard to their Payments, is not felt by them.

I very much fear that our opposite Conduct to what we observed last War will, therefore, be found necessary, should Government resolve to Check this disrespectful Spirit, and to secure themselves against the precarious consequences of these predatory Excursions during the Occasional absence of our Troops – until some Exemplary punishment is inflicted I am confident – the Revenues of this Finances will always be in danger, in proportion to the Circumstances of our armies; for the Polygar only take advantage of our Lenity, and Conclude, as Cullom Ring and Shevagunny were re-instated after plundering the whole Country and Arrogating to themselves Titles and despotic Power in their Circar Provinces that no very heavy punishment awaits a

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Several Conduct—they little think that Mr. Irwin and Colonel Fullarton, at that Critical Time, had no Alternative but to Compromise with them, and that we can now take a Lesson, from Experience, and keep them in reserve 'till Opportunity is more favorable.

The very loose and Corrupt Govern-ment Exercised by the Nabobs' managers, has afforded them many occasions to add to their Revenues from the Circar Countries—by which the Nabob may be said to Cherish an Enemy in the Center of his dominions, for they no sooner become rich, than their insolence is unbounded—The Board will perceive, by the Enclosed Bonds (and I have taken similar Obligations from all the Polygars) that I have prepared them for these Resumptions, and I have enclosed a List of such recoveries as I think ought to be made from them—there are a few Alterations requisite in regard to some of their Tributes which, in General, is found to be 1/3.th of their Revenue, and we know that to amount to three Lacks above the 60000 Chuckrums

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stated to be the Value of their usurpations during the Power of Mahomed Yusoof Cawn in the Immediately those Polygars were reduced to the Condition of Common Inhabitants — Redeprived them of their Sandy, forbid them the use of their Matchlock and Pikes, and ordered every Head to be struck off that wore the Poligar Turban — but he did not live long enough to subdue their lawless savage Spirit, with the next manager they endeavoured to regain their destructive influence, and have been in constant warfare with the Circar ever since — it would take a long time, even under a regular Government like the Companys to bring them back to the quiet and useful State, we are told, they formerly were — subjected to — when they never took up their Pikes but to oppose the Enemy, and Cultivated the Grounds in Common with the Inhabitants of the Country — The present Government (what (said may be said) between the Nabob's and the Companys authority is no ways favorable to any permanent System, nor does it become me to

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to consider it — further than to say I have endeavoured by my Conduct towards them, to lay a foundation for one, and I am Confident if it does not go the lengths of humbling the insolence and presumption of the Tributary, it will serve to Establish the Rights and uphold the Consequence and respect due to the Circar.

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To M.r Benjamin Torin
Collector at Tinnevelly

Sir,

We highly approved your report upon Tinnevelly Polygars, and Concurred in the Sentiments which you expressed; a Copy of it was therefore laid before Government for the information of Lord Cornwallis: In reply the Honorable Board are pleased to say 'They have read your Representation of the Character and disposition of the Tinnevelly Tributaries with much attention, and they clearly discern the necessity there is for keeping a watchful eye over these Turbulent people in order to prevent them from forming any —

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Combination among themselves destructive of the peace of the District, which the present Situation of the times, and their own licentious habits might lead them to attempt." It appears to the Honorable Board, however as the more prudent measure, to overlook just now, any trifling irregularity in their Conduct, than by an Act, or even by the appearance of Anger, induce them to a successful, tho' temporary, resistance of the Company's authority; and they therefore recommend that you Conduct yourself towards them with the forbearance, which these Considerations naturally suggest; and continue so to do, until the return of peace shall afford them an opportunity of enforcing their just demands.

We are,

Sr &c

Signed

Wm Petrie
David Haliburton
Wm Balfour

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November 26th — After what I have communicated of the Polygars you will not be surprized to hear that every day furnishes fresh instances for their insolence.

I lately got possession of a written order from Cutbomanaig to the Inhabitants of a Circar Village to give up their Lands to his Sirvogar and not to stir till they had done so — the Renter of the District sent a Peon to him to remonstrate against this violence, and the man has returned so severely flogged that his Life is dispaired of.

The Eilapoor Polygar presseveres in his oppression and Cruelty to the Inhabitants, as well as his Total disregard of the Circar — and so the Shevagurry who has lately resumed his Power in the Pullitaven's Pollams.

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January 24th — Although your late Letters apprise me that no immediate remedy can be applied to the troubles daily fell more and more, from the Polygars, in particular from Cutbom Naig, Shivagurry and Chocumpetty — I think it necessary to report to you the Continuance of their disobedience that the earliest Opportunity to relieve the Inhabitants from the

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the Cruelty and oppression that assails them in a variety of ways may be taken — I was in hopes the rapid Progress of our army towards the conclusion of the war would have intimidated these People into tranquility; but a consciousness of their crimes seems to Stimulate them to provide Funds as the only hope of averting the impending danger; to this Effect they seize upon the Cattle Sheep and other property of the Inhabitants and only restore them for a Ransom in ready money — The Nagleepoor, has persisted in his depredations on this and the Marwar Country like the Rajah of Runnad has determined on retaliation; and to this Effect, he writes me of his intention to send Troops — He seems to have persuaded the Shevigurry Polygar to Cooperate with him against the Nagleepoor, as 2000 of Shevagurries Peons are gone that way, and, in their route, are levying contributions from the Villa — I write to the Shevigurry to desist from these evils — because no good can come of them, and the Circar Inhabitants are sure to bear the Expence of the Expedition.

I have only to add that the Polyg.

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have their Beons in all the Villages — assessing the — Inhabitants, and that Cullooma Naig dared to write me that he was collecting a Batta from them to defray his hunting Expences.

The Village Guards no longer dare to oppose them, or do the Renters consider themselves safe in requiring it — I should therefore recommend a — Change of System with respect to the Revenue Troops, and, instead of their present dispersed State — to have them assembled, and to make an allowance to the Renter for Country Beons — for their Collections — The Guyyandurs District has suffered so much from the Polygar demands that I am obliged to consent to a delay in that Renter's Rent for a few days — and the Board must not be surprised to perceive similar defalcations in the other Farms, if this spirit of rapine is not speedily Checked.

I was lately much distressed at a Shocking murder which was perpetrated, near to Tinnevelly, on the person of an Old and respectable Inhabitant in the Village of Gopalsamudrum, — it is thought to be work of the Cavlcarar in order to revenge himself for some advice which the man had given to the Renter for the management of his Farm —

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and unfavorable to the pilfering views of the Coolcana-
The deceased was a man of property and much
respected for his Experience and Utility; and the
murder was most atrociously committed in the
Evening, as he was setting at his door.

To quiet the minds of the People
I got Colonel Clarke to send a Company of Sepoys to the
Village; and, altho' I have not as yet apprehended
the Fugitives, I expect to do it in the course of time,
and in the hope that Government may determine on
some Exemplary punishment.

February 1st

Since I had the pleasure to write you,
on the 24th Ultimo, I have learnt that Cullomee Naig
is gone in Person, with 2000 Peons, to support the
Nagleporer Polygar against the attack of the Rajah
of Ramnad: Complaints are coming in from the
Villages of his Oppression on the Road, and of the
devastation of his Peons, in the Fields, of Rice Grain
as they pass along - I have gone thro the Form
of ordering Cullomee Naig back to his Pollam, but
I fear with as little Effect as when I lately spoke
to the Sheirgurry, who, as I told you, is gone to
Co-operate with the Rajah.

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I think proper to remark that the Rajah never apprised me of this intended Attack upon one of the Tributaries of the Tinnevelly till he had actually began his Operations — The late I could not help pointing out the bad consequence of such an ineffectual proceeding, and admonishing him to leave to the more powerful arm of Government the Chastisement of these People — It is much to be regretted that any steps should be taken just now to call these Polygars into action, although their disputes should be confined to themselves; — as it is to be feared that the Flame, once lighted up, may Extend beyond the limits they Originally intended; so little are they regulated in any thing they undertake.

We are certain that the Property of all the Circar Inhabitants around will fall a Sacrifice to their insatiable rapacity and that, in many instances, the Circar Revenue will suffer from their indiscriminating rage for plunder, and as long, as their minds are relieved from the dread of Government and they can indulge in the Savage joy and consequential mockery they display when

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these Expeditions

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To Mr Benjamin Torin
Collector at Tinnevelly

Sir,

We send you the inclosed Extract of a letter from Government in answer to your letter of 4th Instant.

We are extremely concerned to find, by your letter of 8th January, that the disturbances of the Polygars are likely to be carried to so dangerous a length; but, as we have, at present, no effectual means of keeping them in Check, all we can do is to make Government acquainted with the Circumstances.

We are
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Petrie
D. Haliburton
Wm Balfour

Extract of a Letter from Government dated 4th February 1792.

We are much concerned to observe, from Mr Torin's representation, that the Polygars

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in the Tinnevelly District still continue refractory we can devise no effectual method, in the present state of affairs, for the prevention of this Evil but we entirely approve the manner in which the Collector recommends that the Revenue Troops should be disposed of; and, in order to guard against misconstruction of the General order alluded to by Mr Torin, we have written to the Commandant and to the Paymaster at Palamcotah acquainting the former that the strength of the Revenue Troops is not to be reduced, and the latter, that their full Pay is to be continued to them.

a true extract.

(signed) J. Webbe Secy

March 20th.

The return of Peace affords me very lively hopes, that it will not be long before the Government are induced to turn their attention towards the turbulent Intestines of the Tinnevelly. This Prospect of speedy Support followed so soon after your Letter of the 2d February that I did not think it necessary to subject the Company to the Expence of Country Peons and the Renters to the inconvenience of calling together the Revenue Troops.

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Troops — For a short time too, our success at Seringapatam produced a relief to the Inhabitants from the oppression of the Polygars. But, within the few days, another Hydra has reared its Head and the credulity of these Tributaries too easily receives it, as a happy Prognostication of Escape — It is generally reported that the Nabob is shortly to have his Countries restored — while the timid Renter shrinks back, and in spite of his amil Namah, dreads the Event — the emboldened Polygar re-commences his Exactions, confident in the idea that He will easily be able, by a judicious application of His spoils, to buy himself harmless out of all his Enormities

May 24th

I hope it is needless to Endeavour further the acts of oppression with the Polygars are yet daily committing as I flatter myself measures are already taken by Government to send relief to these Inhabitants of the District state suffering under unlimitted exactions: it is ten days since the Chocumpetty Polygar laid the whole District of Tencanohy under a Contribution to Celebrate a marriage in His Family.

June 5th

I have frequently of late been obliged to importune you on the Subject of the Famine

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Tinnevelly Polygars — every day affords some fresh proof of their increasing turbulence either in the — oppression of the Inhabitants or in the petet warfare among themselves.

The Sheviguny Polygar has just Committed an act of the latter discription, which, from the Circumstances connected with it, Claims your particular Attention — and openly avows his total disregard of all authority, and that he keeps no bounds in acquiring wealth and Power.

The Shatoor Polygar was one of the Subadaries Mr. Irwin and Colonel Fullarton delivered from the Usurpation of the Sheviguny during the last Assignment — but the Shatoor had not been re-instated many months before the Countries were restored to the Nabob, and the Sheviguny found interest enough with the His Highness Manager to wink at his repossessing himself of the Pollams, and to overlook the murder of the young Proprietor, as a more effectual way of securing it, besides these, the Sheviguny was allowed to usurp the Pollams of — Puttalaven, whom he also made away with, and to plunder the rich and highly improved Pollams of Tonchinaig — which the Assumption took place

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place the Brothers of the Shatoor and Pullilaven Polygar produced to me the Company's Coolavaid represented the fate of their relation, and their own desolate condition—my Letter of the 26th September 1791 will remind the Board of the Steps I took to recover their rights and (for the Company's Credit) to replace these Families in their Pollams—my perseverance in their behalf at length prevailed in favor of the Shatoor—He sent a manager to his Pollam who was soon corrupted by the Sheverguny, but, finding shortly after, no apparent danger, the Shatoor took the resolution of going to it himself—I offered him a Guard of the Company's Sepoys for his Protection, but he declined it, relying on his own People and since he had convinced Lieut Jamieson May—this was in November, and since that time he has been in quiet possession till the 28th of last Month—when the Fort of Shatoor was suddenly and unexpectedly assailed by 2000 of Sheverguny's People, and the Polygar, with his Mother and Nephew were all put to Death, besides many of their Relations and Adherents killed and wounded—From every Enquiry it does not appear that the

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Shevigurry has any well founded pretence for this
Cool and deliberate attack, and Jean Account for it
only, as the barbarous hope he must entertain of
keeping this Pollam for ever, to himself, by Exterpa-
-ting the proprietors — perhaps the looked for —
restoration of the Country to the Nabob has pointed
this out, as a favorable Juncture, as it removes the
fear of Punishment and reassumes him of that destruc-
-tive and Corrupt influence he before held in this
District — Shaw demanded an Explanation
of the Shevigurry, and He will, of course, send many
absurd Excuses in palliation of his Conduct — But
all reasoning, remonstrance, and Enquiry with the
Polygar, is vain: They are incapable of Reflection,
and nothing but immediate danger can affect
them — nor are the Shevigurry's reasons of any Consi-
-deration in a point, were the fact itself as such a
flagrant Violation of all Order and Authority — for
it is Criminal in a Polygar, on any account whatever,
to shew himself in Arms and to create hostility in
the District without he is called upon, and
I am sure you will deem it atrocious in the
Shevigurry, in the highest degree, to proceed in

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this treacherous and refractory manner against a man the Company have twice restored to his Pollams and of whose Revenue undoubtedly the lawful Proprietor. Until I can learn if any branch of the Family is left to succeed to his Pollam — I have demanded it of the Shroffgurry, and have notified my intention to keep it on account of the Circar, till the pleasure of Government shall be known.

This circumstance, Gentlemen, will, I hope, give you a thorough View of the Necessity there is for some Check to be given to these Broils — and shew how dangerous they become, when they are permitted, for any length of time, to run riot and enrich themselves on the Spoils of others — The Revenue and Possessions of the Shroffgurry are much too great and, from his depredations and plunder, the increase proves of infinite detriment to the Circar — for he will not allow the Circar Grain to be sold in his Neighbourhood, till his is disposed of, and, under the pretence of being the Coul Canah, or protector, of the Nadeanumpolum District, he keeps up such a State in the Town of Shevelpettoor that the Company's Ryots in

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become only a secondary Character

I begin to be very solicitous to know what measures will be taken to bring these People to order—as I find the moderation and Equity of the Company's Government, is barely a Compensa=tion to the Inhabitants for their suffering from the Polygars.

June 19 ——— In my last I had the honor to — inform you that I had written to the Sheivgurry Polygar, in consequence of his Murderous attack upon Shatoor, and that I had demanded the Fort and Pollam on account of the Error — I think it proper to send you the answer, as the reasons are no better for such an act than those supposed to be urged by the wolf for killing the Lamb— and the justness of this allusion is confirmed by all my Enquiries, and by the Extract, inclosed, from Captain Dighton, who commands in that Quarter, and is well acquainted with the Character and Misconduct of the Polygars.

I cannot give into the belief that the Shatoor Polygar was at all active in the Confederacy alluded to by Sheivgurry, nor do I believe it ever existed

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existed but in the Exasperated mind of Sameralingum
who was lately his Cowl Moneagar, and, having
Enriched himself in that office, became an object of
plunder to the Sheerguny, but was lucky in effecting
his Escape — the Board will observe that even the
Sheerguny's Letter does not accuse the Shaboor of
instigating his neighbours — He only grounds his
proof on Letters that were written to him by Golapah
naig and Sameralingum; that Sameralingum is
actively employed Shanny because he sent me a
proposal to assist the Circar against the Sheerguny —
The Board will be surprised to read the Sheerguny's
artful detail, when I tell them He is personally
known to me, and has barely the common Faculties
of Human Nature — an Ignorant obstinate Savage,
with an insidious Malabar, or worthless Brahmin
at his Elbow, to speak for him on the Common
business of his Pollams — It is from these Vile
agents that most of the Evils we feel from the
Polygars arise; they are entrusted with the manage-
ments of their Pollams — and, being responsable only
to the Polygar, their object is to flatter him with
Ideas of His importance and thus more effectually
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under no Appprehensions from the Circar, they encourage the Principal to take Advantage of every opportunity to enrich himself, and, when called upon by the Collector to desist, they are always at hand to fabricate these specious Excuses — regardless of truth and every other consideration — a flat denial of the most positive facts, serves with them for an ample refutation of the most serious Charge — Human reason cannot contend with such a two headed monster, and the Principles of our Administration, founded on moderation and Justice, fail at once divested of their Power — so much has the loose Government of the Nabob encouraged them in this wretched but successful Policy, and to such a length do they carry it, that I almost despair of impressing the Board with a just idea of the Poligar Character, the depravity and subterfuges they are capable of — Cutbom Naig is a Youth of equal incapability with the Sheivgur-ry, with less Experience, but, inflated with ideas suitable to a powerful Rajah, he too is under the influence of a Malabar, who has been

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brought up in his Bottom, and who has abilety and inclination to Subdue the whole district

The Casualties to which the Inhabitants are daily Exposed, obliges me to accompany this Letter with some of the Cawngos &c reports from the Districts as they may Chance to make up for the deficiency of my representations by placing the sufferings of the People in a more serious point of View: they will show you the manner in which the Polygars proceed, and that the danger begins to threaten the Civil Revenue as well as the helpless individual — not but, upon a full consideration of the Subject, this difference would lose the destinction, and the loss of the Inhabitant be found a loss to the Civil

I am the more solicitous that you should peruse them, and Consider them as the Casualties of the Day in the hope that no mistaken idea of the partial Influence prevailing at this Station, for or against the Polygars, may deter Government from immediately taking Effectual Measures to put a Stop to these real and serious Evils — I would wish to have it understood

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understood that, so various are the interests of the People Employed, so many and so respectable the Cutcherry of Circar Servants, and so public the proceedings, that it is not possible for any private views to prevail without my discovery in a Matter that concerns the whole Province, in which Every one is Suffering; and Hope my attention to the other parts of the Revenue that have been so punctually realized, and hold a proportion of 9 to 1 to the — Polygar Tribute, is a sufficient proof of my Vegilance Let us Only take a Retrospect of the Condition of these Polygars for many years back, and you will find that, even the safety of the Circar Revenue during a war is unusual; and that the Company's interference alone could have preserved it for these last two Years — that the Plunder of the Inhabitants has Ever been the Consequence when the Polygars were left without Controul — and that the presence of the Troops again, can alone put a Stop to it — Had Exemplary punishments followed their former Misconduct, the present Evils might not now be felt; but a different System has invariably been followed by the Nabob, and,

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Except in one instance when His manager summoned them on the faith of His Code, and treacherously broke it, to entrap a few of the most refractory. — I know of no Steps that have ever been taken by His Highness to punish; many Detachments have been sent of his own and the Company's Troops, but none have ever proceeded with that perseverance and Vigor to make a lasting impression on the minds of the Polygars — The Detachments conducted by his Highness's Fouzedars have been ever rendered abortive; whether to impute it to a want of that patience firmness and Consistency so necessary with such wild and irregular People, or to Corruption and venality I can not pronounce — but I may safely say it is very long since they received so severe a Check as when Mr Irwin brought Colonel Fullarton against them; and, though the good Effect of that Step was felt during the Assignment, yet the Troops were recalled, and the Example left incomplete — still they may be supposed to hold it in remembrance by the scrupulous

Scrupulous distinction they have, like lately, made, in their depredations, between the Property of the Circar and the Inhabitants — As it is their Custom to — plunder so has it become usual with them to look for a Detachment; the Board have frequently promised me the Earliest support, and I have not failed to threaten the Polygars on the Strength of it.

By these means I have preserved, like lately, the Public Revenue, and, in some degree, the Company's Credit; but now every body reports, and the Polygars seem to believe, that the Company's — Administration is shortly to cease, and, in any — Event, that more money is the best Security to them against every Contingency: they have, in consequence, once more dispersed their Peons throughout the Villages, and the Inhabitants, from all Quarters, come running in for Protection. — The Renters of Punjamahl and Tinicaushy declare they cannot go on with their Collections and you will see by the enclosed reports they can hardly consider their persons in Safety — Hitherto a Letter written to a Polygar — produced an Excuse for his Conduct; but the Choccumpetty, in Contempt of all authority, refuses

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to receive any.

It is become a very unpleasant task to attend the Cutcherry; for to take an Account of the depredation is the only redress and Consolation I can afford the Complaints: and I must say I think it but Justice to the Nabob to declare that, in giving him back the Country, you must recommend a Force to be granted to re-establish his Authority and restore the District to Order and tranquility

Last night a party of Polygars entered the Town of Tinnevelly, and, stationing Peons at the ends of the Street, they Entered the House of a Wealthy Inhabitant and cutt off the Ears of the Family, and plundered them of all they were worth This Outrage is so unusual that the Inhabitants are greatly alarmed, although it appears to me to be more the work of private Enmity and revenge than to proceed from the general Spirit of rapine the Polygars are at present infected with.

Yet its tendency is of a flagrant and unprecedented a kind, that I cannot be surprised at the apprehensions of the People, who have hitherto

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in all situation of Affairs, considered themselves in safety, and indeed found protection, in Tinnevelly, though it is an open Town—

June 25th. The Renter above alluded to is the Benjemahl- Cuttom Naig has completely overnew his District - and, as you will see by the Reports of my last Letter, has seized His Family and Servants in the Management, and given a Complete Check to his Collections--

July 4th Government having directed Mr. Secretary Jackson to address me a Letter relative to the Conduct of Shevigurry Polygar, and to Acquaint me of the measures they have in consequence resolved upon — I think it incumbent upon me to transmit you a Copy of the Secretarys Letter and my reply

I beg leave to offer you my best — thanks for the support I shall now receive in — bringing the refractory Tributaries to a Sense of the respect and Obedience they owe to your Orders, and which I presume to be the result of your unremitting representations to Government--

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I have no doubt but I shall be furnished, in time, with your Instructions relative to the Arrears of Peishcush, and what is of still more importance to the Credit of your Administration to the large Sums that have been, at different times, extorted from the Inhabitants in some instances the recovery of this property will be absolutely necessary to enable the Renter to discharge his Engagements, but, in every point of view, it becomes one of the principal objects of the Detachment, and I am confident will be attended to with your usual Liberality

I have already expressed my doubt of Shuiguny's Compliance with the summons I have sent him; and, as his Pollam is three days Journey from here, and the Polygar will detain the Badge Brow to the last moment he is allowed to stay with him, before he will determine, I do not Expect his answer for four days to come, as I ordered the Peon to remain 36 Hours with him.

This information may be necessary to Government if they determine to wait the reply before the Detachment is put in motion.

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July 20th

The Renter of Nadoomundalum is still in Arrears for may, and to the Amount of £3000 of that Rent — until the Detachment shall put a Stop to — Sheriguny's oppression, this Renter is not likely to be equal to his Engagements — as the Polygar has long Exercised undue influence in the District, and, of late, has had the Assurance to place his Paddy, and the various produce of his Pollam, in Guy gundam, upon the Inhabitants — a hardship which the Board long ago thought fit to forbid even the Renters to Exercise, although usual in Country Government.

August 14th

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have just received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, acquainting me of his having possessed himself of the Sheriguny Polygar's Country, or Fastness, in the Hills, and of the Troops being dispersed

The Polygar, Sunderland, made a smart resistance, for a short time, but, happily, did but little Execution.

His Escape is most to be lamented, as I cannot conceive the intention of Government or of your Board, fulfilled unless we have Possession of the Sheriguny's Person.

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He was seen circulating over the Hills with his Party and supposed to be going towards Gundasaw Naig of Dindigul; it will take a few days to discover his hiding place, but, as we shall be continually subject to his incursions, and as the People of his Pollam, as well as any I may send to take charge of it, will be constantly subject to the Apprehension of his return — we must not consider the End Accomplished by the Simple operation of dislodging him — for as soon as our Troops move from his Country so certain will be his return to it.

I have therefore proposed to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to be assiduous in our Enquiries after the Polygar, and to demand him whenever he may be found: His place of residence cannot long be unknown nor can he, for many days, elude our search, as the Hills are too sickly for to afford him more than a temporary refuge.

You are sufficiently well acquainted Gentlemen with the Misconduct of Cutbonaw Naig, Chocumpetty, Eliapour, and other of the Immediate Polygars, to know, to what Public advantage the

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the Detachment may be used in the meantime — and I trust you will remind the Honorable Board how necessary it is for the Company's Credit, to take some Steps to make them repent their late turbulent Conduct and total disregard of the Company's Authority.

I have lately been honored with a Letter from Mr Secretary Jackson informing of my appointment to collect all the Southern Peishcash — and that I am to receive my Instructions from you — I hope you will Excuse my remarking how necessary it will be to take a Retrospect of the Polygar transactions, and to make their refractory, cruel and predatory acts particular subjects of your animadversion.

August 22d

Since the Sheirgurry Polygar was dislodged from his Comby He has been lurking in the Hills — I am informed His Peons are falling from him daily, and that a few days must give him into Our hands, as well as his Son, his Brother and Brother in Law — I mention the two last as it appears, by every Examination, that they were the Persons who led the attack against Shalcor, and who were

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were the immediate Instruments of the murder of the Shatoor Polygar and his Uncle — The Brother in Law, in Particular, who directed the Execution, and seemed to chide the Peons for their delay, Yet it appears that the Bloody Scene did not take place till 12 O Clock, full 6 Hours after the Attack, and full time for Shevagurry to be informed of their being made Prisoners, and to have saved their Lives or to condemn them to Death — The Brother I think should be noticed to Colonel Maxwell as Accomplices, and to be apprehended if possible.

I have just received a Letter from Mr. Martin, setting forth a Loss He met with in public Service and which, from the peculiar Situation of Affairs in that part of the Country, I cannot hope to recover for him, unless you think proper to recommend his request to the Consideration of Government, as it is not at all probable that the Shevagurry influence will ever be restored again at Tinnevelly, and no other mode of indemnification occurs to me.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Instant, Covering Letters from the Governor and His Highness the Nabob to the Zemindars and Polygars under my Collection directing them to pay their annual Peishcash, and ordering me to make Settlements with them for the Current Year Fusley 1202 - but in no respect — noticing the heavy Arrears due from the Tinnevelly Tributaries, or furnishing me with any directions as to the Claims the Company have upon them for their late Depredations from the Inhabitants as well as from the Public Revenue belonging to their District Renters.

I must also suppose that some measures will be taken by Government to chastize the Tributaries in question for their late turbulent - and refractory Behaviour towards the Company's authority — and that any Steps I may now take to realize the Current Peishcash - may prove premature, and an Obstacle in some degree, to the Ultimate intentions of — Government — For this reason, I have for the present, only noticed my Appointment to the

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the Tributaries, letting them to Expect a Summon from me, to receive the publick Letters, and to prepare for the payment of the Circar Demands.

In the meantime Shey to be furnished with your answer with as little delay as possible

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To Mr Benjamin Torin
Collector of Polygars Peischcush
South of the Coleroon

Sir,

We have received your Letter of 22d Instt.

We enclose Extract of a Letter from Government, together with their last Letter to Colonel Maxwell which will give you every information that we are possessed of, as to the intentions of the Honorable Board towards the Poligars

In adjusting the balances due from the Poligars we desire you will draw out an account of them, as they stood on 12th July last, or close of Fasly 1201 — the balances must be carried forward in a Separate Account, and you will accordingly take Separate Kistbundees for the payments of such balances as you

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you may not be able to recover before the Detachment be disbanded — distinct accounts for the Bunchauds of Fusly 1202, must be kept.

We are sorry that it is not in our power to recommend Mr. Martin's Claim to Government, as it is a matter which lies beyond our province.

We are
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(Signed) David Haliburton
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September 1st

Having suffered under the Effects of a Fever & ague since the month of February last, and being now confined by the 6th relapse, I am apprehensive that nothing but a Change of Air, for a short time, can remove my Complaint, and request you will obtain for me permission to proceed to Rammad and to Madras if necessary.

Before your answer arrives I shall hope to have made such Settlements with the Principal Polygars of Tinnevelly, and, in my way down, with the Rajah of Rammad and Sheruga, as to enable my Assistant, on His return, to proceed in the Business without difficulty.

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Yesterday I had the pleasure to inform Government of the good Conduct of Canacalingum of the deposed Chocumpetty Polygar, Toonichy Naig, and Gopal Naig, in apprehending and securing the Person of Shevagurry and that I had written to Colonel Maxwell to send an Escort to Conduct him safe to Palamcotah; a necessary measure, and one I hope you will enforce with your recommendation, as much, in the way of Example, may be better not to the other Polygars during these Negociations

6th. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 1st September, covering an Extract from Government, and their last Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell relative to the Detachment &c.

And was by your Orders Gentlemen that the Peishcush for Fusly 1199 and due from the Timmevelly Polygars previous to the Assumption was included in the Settlement I made with them in 1791 and as they make an Arrear of three Years Tribute besides that for the present Fusly 1202 — May I know if the years' Peishcush above mentioned, for Fusly 1199 is meant to be included in the Outstandings

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Balances, or if I am only to realize, under that Head, the Arrears of Tribute for the time of the Assumption, or during the Period of the war; that is, for Fusly 1200 & 1201.

I shall take care to settle for the Current Peishcush Separately, and to keep distinct account of the same.

I have reason to think, from Colonel Maxwell's Correspondence, that he Conceives the Settlement is not to have a retrospect beyond the Period of the war — and I find some of the Polygars are possessed with the same idea — to prevent all difficulties and further misunderstandings, I beg your Instructions as soon as possible — in the meantime I propose demanding from the Polygars three years Peishcush, without any allusion to Arrears or Current Peishcush.

September 5th I had the honor to inform you, the other day, of the Capture of the Sheverguny Chief, by the other Polygars in that part of the Country, and in Consequence of Orders I had sent them — that I had also applied to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to send him, forthwith, under an Escort, to Palamcotah — I am sorry to inform you that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell

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not only refuses to send the Criminal to Palamcotah but, under the plea that the Polygar was in the intention of Surrendering himself at the time that He was seized, he has demanded him of Toomichy naig, not as a Prisoner, but as one who was willing to submit to the cause of Justice— Toomichy naig however delivered him over a Prisoner to Lieutenant Colonel maxwell, and it remains with the Government to consider him in either point of View—at any rate I must request he may be sent forthwith to Palamcotah, as the Counter-action which has already prevailed between Colonel Maxwell and myself, with respect to him, is sufficient to do away the impression from the minds of the other Polygars if some decided step is not taken by Government to enforce an Example of their determination over the turbulent and refractory Spirit of these independant Tributaries

I do not trouble the Board with the Particulars of the dispute between Colonel Maxwell and myself, but I am ready, whenever they think necessary, to explain to them the Steps I have taken to execute their Orders, and the Opposition I have met with from the Colonel in fulfilling them.

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I considered the Letter I received from Government of the 7th ultimo as sufficient authority for me to propose to Colonel Maxwell to Cooperate in discovering the Person of Sheirgurry, and I wrote the Colonel to that Effect on the 14th, to which Letter I received no Answer whatever — and, as the Colonel had, at the same time, put an unnecessary disgrace on the People I had sent and confided to him to promote the Expedition, I considered all Cooperation out of the Question, and took such measures, independant of him, as I thought most likely to Effect the wishes of Government — and which have so happily succeeded in delivering the Criminal an Unconditional Prisioner to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.

Colonel Maxwell informed me that he was instructed to treat with the Prisioner provided He did not commit Government beyond an impartial Enquiry &c. but, as this communication, or any knowledge of the Negociation then pending between the Colonel and Sheirgurry, was not imparted to me till the Sheirgurry was taken, I hope to be held blameless for what Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell will call an interference in his measures.

8th. I have the honor to send you a Statement

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Statement of the Tinnevelly Polygars Peishcash, shewing the Settlements I had made with them in 1790 for Fasly 1199 and 1200, specifying the small Sums they had paid in part, and the Balance, also the Settlements to be made with them for Fasly 1201 and the Current year 1202.

15th In consequence of my Summons, about half of the Polygars have come to Tinnevelly — and the rest are on the road — The Day before yesterday I had an interview with Cutbom Naig, Wootmally and two or three more of them — I explained very fully to them the intention of the Company to receive from them the arrears of Tribute and Current Peishcush, and that a ready compliance, on their part, would be the best atonement they could make for their past Offences.

I reminded them of the Settlement I made with them in 1790 for the Peishcash of Fasly 1199 and 1200 — that, as this was unpaid, they had now 4 Years Peishcush to pay, including the present year; that I should only demand three years Peishcash, at present, and would leave the other to be settled, agreable to the determination of Government: to this they readily assented — and Cutbom Naig) paid the

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His Engagement to the following Effect — the time of Payment &c being made conformable to His Wishes Viz. One year Pagodas to be paid immediately — the 2d Year Do to be paid in 3 days the 3d Year Do to be Do in One month and Securities Security to be produced in two days, for the performance of the above — The Wootmally Polygar made a similar Settlement; also the Polygars of Nadeve-cotchy and Tulsevandah — The last has made good his Engagements, and the others have paid some-thing on part — but Culloma Nayc has not thought proper to perform any part of his, nor to specify any reason for his neglect — I cannot hope that the other Polygars will be punctual to their promises while they have such an Example in the Delinquency of Culloma Nayc — you will therefore be pleased to represent the Circumstance to Government, that they may adopt whatever measures they think fit, to realize the Outstanding Balances, and to bring thes Polygar to a proper sense of His Duty and respect to the Company —

I should not hesitate to apply to Colonel Maxwell to Compel Culloma Nayc to

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to Obedience—but, as Colonel Maxwell as before mentioned, seems to interpret your Orders towards in a very limited sense, and to believe that the demands for arrears is to be limited to the period of the Usurpation, as well as the recovery of the Usurpations, and as Government have thought proper to give him the power of determining by furnishing him with a Copy of my Orders—I cannot expect a ready compliance on his part, but to meet with another refusal; and to subject the Situation they have been pleased to honor me with to an unnecessary degradation—I enclose an Extract from Colonel Maxwell's Secretary's Letter upon the Subject, to shew you his opinion of your Orders.

I have &c

Signed Benj. Torin

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1790 December 1st or 19th of Mahabun Parlie Aggh Mound

I Cidhajira Naig Poligar of

Paiadelum Country, do give the Mouchelka to

Benjamin Torin Esqr &c in behalf of the Honorable

Company—

That the Tribute for 65 & 66 Mound for the

Pollam

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Pollam of Pandalum Cauchy is 22,000 Chuckrums
at 11,000 Chuckrums Gannum — which, with my free will,
I promise to pay on the following Dates —

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| on the 12th Margaly | or December | 11000 |
| 15 Tye | or January | 1840 |
| 15 Mary | February | 1840 |
| 15 Pungony | March | 1840 |
| 15 Chitry | April | 1840 |
| 15 Veyarry | May | 1840 |
| 15 Arpasy | June | 1840 |

I will also pay one half of the Canongoes Roosoons
of the Circar The Pollam Jaharier &c agreeably to
what is customary in the Company's Government —
and all the Villages of Palliapet and Lands of the
Circar which were resumed by me, I will restore
conformable to the Order of the Company — I will also
take care, in my Cutchy, that no robbery whatever
shall be committed; and all other Business I shall
act according to Orders of the Company — This
muchulka was written by me with my free will
and Consent —

Signed Cuttoma Naig

22000 Chuckr

Extract of Letter from Mr Jones to the Board of Revenue dated 1st September 1791

My Orders to Cuttaboma Naig, the Polygar

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Polygar were so far attended with Effect, as to force him to deny the Charges I had made against him, and to Excuse himself on vain and frivolous pretexts, for his misconduct to the Inhabitants and he has been less troublesome ever since. He never fails upon these occasions to make offer of his Peishcush, and a shew of Obedience without the least sincerity in either; and when I inform you it is under the insolent Condition of what He calls Justice and which means nothing less than to confirm him in the possession of his usurpations & Peculations to the Amount of 60000 Chuckrums pannum, I am sure you will approve of my declining any thing from him on such ignominious and disgraceful Terms.

Extract of Letter from The Board of Assessed Revenue to Mr Torin dated 9th September 1791.

We have not failed to represent to Government the Conduct of the Polygar, together with the large Balances now due from them; but, as the situation of affairs does not admit of our enforcing any decisive measure, we must take some future opportunity of collecting their Peishcush, and of chastizing the insolence of Tulapoma Naig — meanwhile we

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as I now your declining all correspondence with him upon the conditions you mention.

True Extracts.
(Signed) B. Torin

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Political Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Instant, containing, by Order of the Honorable President in Council, an — Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, relative to the undue influence made use of to deter the Polygars from fulfilling the Settlement they Entered into with the Colonel at Palamcotah, and of course, alluding to my Servant, whom Colonel Maxwell has already Charged with this Interference.

From Dillo — is ready to meet any charge against him or his Dubash — suggests a reference of the Information given by Colonel Maxwell — to Mr. Martin — to whom it more immediately relates

I beg it may not be understood as implying the smallest reluctance, on my part, to meet any charge that can be fairly produced against me or my Servant, when I take leave to remark to the Honorable Board, that the Time and Settlement Specified by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell in this

Extract

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Extract as subsequent to my departure from —
Tinnevelly, and since Mr. Martin has been appointed
acting Collector I therefore submit to Government the
propriety of sending this intelligence to Mr. Martin,
who judged fit to Employ the same Servant under
him in his Capacity of acting Collector, and who —
assures me that the disappointment Colonel —
Maxwell met with, was only a repetition of what
both Mr. Martin and myself had Experienced, and
was to be attributed only to the fickle and unsteady
Character of the Polygars.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Coll.r

Madras
29th October 1792

Minutes of the Board on the foregoing Letters from Coll.r Torin

Agreed to inform Mr Torin that
it will be necessary he should lay before the Board
copies of his several letters or orders to the Polygars
on the subject of Peishcush, with their answers
which, by the revenue regulations, he was enjoined
to record.

Agreed also that he be desired to
acquaint the Board, whom he employed as
Interpreter

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Interpreter, in transactions of Revenue Business in
the Tinnevelly Country during the late Assumption

Read the following letter from the
Acting Collector of Polygar Peishcush.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Military and Political
Department

Sir,

From acting Collector of Polygar Peishcush — furnishes Colonel Maxwell with a List of all the American — part of Cutta Comarmedys — paid, and Security given for the remainder —

I have to acknowledge the Board's orders, through you, of the 8th, and shall abide by their Instructions.

Enclosed I have the honor of sending you a Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, and request you will inform Government that I have complied with the Colonel's requisition.

In Consequence of the Board's orders to Colonel Maxwell, a Troop of Cavalry — surrounded the House of Vellapah Moodeliar — Mr Tain's Dubash, last night, searched it through, and placed Guards over it this morning; But, I believe, He had set out for Ramnad, agreeable to my orders, the day before — as this man was acting for me under some days since, I think it

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my duty, as a Master, to point out the severe disgrace which has been inflicted upon him and the injury done to Mr Town and myself: for an Order to me or a Command to the Dubash, would have made him quit this Country and go into any — Confinement Government chose to point out; and now His Character and our Patronage has received an indelible stain, merely upon the reports of His Enemies, which Colonel Maxwell said He could not prove, and which, I have every reason to think, were totally unfounded. I hope Govern-ment will permit an enquiry to be made into the Conduct of Vellapah and let him receive — rewards or punishment if acquitted or Condemned.

Cullomon Navy arrived here on the 19th from Colonel Maxwell, and to day He has given me good Security for Nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty Chuckrums payable in 30 days, the remainder of His Balance for 1199. 1200 and 1201 He has paid in Cash, and has returned again to His Country. I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Geo. Tul. Martin
acty Collr

Tinnevelly
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To George Sulivan Marten Esqr

Sir,

I am directed by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to enclose you, in this, Extract of a Letter he has just received from the Board, and to inform you that he purposes immediately proceeding to a Settlement with the whole of the Poligars, in conformity to the authority vested in him by Government.

Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell desires me to request that you will, as soon as possible, inform the Poligars of the executive powers placed in him by the Board that their attendance may thereby be more speedy, and prevent any misapprehension on their part — Colonel Maxwell begs you will furnish him, as soon as possible, with a list of arrears due by the whole of the Poligars, as that which you formerly sent only comprehends the Sixteen who were at Tinnevelly, a Statement of the Arrears and payments made by the other

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fourteen is absolutely requisite as a Guidance for future arrangement.

I am directed to enclose, in this, an Extract of a Letter addressed to Government by Colonel Maxwell, which is the one referred to in their order, and contains the only communication Colonel Maxwell has made to Government regarding Vellore or his Intrigues —

I have the honorable &c &c

(signed) J. Bannerman Secy

(a true Copy)
(signed) G. T. Marley
actg Sdr

Camp at
Pandelam Courchy
22d October 1792

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Military & Political
Department

Sir,

In my Letter to the Board, through you, of yesterday's date, I had the honor to inform them that Villapah modeliar had set off for Ramnad agreeable to my Orders — But when I received, through Colonel Maxwell, the Board's instructions

From Dillo — Mr Innis Dubash seized and secured in Palamcotah — violences committed by the Nabob's — manager on the Company's late Renters and Public Servants of the Cutcherry —

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instructions to him, regarding this many Immediately dispatched an Hircarah to call him back, and acquaint him with the Orders of Government — This Summons He as readily Obeyed, and Sent Him to Colonel Clarke, to whom Colonel Maxwell ordered the Officer of the Troops to deliver Him if Seized — He is now therefore, Sir, confined in the Garrison of Palamcotah, anxiously waiting for an Enquiry into His Conduct, by which He hopes to Attended if possible, the Stain that has been so Strongly marked upon His Character

I think it necessary to acquaint you, for the information of the Board, that the moment the Troops Surrounded the House of Vellapah — Tetrapah moodeliar the Nabob's Manager thought all authority in the Collector, and indeed in the Company; had ceased; and sent Sepoys and Seized the person of Soubramoney, the Company's ancient Peshcar (whose respectability and knowledge has been noticed to the Board by Mess.rs Irwin and Fain) another

Party

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party was sent after the Renters, who were employed by Mr Torin, some of whom they secured; and He had the audacity to Order more Sepoys to the House of the Company's present Peshcar, who they compelled to flight. For one or two of the Renters who escaped to me for protection, I requested Colonel Clark to grant them the safety of the Fort — It is true that, upon my representing in strong terms to Jaffier Cawn, the Phousdar, the — — — improprietey of this violent proceeding they were all released, and the Peshcar returned to the Cutcherry; but it has had such an Effect, even upon the minds of the Office servants, that no one who has served or is serving the Company thinks himself safe from the cruelty of the Manager, who is anxious to torture from them their industrious earnings during the Company's administration —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) Geo. Lud Masters
Actg Collr
Resident

Tinnevelly
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Resolution thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell be directed to remonstrate strongly against the irregular Conduct of the Nabobs Manager; and, if any of the persons mentioned by Mr Masters be still in confinement, to insist upon their immediate Liberation.

The President lays before the Board the following Card from Omdet ul Omrah Bahauder

Card from the Andut requesting the Letters formerly sent to the Nabob of 20th and 25th Instant may be withdrawn from the Records

The Nabob Omdet ul Omrah Behauder presents his Compliments to Governor Sir Charles Oakeley Bart, and has the pleasure to return his Letter of the 25th Ultimo; and request he will be pleased to return the Nabobs letter of the 20th Instant, as his Highness wishes to have these circumstances, contained in the above letters, to be withdrawn from the records.

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Resolved accordingly.

Resolved, at the request of his Highness the Nabob, that the Letters from and to his Highness dated the 20th and 25th instant be withdrawn

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withdrawn from the records.

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

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

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the letter from Government dated the 2d Instant, advising of their having it in Contemplation to employ the Bengal Detachment, if it be necessary, to compel the obedience of Vizaram Rauze, and directing us to hold prepared a Provision of Rice for the use of the Troops, if eventually, the Service should require that the Detachment be detained at this Place.

We shall take care that a Provision of Rice be prepared, as above directed, but We have reason to believe, that the Rajah, by a Compliance with the Orders of Government, will render it unnecessary to detain the Bengal Detachment

From Chief and Council at Vizagapatam — have reason to hope Vizaram Rauze's Obedience will render compulsive measures unnecessary — his military Strength.

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Detachment in the District.

As Government are pleased, in the Letter above acknowledged, to direct that We report what Military Strength the Vizianaum Rauze possesses in the District, and whether any further Preparation appears necessary for the equipment of the Troops; We shall proceed to inform your honor in Council that We do not conceive any further preparation, in addition to what is already made, to be necessary for the equipment of the Troops.

The Rajah's force, by the most accurate Accounts We are able to procure, is as follows.

He has about 2000 Sepoys and about 6000 fighting men of the following Description Viz! Rachawars, Telengas, Sibbendies &c &c The whole of which are irregularly armed — There are also Sibbendies under the Polly Zemindars, dependant on Vizianagrum, Viz! at Balconda, about 1600 men — at Nundapooram, the numbers vary as circumstances require — but it is probable, that nearly 5000 Pike men might be collected.

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Service that may be required from the Detachment under his Command.

We have the honor to be,
with great Respect
Sir &c &c

Vizagapatam
18 October 1792

(signed) John Chamier
A. W. Gregory

Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased to find that the Services of the Bengal Detachment are not likely to be required to enforce the obedience of Vizeram Rauze.

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

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary to the Government at
Fort St George.

From Persian Translator at Bengal with Letter from the Governor General to Tippoo Vackeels - regarding a free Commercial Intercourse between the Subjects of the two States - intends to direct a Deputation from Bombay, to establish this Factory on the Malabar Coast. -

Sir,

In obedience to the Orders of the Governor General, I transmit a Letter for Tippoo Sultaun's Vackeels, accompanied by a Copy in English and Persian - You will be pleased to obtain the Permission of the Honorable Presidents in Council

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The Cavalry in the Rajah's Pay are discharged excepting a few (not exceeding an hundred men) reserved as a sort of Body Guard.— It must be obvious that the above force badly paid, and equipped, must easily be checked by a Detachment so strong as that Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell — at the same time We are of opinion that the Rajah would not attempt the least Resistance to the measures, which Government have ordered, should he fail in a Compliance with their Requisitions —

We have received Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell, desiring information on sundry Points in the Event of Services to be performed by his Detachment and advising us that he does not expect to be at Rajamundry sooner than the 10th or 12th of next Month. — We have replied to his Letter, and shall take care to give him every Information which is necessary for enabling him to conduct the Service.

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Council to forward the Letter to its address

Calcutta
10th October 1792

Sam. & Co.
(Signed) G. F. Cherry
Persian Trans.r

To Golaum ally Khan and Ally Reza, Vakeels
from Tippoo Sultaun — From the Persian Translator
written 10th October 1792.

After Complimentary reply to their
Letter received 8th October 1792 containing Expressions
of Compliment and mentioning the Health of
the Princes —

From Lord Cornwallis
to Tippoo's Vackeels.
advising of measures
to be taken for —
establishing a free
Commercial Inter-
=course between
the two States —

You are already well acquainted with
Lord Cornwallis's Disposition and Inclination
to promote the Benefit of both Governments, by
giving every Encouragement in his Power, to that
Intercourse between the respective Subjects of
each, which enables them to carry on Trade and
Commercial Concerns so beneficial to the State,
as well as to the Individual — as a proof of this,
I beg leave to recall to your recollection the
Proclamation issued, by his Orders, from the
Government of Madras, Copy of which I gave
to you.

Considering

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Considering that the Treaty at Seringapatam was concluded not only to establish Peace between the Parties, but also to promote Friendship and good neighbourhood with each other, and thereby secure the immediate object of Peace, which he is confident is the Prosperity of each respective State, his Lordship has desired me to mention to you, that, as nothing can contribute to this End more than a free and uninterrupted Trade in the Produce of the Countries appertaining to each other, he intends to give directions to the Government of Bombay to take the proper Measures for executing the first Article of the Treaty at Seringapatam, by deputing responsible Men to establish the Factories on the part of the Company at the places on the Coast granted for that purpose in the former Treaties, referred to in, and confirmed by, the present Treaty.--

His Lordship therefore requests that you will communicate this Subject to Tippoo Sultaun; and he does no doubt but that Tippoo Sultaun

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Sultaun, influenced by the same Disposition as himself to execute the Stipulations of the Treaty, and to contribute towards the Prosperity of each State by encouraging a free Intercourse between each others' Subjects, will issue the necessary Orders for the Persons deputed from Bombay to be well received and treated with Civility in the Progress of their Commission — This will add much to the mutual Friendship and confidence in each other.

a true Copy
Signed G. F. Cherry
Pers. Trans.r

The President informs the Board that the Letter for Tippoo's Vackeels has been delivered.

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary at
Fort St George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with a reply of the Accountant General there, on the differences between the Account furnished by himself and that of Sir John Kennaway of the Arrears of Peshcush due to the Nizam.

The Accomptant General at this Presidency having been directed to report on the

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the subject of the first paragraph of the Letter from the Madras Government of the 24th of July, I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter that has been consequently received from him, and to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Governor in Council:-

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) J Fombelle
Sub Secy

Fort William
the 28th of September 1792

To Earl Cornwallis K.G
Governor General in Council &c
in the Political Department

Fort William.

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordship's Commands of the 10th Ultimo, I have the honor to report on the Statement furnished by the Accountant at the Madras Presidency, of differences between the Account furnished from this Office under date 28th December 1791, and that received from the Resident at Hydrabad, of the arrear

of

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of Peishcush due to his Highness the Nizam: at
the close of the Fuſsily Year 1200
ars 5,47,500— The first article of difference is the
amount of 8 bills drawn on this by the
Madras Government; the Registers of
which expreſsly state them to be on
account of the Peishcush to the Nizam—
I therefore conceived myself warranted
in including this amount in the account
alluded to, as I could not suppose that
they would appropriate the Money
obtained for these Bills to any other
purpose, than that for which they were
expreſsed to be drawn—

" 4466.3.5 This difference arises in the
Payment made by the Madras Government
in July 1790. of Pags 49,625.6.76. which
was converted into Arcot Rupees in the
Bengal Statement at the Exchange
of 365 ars for 100 Pagodas, agreeable to
the Proclamation of the Madras
Government of 1st March 1791 but
which

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which, by the Resident at the Nizams Court, were converted into arcot Rupees @ 356 ℔ ℅ Pagodas.

Ar.t 350000.. This difference can only be accounted for by the inaccuracy and insufficiency of the Documents in Bengal from which the account could be formed. it is an unaccountable circumstance that so large a payment of Money should have been entirely omitted in the Statement of the actual Receipts and Disbursements of the Madras Government for 1790/91; I can only say that no trace of these payments is to be found in any Statements or Accounts received at this Office from the Madras Presidency.

Ar.t 6739.7.4 The difference arises from the Payments made by the Madras Government in 1789/90 having been converted into arcot Rupees @ 365 Pagodas before

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before stated Viz.t

Pag.s 81303-34-48 @
ars 365 f.s Pagodas = ars. 296759-7-4

In the Resident's account
they are stated as follows=

Pag.s 28089-34-20 @ ar.s 356 f.s 100000 " "
" 4653-7-75 @ 358 f.s 16665-11 "
" 23277-33-5 @ D.o = 83334-5 "
" 25280-32-28 @ 356 f.s 90000 " "
290000 " "

difference remaining to be
explained by the Accountant
General at Bengal, as
stated in the Gross by the
Accountant General at Madras 6759-7-4

I am hopeful that your
Lordship will allow a Copy of this Statement
to be transmitted to the Resident at the
Nizam's Court, as well as to the Madras
Government.

I have the honor to be with the
highest Respect &c &c

(Signed) Wm Larkins
Acc.t Gen.l

Fort William
Accountant Generals Office
the 28th September 1792

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Tombelle
Sub Secy

Orders

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Order thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of Mr Larkins Letter be sent to the Accountant General with directions to remark upon the observations contained therein.

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor of herewith transmitting you a Copy of a letter which we have received from the Sub Secretary to the Government General, in their Political Department, together with Copies of the Papers it enclosed, relative to the Agreement entered into with the House of Bhowany Doss and Dwarka Doss at Benares, for paying into this Treasury the Sum of Seven Lacks of Rupees, by two Instalments, for the purpose of afterwards being appropriated to the discharge of the Baisheesh due to his Highness the Nizam; which orders we shall of course attend to.

From Chief and Council at Masulipatam with Copies of Papers received from Bengal relative to an Agreement for paying into their Treasury Seven Lacks of Rupees for the discharge of the — o Nizam's Peshcush — The Lustre from His majesty has been sent to Hydrabad —

We

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the Discharge of the Peishcush payable to the Nizam.
The Resident at Benares was, at the same time,
informed, that, as the option of making the Bills to be
drawn by the Chief and Council at Masulipatam,
payable at Benares, instead of Calcutta, might be
convenient to the General Treasury, that option was
to be engaged for; Mr. Duncan was further acquainted
that, as there were no Siccas coined of the present Year,
and as the Governor General in Council might be
exposed to a Claim from Bowanny Dass Sah
for Batta if the terms Haly Sicca Rupees should be
adopted in Regard to the Payment to be made in
Calcutta, the Term Haly was not to be inserted
in the Agreement to be intered into with Bowanny
Dass.

2. Mr. Duncan's answer to the
Points abovementioned having been received — I am
directed by the Governor General in Council to
transmit to you the enclosed Copy of it, with Copy
of the Translation of the Agreement that has been
concluded

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We likewise take this opportunity of informing your Honor &c. that the Lustre intended as a present from his Majesty to the Nizam, was lately dispatched to Hydrabad, in consequence of an application from Sir John Kennaway, to whom we were directed to deliver it, and that the receipt of it has been acknowledged.

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

Masulipatam
22nd October 1792

(signed) Anth.y Sadleir
W.m A. Dobbyn
And.w Scott

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal

To William Collins Jackson Esqr
Secretary at
Fort St George

Sir,

From Sub Secretary at Bengal with other Copies of the Papers above mentioned.

I The Governor in Council at Fort St Geo.e was informed, in a Letter dated the 10th Instant, that the President at Benares had been directed to enter into an agreement with Boowanny Doss Saw for the

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concluded with Bowanny Doss, and to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(signed) J. Fombelle
Subject

Fort William
the 28th of September 1792

To Edward Hay Esqr
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

I was favored, the Night before last, with your Letter of the 10th September, which I communicated to Bowanny Doss on the next morning the 17th Instant: desiring him, as required, to enter into an agreement for the performance of his proposals, and explaining to him why the Term Haly Rupees was not to be therein inserted.

To this last omission he made but slight objection, since all he appears to have meant by Haly, was to exclude being paid either in Goldmohurs or in Calcutta Sicca Rupees under the 12th Sum. Neither did he or his agents make

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make Yesterday any material objection as to the time; only hinting that a few days more or less might, in consideration of the distance of place and the shortness of period, be required, to make good the whole of the 1st payment: about which when Dwarka Doss (Bowanny Doss's Nephew) came to day to deliver in his Akraranama, the latter introduced much more serious doubts - pleading that, altho' he and his uncle (who constitute one house) were and ever had been ready and most heartily willing, punctually to execute all the Government's business, yet they foresaw that their Gomashtah at Masulipatam might not be able all at once to Command so much money at that place, as to enable him to pay in the entire first Rist on the day stipulated; wherefore they hoped, in this respect for some Indulgence, and to be allowed about Twenty days to make good the whole of the said 1st Payment; whilst, for the rest, they promised to be strictly punctual in regard to the 2d. As I could not help expressing my

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surprize and Concern to Dwarka Dass at such a Declaration on his part. It is but justice to him to add that he urged that he had all along intimated to me, by word of mouth, that some Grace and allowance should be made in point of time, in view to the Distance of place, and the loss of time in sending the Proposal of Government, and in getting the answer; to which I replied that, as this necessary delay was not unknown to him before the Dispatch of his Derkhast — so he was not entitled to ground his present Plea on it; nor upon any Verbal surmise or Intimation to me; which certainly I do not remember his having made, farther than, perhaps, by the slightest Occasional Implication; as by expressing his wish that the Answer from the Board might come speedily and the like; — or otherwise, had he seriously felt and urged any such — It can (I think) neither be supposed that I would not have noticed it — to the Board; nor admitted that he himself would, in the Body of his

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Derkhan, have specified the exact Dates required by the advertisement without any Proviso or addenda whatever as to the Term of them being extended

On the whole therefore I should not have scrupled to have declined concluding this agreement with Bowanny and his nephew — Dwarka das; more especially as the latter offered to withdraw his proposal: but, considering the time that had elapsed and the little that remained before the period for the 1st Payment. It seemed to me that the best measure that now remained to be taken was to adhere to the Engagement; on his (Dwarkas) solemn promise that every Exertion in his power shall be made to pay the whole of the 1st Instalment within as few days as possible of the 31st of October; and I have no doubt but a large proportion thereof will be paid on that day; and perhaps even the whole; nor is there any reason to apprehend that any part will extend beyond or even so far as the 20 days he has requested; wherefore, as he brought his Akrar-namma executed according to the form I had drawn it

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it out on Yesterday; I did not choose to admit of any addition to it, (which once in the course of our discussion he proposed) as to the Term of Grace in question; since there being no such Stipulation will quicken all their operations, to conform to the exact period, as nearly as possible; and I have myself no apprehension, that it will be much exceeded; or of the Sincere and honest desire of the Parties to be honorable and punctual (as they have hitherto always been) in their dealings with Government; tho', in this Instance, they do not appear to have sufficiently reflected on the Importance of the latter point, a Circumstance which has hurt me not a little; lest Government should, in consequence thereof, be exposed to any Serious Inconvenience, and therefore I lose no time in transmitting the present Information — and shall, at the request of Dewanka Doss, write to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

to

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be realized at Calcutta, I am to receive the same in Silver Sicca Rupees of full Currency. of from the 12th to the 19th Sun and if at Benares of the 17th Sun; according to the Currency of this last place.

Dated the 18th of September 1792.

(signed) J. D
R.

True Copies
(signed) J. Fombelle
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minute thereon.

Agreed that the Chief and Council at Masulipatam be directed to pay particular attention to the communication of the Bengal Government regarding the Nizam's Peishcush.

Read the following Letter from Colonel John Brathwaite.

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council

From Colonel Brathwaite on the subject of the ranks of Cadets succeeding to Commissions in the Army - Observations

Honorable Sir,

On referring to former Orders and the Adjutant General's Office, I cannot find any Document that establishes any fixed principle to regulate the ranks of Cadets succeeding to Commissions in the Army.

The

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list of Cadets; and, in some instances, I find that Cadets (who upon succeeding to Commissions found that Junior Cadets had been before provided for, and therefore had the rank of them, and have represented, and have, in consequence, obtained a priority of rank agreeable to their station on the Directors' List; but this has not always, nor indeed usually, been the case, it has rather oftener happened that many Cadets have, in the course of appointment to Commissions, derived no benefit from the seniority given to them by the Court of Directors; but, as I have said before, I can not trace any Document that establishes a fixed principle on this subject. -

I therefore submit it to your consideration how far it might be proper in Government to determine this matter finally by issuing an order, stating that as, by the distribution of Cadets to Corps on their arrival, it might so happen that some junior Cadets might succeed to Commissions before those who stood senior to them on the List sent out by the Honorable Court of Directors, that in future however Cadets

might

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to the same Effect.

Sam.l &c. &c.

(signed) Jon.n Duncan
Rest

Benares
the 18th September 1792

P.S.

The Original of Bhowanny Dass
agreement, with a Translation, are Enclosed, together
with a Copy of the Counterpart stipulation which
I have entered into with him.

(signed) J D R

Translation of the Agreement of Bowanny Dass Sah

Whereas my Derkhast which
I transmitted, thro the Resident at Benares, to the
Governor General in Council, hath been approved;
I do therefore agree and Give in writing that at the
times specified in the said Derkhast, I will pay
the money therein specified at Masulipatam; and
I also agree to receive back the amount thereof. —
(this the medium of the Bills to be drawn) either
at Calcutta or at Benares, as noticed in the —
Derkhast: but in Case the said Bills shall
be

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The Court of Directors have always sent out a List by which they establish the seniority of the Cadets, but these Cadets, on their arrival, are distributed to the Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, and Infantry; and it often happens by this that a younger Cadet succeeds to a Commission before an elder one, in consequence of a vacancy happening sooner in that Corps to which he happens to have been nominated than in the Corps to which senior Cadets have been appointed.

On some years heretofore it has been the practice to keep the Cadets altogether, as a Company of Cadets, and only appoint them into Corps as — or vacancies occurred; when this was done the intention of the Court of Directors has been adhered to, as then those who stood first on their list were first provided for.

It has as often, I believe, if not oftener, however happened that they have been distributed to Corps, and then they have taken rank according as it happened that vacancies fell out, without any attention to their seniority on the list

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might be nominated to Commissions in consequence of vacancies happening, the date of rank would not be settled for any till the whole Cadets of that season had succeeded to Commissions, when the date of rank would be settled agreeable to the List sent out by the Honorable the Court of Directors.

Military Head Quarters
Madras October 28th 1792

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite

Agreed to inform Colonel Brathwaite

minute thereon — that Cadets may be nominated to Corps as acting Officers, without regard being had to the List sent out by the Court of Directors; but that they cannot be appointed to Commissions until all above them on the List have been previously provided for.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.

From Resident at Travancore — the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast request he will secure a supply of Pepper from the Rajah of Cochin — his agreement in consequence — requests orders regarding the mode of Payment.

To The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

The Commissioners for settling the

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the Countries ceded on the Malabar Coast. have requested me to secure for the Honorable Company, from the Raja of Cochin, as much Pepper as I possibly could, and have suggested to me, to account for the purchase of it with the Raja, by deducting the amount from his Tribute. I have accordingly entered into an Agreement for near a hundred Candies of Pepper at the rate of 110 Rupees the Candy, but I wait for your orders to adopt the mode of payment proposed by the Commissioners, which I have to request you will do me the Honor to transmit me.

I have the Honor to be most respectfy
Sir & Sr

Cochin
19th October 1792

(Signed) George Powney
Read

Resolved that Mr. Powney be directed to comply with the requisition of the Commissioners for settling the Countries ceded on the Malabar Coast, debiting "Bombay Presidency" for the amount to be deducted from the Cochin Tribute on account of Pepper to be furnished by the Rajah. Read

Resolution in consequence.—