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The Honble Company ..... Dr.

		Pags. Fs. Cs.
To Office Rent as per Bill of Mr. James Fell		35 " "
To Servants Wages from the 1st. May to 15th. Novr. 1792 being 6 months and 15 days.		
1 Writer @ Pags. 10 P month	Pags. 65 — " — "	
1 Conicoply — 4 — Ditto	26 — " — "	
2 Peons	1/2 each Ditto ..... 19 — 21 — "	110 21 "
To the Town Conicoply paid him his charge for sending round the Tom Tommen at different times		4 14 "
	Total Star Pagodas 149	35 "

(Signed) Basil Cockrane
Oliver Cobb
Dant. Succ

Fort St. George
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The Honble Company ..... Dr.

To Office rent for the use of the Committee for enquiring into the 40 P cent Compensation due the Hog. Hire Inhabetants for Two month ..... Pags. 35 " "

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13th November 1792.

(Signed) James Fell

The Honble Company ..... Dr.

To Conicoply Employ for Reading the publication on account of house Rog hill for 26 days at 4 Fs. P day	"	104 "
To Tom Tommen for Do. ..... Do. for that period @ 3 Fs. P Do.	"	78 "
	Pagoda	" 182 "

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15th Novr. 1792.

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Resolutions in Consequence

The Board having now every necessary information Regarding the Claims of the Inhabitants of Hog Hill - it is Resolved to bring the Subject before the Honorable Court of Directors in the next dispatch - and to observe that if the demands appear so perfectly just, & that, if the Honorable Court had not directed in the 26th. Paragraph of their Commands of the 8th. April 1789 that a further reference should be made to them, the Board would have deemed it incumbent upon them, at once, to have discharged the demands, in consequence of the Loss and Hardship which the Inhabitants have sustained by having been kept out of their money so long. -

Ordered that the Sum of one hundred and forty nine Pagodas, Thirty five Fanams /149-35/ being the amount stated by the Committee for investigating the abovementioned claims to have been advanced by them for Office Rent and Servants be paid by the Civil Paymaster. -

Mr. for.

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Contract with messrs. Olivier Colt. Robert Woolf and Henry Sewell executed.

messrs. Olivier Colt. Robert Woolf and Henry Sewell, with their Securities, being called before the Board the Contracts to be entered into with them on the 1st of next month are now executed.—

Lieutenant Johnson Goodsman takes the Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty.—

Lieutenant Goodsman being called before the Board, the President administers to him the usual Oath of Qualification for Lord Clive's Bounty.—

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board with Inclosure entered in m B N. 168.—

Hospital Board
12th November 1792

From Hospital Board representing the loss and Inconvenience that may arise from the abolition of the appointments of Medical Store-Keepers—request a provision may be made for the care of the Gun Lascars at the present death of mr Little.—

The Hospital Board have the honor of acknowledging the Receipt of the General Orders of Government under date the 8th Instant, and are pleased to find what they recommended in their Proceedings of the 29th Ultimo

may

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has been approved. —

They are convinced, however, from the adoption of the above Regulations, that the Honble the Governor in Council should have judged it necessary to discontinue the appointments of Medical Storekeepers at Masulipatam, Vellore and Trichinopoly, as they are convinced that considerable inconvenience and loss will attend the want of such Stations. —

On a reference to the 10th Article of Instructions at the Constitution of this Board, and the subsequent Proceedings, it will appear evident that it was for the ease of the Europe Medicines and Instruments, chiefly, that these appointments were made. —

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The Europe Medicines,
on their arrival, are
devided into different
proportions, and sent
to the General Hospitals
for the supply of all
the Surgeons in their
Dependency; of the
receipt and expenditure
of which, the Medical
Storekeepers were directed
to keep regular Accounts
and forward them to
this Board; for which
additional Duty they
were allowed 30 Pagodas
per month.

This, with their
attendance on the sick,
constituted the principal
part of their Duty; for
the Country Medicines,
for which a provision
is now made by the
Regulations, have been
uniformly

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uniformly sent directly [illegible]
the Surgeons of Corps
and not to the Medical
Storekeepers, who had no
the furnishing a few
perishable Articles for
the Surgeons, and the
charge of the Country
Medicines for the
General Hospitals only.

The Honorable the President
in Council is of opinion that
the Duty of the Head
Surgeons at the different
Hospitals will leave
them ample Time to
distribute the Europe
Medicines and Instru-
ments in such proportion
or as may be necessary
and that, as this is a
Trust of some impor-
tance, the Head Surgeons
are the proper persons to execute it.

The Duty of a Head
Surgeon renders it impos-
sible that he can answer
Indents, keep regular
accounts, and take charge
of the Europe Medicines
and Instruments for this
division, and it will not
now be considered the
Duty of any one Assistant
which, the Boards are
satisfied, will make a
considerable difference
in the discharge of
such a trust.

Another

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Another very great
advantage to the Service
in the Station of a Medical
Storekeeper, that the Senior
Assistant was always
attached to the Hospital,
and on no emergency
removed, who was
perfectly acquainted
with the detail, and could
act for the Head Surgeon
whenever, from Sickness
or otherways, it might
become necessary.—

The Hospital Board
therefore request that
Government will be
pleased to continue the
Medical Storekeepers
at the General Hospitals,
as hitherto, as they hope
it is evident that it will
be for the advantage of
the Service.—

The

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The Hospital Board have received a letter from Mr. A Anderson, Surgeon to the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, by which it appears that no provision has been made for the Lascars, and that there are 15 Companies attached to the Artillery at the Mount, who, from the nature of their Duty, are exposed to many accidents - Mr. Anderson states that an allowance of 12 Rupees p month for each company of Lascars, for Medicines Servants &c, is granted in Bengal, as the sum is moderate

The President in Council has resolved that the fifth Article of the Medical Regulations published on the 8th. Instant shall extend to the Lascars attached to the Battalions of Artillery at the mount and Egmore only - that is to say - the Surgeon of the Battalion shall draw fifteen Pagodas monthly for Country and Bazar medicines - furnishing the Lascars with whatever Europe medicines he may think necessary - and charging the allowance of 2½ Fanams per day for wounded Lascars. -

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the Hospital Board recommend it's being adopted, and that whatever allowances may be given by the Company, or Stoppages from the Men, for Black Doctors, be discontinued.-

The Hospital Board are sorry to acquaint Government of the Death of Mr. Little, Assistant Surgeon at Masulipatam

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
W. Kerr Head Surgeon

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the above Proceedings, with the remarks of Government, be sent to the Hospital Board. —

Chas Oakeley.

Attested

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Sent Letter to the Nabob, enclosing
6. 6. No 212 inclosing Copy of Colonel Brace's letter regarding
the Rama Kullanjam Pagoda - and requesting His
Highness will order the Bull and Swamy Pagoda in
Trichinopoly, to be given up to the Public service in-
=stead of the former.

Substance of letter to the Nabob -

Received the following Letters

21.

Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Gr: Gr: Gr:

Sir,

Messrs. Duncan and Boddam, of our
civil Establishment, are to embark in a few days for
the Malabar Coast, in order to join the Commissioners
who are appointed by the Bombay Government to make
a circuit in the ceded Country, and to propose a plan
for the settlement of the Revenue, the improvement of
the Commerce, and the administration of Justice.

From Lord Cornwallis desiring that four of the public Elephants may be sent to Calicut or Tellicherry, for the use of the two Bengal Commissioners proceeding thither -

As these Gentlemen take with them
Bengal Tents, which cannot easily be carried by any
Cattle they can procure on the Malabar Coast, it
would be a great convenience to them if four of our
Elephants

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Elephants could be sent to them by the same route which the bullocks travelled last year to Palacatcherry; I have great doubts of the practicibility of this march, especially on account of the late disturbances amongst the neighbouring Polygars; but if it can be affected, I shall be obliged to you if you will order them to be sent to the Commanding Officer at Palacatcherry who will forward them to Calicut or Tillicherry as he may be directed by the Commissioners.

Calcutta
Novr. 4th 1792.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Cornwallis

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir,

From Accountant General - the sums charged in the Bengal Account Current for freight of articles sent to Madras, blended together - requests a detailed Account may be applied for.

In examining the Account Current with this Presidency, received from Bengal, for the year 1791/92 I find a Variety of Sums charged on the Debit side, said to be for freight of sundry Supplies sent hither, but, as the whole is blended together without discriminating how much

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much was the freight paid for each separate article, 'tis impossible to adjust the same with our Books, or to discover how much ought to be charged to the Debit of each Separate department, - it may therefore be proper, with the permission of the Honorable Governor in Council, to request, from that Presidency, a more particular and detailed Account of the freight charged to this Presidency. - Inclose an Extract from the Account Current, shewing the Sums charged under this head, for the information of the Honble Board. -

There are also other sums, to a considerable Amount, charged to the Debit of this Presidency for various supplies sent to Bither, on which I shall report to the Honble Governor and Council as soon as the General Books for that year are complete. -

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

Fort St. George
Accountant General's
Office 20th Novr 1793.

/Signed/ Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Statement

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Statement 24 of Sums charged for Freight by Bengal Presidency on account Current received from them for the year 1791/92 —

Paid freight of 184 bullocks and drivers, 1500 bags of Rice 500 bags Lira 38 a. 0.
of Dholl, 904 bags of Gram, 230 Yokes for chairs and Sundry Stores on the Henry

Ditto of 65 bullocks and Drivers 1800 bags of Rice 200 Maunds 34,000 " "
of Sugar, 63 Maunds of Ghee, 70 Tents, 84 Yokes, for Chairs, 1620 pairs of Shoes and Sundry Stores for the Eliza. 16,500 " "

Ditto of 126 Bullocks and Drivers, 3000 Bags of Rice and 100 Gds of Flour per the Hercules 31,500 " "

Ditto of 143 Bullocks and Drivers, 3154 bags of Rice and 142 Yokes for chairs with Stores per the Gargaver 30,000 " "

Ditto of 60 Bullocks and Drivers and 2000 Bags of Rice per Victorick 15,000 " "

Ditto of 3015 bags of Rice, 500 bags Dholl and 42 Yokes for Chairs with Stores per the Mary 16,000 " "

Ditto of 10 Horses, 2750 bags of Rice, and 500 Maunds of Sugar for the Anne and Eliza 14,000 " "

Ditto of 2 Horses, 2 Bullocks, 3047 Bags of Rice, 567 Bags of Dholl, 42 Yokes for Chairs and Stores per Ship Lovely 16,000 " "

Ditto of 300 Bags of Rice, 1850 Bags Dholl, 1000 Bags of Gram, 94 Maunds and 24 Seers of Ghee, 916 casks of Flour, 1504 3 Gallons of Spirits, 77 Tents and 2510 pairs of Shoes per Ship Hercules 24,000 " "

Carried forward 193,000 " "

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Sicca Rs. a. P.

Brought forward ---------- 193,000 " "

Paid freight of 21 Bullocks and Drivers, 3460 Bags of Rice, 42243 Gallons of Spirits, 3000 Pouches with Belts, 2000 Bayonet Belts, 285 Mauneuvres, 20 Marquees and 2140 pairs of Shoes per Ships ---------- 29499. 6 1.

Ditto of 4 Bullocks, 110 Drivers, 1000 Bags of Rice, 557 Maunds of Shot, 270 Casks of Flour, 10231 Gallons of Spirits, 117 Tubs for Chains, 1190 pairs of Shoes, 625 Blankets, 68 Barrels of Sulpher and Stores per Ships New Triumph ---------- 28,000 " "

Ditto of 44 Bullocks and Drivers and 2,000 Bags of Rice per Ship Neptune ---------- 12000 " "

Sicca Rupees ---- 262,499. 61.

Batta at 16 per Cent is Current Rupees ---- 304499 4. 5

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Errors Excepted

/Signed/ Robert Woolf
Accountt. General

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21. Fort St. George, November 1792.

Received also the undermentioned letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 169. 170. 171.

From Military Auditor General

From Military Auditor General requesting Copy of the letter from Bengal dated 7th July 1790 respecting the Kings pay Office Charges and of any other papers relating to the Subject.

From Adjutant General

From Adjutant General - Messrs. J. Hurreis and H. M. B. Adams, Cadets, appointed to Commissions in the Kings Service Ensign D. McGregor recommended for the Effective List, vice Ricketts resigned.

From Resident at Ganjam

From Resident at Ganjam enclosing List of Deficiencies in the consignment of Stores for Beglar - further Reduction of expences from the necessity no longer existing of conveying Grain to the different Military Stations.

22 Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal.

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To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William.

To Bengal - advising of the Separation of the Southern Detachment - and the Seizure of Vurapatchee's Predani

My Lord,

We have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell has reported to us that the principal objects of the expedition having been accomplished, he has, conformably to our orders, separated the Detach=ment, and discontinued Field allowances to all the Corps, with the exception of a few Companies, which he has deemed it necessary to keep with himself, until the Settlement with the Polygars be finally completed.—

We think it necessary also to acquaint your Lordship that the Predani of Vurapatchee (the principal agent in the dis=turbances complained of by Tippoo's Manager at Daraporam) having been summoned to the Collectors Cutcherry to answer for his Conduct, was made prisoner by Major Dalrymple and sent to

Dindigul

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22. Dindigul, where we propose he shall remain until ample restitution of the property taken from the Daraporam People be effected, and satisfaction given to Government for the injuries committed under his authority.—

The measure of securing the Poligars will probably render an adjustment less practicable, without employing Troops — but as we propose further, by way of punishment to levy a fine on this man for his Misconduct which may be the means of deterring others from similar acts of irregularity in future.—

Fort St. George
28th Nov. 1792.

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

Sent also the undermentioned Letters
Entered in M.B. Nos. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177.
178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187.
188. 189. 190. 191.—

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue — enclosing a letter from the Acting Collector of the Polygar Pishcaush, south of the Coleroon, regarding the Depredations

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Depredations committed by the Inhabitants of Ramnad.—

To Military Board— sentiments of the Board regarding the Delay in the Execution of the Gun Carriage Contract— and on the informality of the Conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Gils— his letter to Government on the Subject of the Contract, enclosed— no Alteration can, at present, be made in the Business of the Store Department.—

To Military Board

To Ditto— with List of Shot Delivery of Stores at Cavjam from the Begler— the cause thereof to be ascertained.—

To Do

To Secretary at Bengal— enclosing a letter from the Rajah of Travancore to Lord Cornwallis.—

To Secretary at Bengal

To Ditto— with return of the Military Stores received from England in 1792.—

To Do

To Military Auditor General— his opinion regarding the Establishments of the Cavalry Regiments and Sepoy Battalions— Batta for occasional Duties, and allotments of horses for the Major and Quarter Masters of the 19th

To Military Audr Genl

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19th Regiment of Dragoons approved - General Order in consequence enclosed - also the papers applied for relative to the Kings Pay Office Charges - Difference of house rent granted - Guntoor Circar made one half Batta Stations.

To Agent for public Elephants

To Lieutenant Sandys - desiring him to cause four of the Elephants with the Southern Detachment, to be detained at Madura.

To Collector at Dindigul

To Collector at Dindigul - desiring him to point out the safest route by which they can proceed from Madura to Paligautcherry.

To M.B. Lorin

To M.r B. Benjamin Lorin - no objection to his Submitting whatever Remarks he may deem necessary for Elucidating the points Contained in the Boards observations on his late letters.

To Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

To Commissary General of Grain and Provisions - permitting him to send a Bricklayer Maistry to Kistnagerry - and approving his Measures for the disposal of the Old Grain at Tanjore.

To

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To Captain Dighton of the Nabob's Service

To Captain Dighton — with the Establishment of Troops for the Garrison of Shevalapetore — to be paid by the Paymaster at Palamcotah, and Monthly Returns to be sent to the Government.

To Military Auditor General

To Military Auditor General — advising of the above, and that they are to be considered as Libbendies and included in his Annual Statement.

To Paymaster at Palamcotah

To Paymaster at Palamcotah, directing him to pay the same.

To Military Auditor Genl.

To Military Auditor General with Extracts from Captain Thomas Ross's letter entered in last Consultation — the sum advanced by him for an Anchor and Firewood to be repaid — and the Deficiency of Salt Provisions to be made good to the Detachment under his Command.

To Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery

To Captain Thomas Ross — Captain Taylor prohibited from Returning to Madras — and acquainting him of the foregoing orders to the Military Auditor General.

To Master Attendant

To Master Attendant — enclosing Copy of Captain Ross's Complaint against Captain Taylor & of the advertisement proscribing him — instructions

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instructions for his observance in engaging Vessels for the public Service.—

To the Governor of Pondicherry—

To Governor of Pondicherry

acknowledging his kind attention to the Wants of Captain Ross's Detachment—and requesting an Account of the Articles Supplied.—

To Messrs Topping and Parry—

To Messrs Topping and Parry

desiring them to attend the Board, with their Securities, for the purpose of Executing their Contracts—addition made to the 6th Article.—

To Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

To Chief and Council at Vizagapatam—desiring to know whether the Heavy Guns and other Stores shipped on the Bigler, have been received.—

To Officer Commanding at Vellore

To Officer Commanding at Vellore—

Golam Mohied Dawn must be delivered up to Tippoo Sultaun, with whom the President will intercede to spare his Life.—

Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in M: B: Nos 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197.—

From Resident at Travancore.

From Resident at Travancore—

enclosing

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enclosing a letter from the Rajah, to Lord Cornwallis
– substance of the reply to his Lordship's requisition
for the release of Tippoo's Prisoners – has forwarded
the letter for General Abercrombie. –

From Officer Commanding at Tanjore – reporting the Expense of repairing the Tanjore – reporting the Bridge that lately gave away. –

From Officer Commanding at Tanjore

From Lieutenant B. Harris

From Lieutenant B. Harris – requesting payment of the Arrears of Off Reckonings due for some Months in 1791 to himself and Lieutenant Parkinson, while in command of the Revenue Battalion. –

From Lieutenant D. Urquhart – the Extent of his Contract misconceived – consequent disadvantage, and proposed mode of Compensation. –

From Lieutenant D Urquhart

From Major Young – in further extenuation of the means taken by him for Securing Golaum Mohud Dein. –

From Major Young Commanding at Arcot. –

From Captain Thomas Parr – presenting the remainder of his Accounts for Work performed at Carur in 1790 – also a Bill for Extr Services. –

From Captain T. Parr. –

Received

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Received the undermentioned letters entered in M: B: N.s 198. 199.—

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.

From Commissary General of Grain and Provisions — enclosing the Estimate of his Cash for his Department for December.—

From Captain R Bell

From Captain R: Bell — with a Duplicate of his Memorial, and requesting it may be forwarded to the Honble Court.—

Sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in M: B: Nos. 200. 201.—

To Military Audr General

To Military Auditor General — referring the Estimate before mentioned to his Examination.—

To Captain R Bell

To Captain R: Bell — the Duplicate of his Memorial will be forwarded to the Court of Directors.—

Friday 23d Novr — 1792 —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor President

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Minutes

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Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.—

Read the following Letter

from the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah.—

W. C. Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary.

From Commandant at Palamcotah forwarding a Packet from the Rajah of Travancore.—

Sir,

The Rajah of Travancore this day sent me a letter, requesting that I would forward to Government the enclosed Packet.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed George Clerk
Lt. Col. Commanding

Palamcottah
15th Novr. 1792.

Read the following letter

from the Rajah of Travancore, received through the Channel of Lieutenant Colonel Clarke, vide C. C. No 2131—

Translation

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Translation of a letter from Ramraje the Rajah of Travancore to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor of Madras.

Dated 25th Rubbyal awel 1207 of Hayder.
or 16th November 1792.
Recived 21st Do.

From Rajah of Travancore - complaining of the Conduct of the Resident towards him and requesting all future transactions may be conducted by letters, and to himself - his Correspondence with Mr Powney enclosed - also a letter for Lord Cornwallis -

Mr George Powney came here lately from his residence at Cochin, after a twelve Months absence, and, when we met, he informed me that he had to communicate, at our next interview, some matters of importance by the order of Lord Cornwallis - the Visit being ended he went home - Being desirous of knowing the Subject of the Matter intimated by him, I sent for him two days after, and questioned him relating to them - on his first opening, he began in a high strain of authority and said "that he had given Lord Cornwallis an Account "of the difference between himself and my Dewan, "and of the latter's conduct to him - that he had "been the cause of Lord Cornwallis refusing to send "for the aforesaid Dewan, and that owing to "what he, Mr Powney, had written, my name

had

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"had not been inserted in the treaty between "
"the Company and Tippoo Sultaun" upon "
hearing Language like this, so humiliating to
me, and degrading me in the lowest manner
possible in the eyes of the world, I sunk with
shame, and thought to myself, what possible
act can I have committed, or what can be the
cause that, after all the trouble I have been at,
and the sincerity of the friendship I have "
manifested, I should suffer this treatment—?
Mr. Powney, after this, came to the point, and
said that Lord Cornwallis had appointed him
to investigate the state of the three Talooks,
and to confer on this Subject with the Vackeels
of Tippoo Sultaun, who were expected to arrive "
shortly for that purpose— Mr. Powney therefore
desired I would give him what information "
I had respecting these Talooks and the Lennads
or documents in my profession.—

Gracious Sir! It was my intention, from
the Sincerity of my heart, to have given Mr. "
Powney full information respecting these Talooks
and the documents in my profession, upon which I "
founded

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founded my right, but the anguish of my mind, so caused by his improper language, prevented me so from explaining myself at that time - by way, so therefore, of putting off the answer, I told him so that when I should receive the letter which my Vakeel was bringing me from Lord Cornwallis, I so would explain every circumstance respecting the so three Talooks - Mr. Powney, after this, went home, and wrote me two letters, purporting the necessity of his receiving information respecting these Talooks, and other Matters requiring an explanation - I sent answers to both these letters, in which I fully so explained my thoughts regarding his Language to me, and now enclose, for your information, so copies of the four letters which passed between us -

Gracious Sir! the late department and inconsistent Language of Mr. Powney have given rise to various suspicions and distrust in my so mind, not knowing how far his intentions may portend mischief to my affairs; and, on that so account, I can no longer repose any confidence so in him - From the commencement of the Company's friendship to me, I have shewn perfect Compliance with their wishes, and given proofs of my sincere

attachment,

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attachment, from which I have never deviated a
hair's breadth, nor, with the blessing of God, is it
my intention ever to do so - I consider all my
happiness and good fortune to depend on their
favor, and it is on that Account that I trouble
you with the following request; that, in
whatever Matters you may wish to transact
with me, you will be so good as to explain it in
future in writing to me, when I shall give
you my answers on those Subjects - should
you be disposed, however to do what is agreable
to me, a trusty person from amongst the
Company's Servants, whose Character is known
for truth and Sincerity, may be sent hither;
to enable me to transact properly, through his
Agency, my affairs with the Company, and that
through his endeavours, the foundation of my
friendship with them may gather daily strength;
and your favor in this respect is necessary.

I have sent a Khareeta to Earl Cornwallis
on this Subject, of which a copy you enclosed for
your information - I request you will forward
it to His Lordship, and that you will

give

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give positive orders to the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah to forward my letters by the Company's Sappies, favouring me frequently with the agreeable accounts of your welfare.

What shall I say more.

/Signed in Malabar Characters/

a true Translation

/Signed/ David Haliburton

Persian Transl.r

The Persian copy of the Rajah's letter to Lord Cornwallis, which came inclosed in the above, is almost litterally agreed with the foregoing with no other alteration than was necessary in addressing the Governor General.

To His Excellency the Rajah of Travancore

I have acquainted your Excellency personally of the Object of my coming to you at this period, and have not only explained particularly the Business, but shewed you the letter which Lord Cornwallis wrote to and on the Subject of the three Taloks, which Tippoo Sultaun in the late Treaty of peace has included in his Dominions, as belonging to the Rajah of Cochin, and which, in consequence, he considered he had a right to make over to the English Company with the rest of that Rajah's Country.

I have

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I have informed you that Lord Cornwallis had thought it advisable to write to Tippoo Sultan respecting the three Talooks, and that Tippoo persists in saying that your Excellency has no title to them, and that they do belong to the Rajah of Cochin; that Lord Cornwallis, in consequence of such assertions on the part of Tippoo Sultaun, had proposed to him, in order to bring the Dispute to a termination, to send a Deputy from each party, to take depositions on the spot, and to transmit the reports of both Deputies to the Bengal Government and to Tippoo, and that his Lordship had done me the honor to appoint me the Deputy on the part of the English Company— In consequence of this nomination I have considered it my duty to come from Cochin to receive from your Excellency Every Information and Document respecting the Tenure of this place, the period they were obtained by your Excellency, in what manner

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manner they were obtained, and the Treaties
that were entered into by you and the Rajah
of Cochin when they were made over to you—
It is necessary I should have all this Informa=
=tion that I may invalidate the Arguments
that may be brought forward by Tippoo's
Deputy, and report upon the same to
Lord Cornwallis, all which I make no
doubt will Substantiate incontrovertibly
your Excellency's to them— As Lord Cornwallis
It would appear by his letter to me I had
written to Tippoo Sultan in the beginning
of September last respecting his proposition
of a Deputy being sent, it is reasonable to
conclude that the Deputy on the part of
Tippoo may be expected to arrive every
day. I have been concerned to observe that,
in the three Interviews I have had with
your Excellency upon this Subject, and at
which you have promised to afford me the
Information, you have not yet thought
proper

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proper to give me any, and that this day
you have proposed to withhold this Informa=
tion until you hear from Lord Cornwallis.
what object this can answer I cannot ima=
gine - nor, that his Lordship's letter to your
Excellency can any ways be necessary, or can
affect the present Investigation - If your
Excellency's Title is valid and indisputable
you can have no possible motive to delay
producing it to all the world, and particularly
to the Representative of the English Govern=
ment, who is appointed to support your
Claim, and render you every Justice. If
you persevere in declining to give me any
Information upon the Subject, I now inform
you that I must proceed to the North,
in order to be ready to receive the Depu=
tation from Tippoo, and that, as it is out of
my power to detain him for your
Convenience, I shall be under necessity to
enter upon the Deputation with such
Information

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Information and Documents as I have it in
acquired from another quarter. May your
prosperity and health encrease for ever!

What can I say more?

Sivandapooram
2nd Nov.r 1791.

P.S.

[Signed] George Powney
Resident

Since writing the above I have to inform
your Excellency that I have this Instant re-
ceived a letter from Lord Cornwallis with one
for your Excellency which I am ordered to re-
deliver to you: whenever it is Convenient I re-
shall wait upon you with the letter

[Signed] G.P.

Translation of the Persian copy re-
of two letters from the Rajah of Travancore re-
to Mr. George Powney enclosed in that to re-
the Governor.

Not dated

I have received your letter and under-
-stand its Contents - "you inform me that re-
"you are come here, by the order of Earl Cornwallis,
"to investigate into the State of the three Talooks re-
belonging

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"belonging to me, which Tippoo, in the late
"Treaty of peace, had included in his Summa=
="bundy as made over to the English Company,
"and you inform me of the necessity of giving me
"you every information respecting them and to
"their documents to enable you to treat with
"the Vakeel of Tippoo Sultan, who are shortly
"expected - you say moreover that if there is
"any delay, on my part, you will be obliged
"to enter on the business with these Vakeels,
"with the information you have procured
"from other quarter" - This I understand - In the
first place your attention / in the event of
any delay / to negociate with these Vakeels
on the information from such, as will give
what is false, causes me serious uneasiness
and anxiety, and even leaves me no hope to
whatever of ascertaining my Right through
you - although it is true your intention
in coming here is to procure information
of the true State of these Talooks, and that it is
proper I should give every information to
respecting

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respecting them to the Company's Servants, and
particularly to you, who are distinguished as
with trust - you said, in my presence,
when you visited me, that, in consequence of
the misunderstanding between my Dewan &
and yourself you had written to Lord Cornwallis
to prevent him, my Dewan, waiting on his
Lordship at Seringapatam, and that you had also
prevented my name from being inserted in
the treaty between the Company and Tippoo
Sultan, this humiliating and disgraceful
language to me gave me such anxiety and
suspicions as to cause great distrust of you -
besides, the original documents respecting
Cranganore, have not yet been returned to
me tho' it is three years since you had
them from me on an assurance that they
would be sent back after a perusal of them -
and you have never also made any personal
enquiry respecting my people who were
murdered by the Rajah of Cochin when
they were sent to you with Money for the
Company's

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Company's Troops, which money was pleaded at the same time - all these proceedings on your part are the cause of my entertaining Suspicion and distrust of you; without of the friendship which Subsists between the Company and me, it is my hearts wish as that, if you will Sincerely promise, and give it under your hand and Seal not to deviate from what is just respecting my Affairs, for have no disposition to act contrary to my right; on investigating into the State of the three Talooks, in that case all Suspicions will be leave me, and I will give you the information respecting them - but you hesitate in giving such a written promise, and I therefore do acquaint you that, when my Vakeel arrives and I receive the letter which Lord Cornwallis has written to me by him, and when you come to me with the other Company's Sirdars who are appointed by Lord Cornwallis to settle the affairs of the Malabar Country, I shall then, without hesitation, communicate the state of

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the abovementioned districts, and procure authentic
Lunneeds or documents which are in my profession,
all this I have written for your information.—

Second letter from the Rajah of Travancore to
Mr. Powney— not dated.—

I have received your letter, in answer
to mine, and understand its Contents.—

You repeated several times, in our
conversation together, that Lord Cornwallis
had not sent for my Dewan, and that my
name was not inserted in the treaty between
the allies and Tippoo Sultan, owing to what
you had written to prevent it— I mentioned
this in my letter to you, and you now write to
me, in answer, that you had never Spoke
to that Effect, but that it was perhaps owing
to the displeasure of Lord Cornwallis that he
had not sent for my Dewan— This has astonish-
ished me: and, after such contradictions, I can
no longer repose confidence in you.—

after writing the above I have
Recieved a letter from General Abercrombie, who
was pleased to write, some time since, to Earl
Cornwallis for me on the Subject of the three

Talooks

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Talooks, and I understand, from this letter of H
General Abercrombie, that the negociation H
in the business respecting these Districts rests
with him. — I write this for your information

a true translation

Signd/ David Haliburton

P. S.

To His Excellency the Rajah of Travancore

I have received your letter, and
understand the Contents of it — I cannot help being
surprized that you should have perverted H
the meaning of my letter, and also mistake
the Conversation that passed between us. —
I wrote to you that I should be under the
necessity of proceeding to the North, to H
enter upon the Deputation, for I had H
reason to expect its arrival every day; if H
your Excellency continued to withhold H
from me the Information and Documents
I had purposely come down to you to receive,
and, in that event, I must enter upon the

Business

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Dissing with the Information I had obtained so
soon another quarter: the information I required
soon your could have been given to me in half
an hour, and I could not comprehend why you so
should delay to give it.—

You know Sir, as well as myself
that you can always enter into an explanation
with the English Government upon this Business
as well as every other—I came down here, as I have
told you frequently, with every disposition to so
assist, you and to support you in your so
rights, and to do you every Justice, and I cannot
comprehend the cause of your doubting my so
good Intentions—I very much fear your Ear
is poisoned by bad Counsels. It would be too
long a story to write the whole of what so
actuated me to so adopt a certain line of conduct
towards your Divan when he was at Cochin.
I think I acted up to the Dignity of my Situation
in not receiving his Visit. I wrote to him so
previous to his arrival at Cochin that I
had business of consequence to impart to
him, which made it necessary that he should

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see me before he visited the Dutch Governor, I un
was led to this from the Universal reports as
that were propagated, that your Excellency
was to assist the Dutch with a Body of Troops as
against the Rajah of Cochin - I wrote to your
Excellency this and desired you would put a
Stop to such reports, by publicly disavowing
it - The Rajah of Cochin's Troops were prevented
from coming into his assistance by being as
stopped at the Gate of your lines; and, notwith-
standing I wrote you about this improper
interference, and you sent up orders for them
to be passed, they were not admitted for a
considerable time after - although your Dewan
must have known, for I wrote him, I was a
Mediator in the Dispute - he had the presump-
tion to propose to settle it between the
Dutch and the Rajah of Cochin; and, when
it was not accepted by the latter, he said that
he knew the Rajah depended upon me; as
but that I was only the Company's Cashkeeper
and that I could do nothing in it - your Dewan,
when I sent my Dubash to him to settle the

Balance

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Being with the Information I had obtained so soon another quarter: the information I required from you could have been given to me in half an hour, and I could not comprehend why you so should delay to give it.—

You know Sir, as well as myself that you can always enter into an explanation with the English Government upon this Business as well as every other—I came down here, as I have told you frequently, with every disposition to do right, you and to support you in your rights, and to do you every Justice, and I cannot comprehend the cause of your doubting my so good Intentions—I very much fear your Ear is poisoned by bad Counsels. It would be too long a story to write the whole of what so actuated me to adopt a certain line of conduct towards your Diwan when he was at Cochin—I think I acted up to the Dignity of my Situation in not receiving his Visit. I wrote to him so previous to his arrival at Cochin that I had business of consequence to impart to him, which made it necessary that he should

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Balance of the Subsidy that was then due, & told him that he should complain to Lord Cornwallis and to the Madras Governor, sends them my letter, and should shew it likewise to General Abercromby - it was indifferent to me to whom he made the complaints, for I was convinced I had done nothing but my duty, and that I could Justify my Conduct to my Superiors; but, as your Dewan thought proper to threaten me, and as I expected he would join Lord Cornwallis's Army, I considered it my due to myself to write to his Lordship upon the Occasion - as Lord Cornwallis never answered my letter, it is impossible that I ever could tell you that I prevented his seeing his Lordship, and that I prevented your name from being inserted in the Treaty of peace with Tippoo Sultaun - I said that as Lord Cornwallis had not chosen to receive your Dewan at the time that the Treaty was concluded, that it might probably arise from what I had written his Lord= =ship about him - with Respect to the Documents

about

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about Cranganore, it is your own fault they are
have not been returned to you, had you applied
to me for them I should have written to the
Madras Government for them; to whom you are
known, perfectly, they were sent, and it was owing
to some mistake of their Secretary they were
not returned; however I shall write for them
this day - you never applied to me respecting
the people that were murdered at Cochin -
your Dewan thought proper to apply to the
Dutch Government - I am astonished you
should propose that I must give it under
my hand and Seal that I will render you
Justice respecting the three Talooks - what
have you seen in my Conduct during the time
I have been Resident to make you doubt
that I shall not render you Justice? I am
extremely hurt at such an insinuation, and
the only answer I can bring myself to give
to such a proposal is that you shall see
all the reports that I make upon the Tenure
of the three Talooks, and that if you do not

Consider

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Consider them conformable to strict Justice so you can always appeal to my Superiors.—

I have only to add that I remain with you either to give me the Information I have required, or not, as you think proper, and as it is necessary to put to you to right respecting the other Sirdars that you seem to think you to investigate it, that it would appear, from Ld Cornwallis's letter to me, that I am the sole only Deputy on the part of the English Government in this Business.—

I have just received a letter from Sir Charles Oakely for your Excellency upon some Business of consequence, which I wish to deliver to you as soon as convenient.—

May your prosperity and health increase for ever!—

What can I say more?

Seringapatam
6th Nov.r 1792.

/Signed/ George Powney
Resident.

Observations & Resolutions of the Board on the Subject

The Board are of opinion that the cause of the Misunderstanding which, as by the Rajah's Account, had, for a long time, subsisted between him and the Resident, ought

Most

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most certainly to have been regularly reported by the latter - His total silence on this Subject occasions considerable embarrassment; for, in pronouncing upon it, the Board can only be guided by the Rajah's representation, which may be, and most probably is, in many instances, much exaggerated.

Mr. Powney has frequently mentioned, in his letters, that the management of the Travancore Country is entirely vested in the Dewan, who has acquired a complete ascendancy over the Rajah's Mind - The Success therefore of its every measure to be agitated by the Resident, depended altogether upon his / Mr. Powney's / preserving a good understanding with the Minister - for, in quarrelling with him, he was sure to lose the confidence of the Rajah, and, consequently, to meet with opposition in the discussion of all matters connected with his Official Situation - This has actually happened - the Rajah has expressed, in strong terms, his Jealousy and Distrust - declaring

that

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that he has been treated with personal disres-
=pect - and urging the necessity of the Board's non-
interference - but, with the Materials before them,
they can only interfere so far as to enjoin Mr.
Powney to take every possible Method, by a
conciliating and respectful demeanour, to
regain the Rajah's Confidence, which can be
best attained by an accommodation with the
Dewan, which he should endeavor to accom-
=plish by such means as are not inconsistent
with his public Character. —

Among the papers transmitted
by the Rajah are Transcripts of two Letters said
to have been received from Mr. Powney — If
these are correctly copied, the Board are under
the necessity of remarking that the Language
which Mr. Powney has conveyed his Sentiments to
the Rajah is ill adapted to their relative situation
and could not avoid giving Offence to His Excellency,
who must be, of course, tenacious of his Dignity.
a Moderate respectful Style should be always
observed both in Speaking and writing to him —

and

and it is resolved to direct the Resident to be extremely cautious, on this head, in future. —

The Board have frequently had occasion to express their approbation of Mr. Powney's conduct during his Residence at Travancore - a Zealous discharge of his duty has been conspicuous - and it would therefore give them great concern to have cause to withdraw so that favourable opinion which they have hitherto entertained. —

Resolved, that the above observations be drafted into the form of a letter, and transmitted to Mr. Powney. —

Resolved to observe to the Rajah that the Board are concerned at the unfavorable opinion which he entertains of the Company's Resident at his Durbar - that, as Mr. Powney has always conducted himself to their Satisfaction, and, as they thought, still now, to his Excellency's, they would wish to incline him to the belief that that Gentleman had not designedly given him Umbrage - That the application regarding the disputed Talooks was made by the express order of

Lord

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Lord Cornwallis, who had appointed him / Mr. Powney / to negotiate on the Subject with Tippoo's Deputies - and that, if his Excellency had been pleased to furnish the Documents required of him - Arguments might have been successfully used in refutation of those to be brought forward by the opposite party.

Agreed likewise to inform the Rajah, that, if Mr. Powney should ever deviate from that respect which is due to his Excellency, the Board will not fail to notice it with every mark of disapprobation - That Mr. Powney has been enjoined to the strictest observance of this in all his communications - and that, as they are persuaded he will, in future, conduct himself to his Excellency's entire Satisfaction, it is earnestly recommended that he impress on him that Confidence, without which, it is impossible that the joint interests of the Company and his Excellency can be conducted with advantage.

Resolved that a letter be written to Bengal on the above Subject, and that the letter from the Rajah addressed to Lord Cornwallis be transmitted to his Lordship.

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Travancore.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President in Council Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

From Resident at Travancore inclosing the Rajah's letter, in consequence of the Subsidy demanded of him - Substance of a Conference with him on the Subject consequent Remarks on his present Military Strength.

Herewith I do myself the honor to transmit you a letter from the Rajah of Travancore, which, in some degree, is an answer to the letter you wrote his Excellency on the 4th Subject of his contributing towards defraying the peace Establishment of the Honorable Company.

The Rajah has written the above without having had any conversation with me, upon the Subject; his object therefore appears to me to be, merely, to state his inability by unfounded excuses, and to observe, whether the proposition would be persisted in - The day I had the honor to deliver your letter, the Rajah, without entering further in the proposition, stated the great

Charges

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Charges he had incurred during the late War,
and that he wanted means to comply with
the demand - These, I considered as words of
course, each I took the opportunity of pointing
out to him, a mode, which would enable
him, very effectually, to acquiesce in it, as
that of reducing his Military Establish-
-ment, which appeared to me too large,
and unnecessary, afsured of the Company's
Protection and surrounded, as he was, as
by his friends - To this, the Raja made
no other reply, than that his Army was
upon the same Establishment it was
previous to the war - I have reason to
believe that he was insincere in what he
said, for I have it from pretty good authority,
that he has lately encreased it by a
Brigade, consisting of 6 Battalions of Sepoys -

This leads me to make a few
remarks upon the Military Establishment
of the Rajah of Travancore, which, from
every Account I can obtain, he is still
augmenting

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Augmenting - Notwithstanding the Raja has ever evinced a Zealous attachment to the Company, I apprehend, in a political point of view, the circumstance merits your observation, and that you should be thoroughly acquainted with the extent of his Forces: His Infantry consists of 3 Brigades of Sepoys - 12 Battalions in a Brigade, upon the same Establishment as those in the Company's Service - two of these Brigades are composed of Nairs, and the third of Men from the Carnatic - they are cloathed and accoutred as our Sepoys are, and Officered by Europeans of all Nations, most of them, Men who have been dismissed from the British, as well as other European Services in India - Three Companys of Malays of 60 or 70 in a Company and about 40 or 50 Europeans Artillery of all Nations, most of them deserters, from the different Services in India - His Cavalry consists of 6 or 700 Men, and I understand he has very lately been enlisting some Troopers. -

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The above, I believe to be a pretty
Accurate Account of the Raja's Military
Establishment — The inutility of so large a
Force being kept up, no doubt, will appear
obvious to you, Situated as the Raja is; and
it will appear extraordinary that he
should be augmenting it at a time, when,
one would imagine, he would have gladly
have taken the opportunity of diminishing
it — I can attribute this conduct to no other
cause than the following — The Raja is far
advanced in years; the Management of
his Country is intirely given up to his
Dewan, who has attained a complete
ascendancy over his Mind, and I make not
the least doubt, the Measure has been
adopted by him, in order to gratify his
own vanity and to Command his own
Situation, in the event of the Death of the
Raja, as the whole Military Force is under
his orders, by which means the power
will remain with him — I can account for
it in no other way; and it appears to me

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the most probable one, as it is a Policy generally pursued by persons high in Office in the Services of Indian Powers, whenever it can be effected.—

The Rajah's expences, by this increasing up such a Military Force, and this introduction into his Service of European Officers, must be consequently great, but this necessity of it, not being at all apparent, I shall not hesitate strongly to urge him to a reduction of it:— but I apprehend my representations will not be attended with effect, unless enforced by similar remarks from your Government, which probably you may judge advisable to do, if you should view this in the same light that I have.—

I think it my duty to state to your Honble Board a circumstance which I have perceived, has tended to affect my Influence with the Rajah as your Resident; It has been industriously circulated, for some Months past, that the Rajah of Travancore was to transact all Business with the Bombay Government, instead of the Madras, which

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which, in future, was to have no transaction with his Excellency — these reports I find have been attended to here, and have had some effect in my present Negociation; whatever may be the Intention of Government on this Business hereafter, such Reports, as I have mentioned, cannot fail of proving of a Mischievous tendency; and, until the matter is decided, I trust you will deem it expedient merely to intimate to the Raja, that Political Negociations are to be carried on in the same mode as they have been heretofore.

Travandaporam
14th Nov. 1792

I have the Honor. to be
&c. &c.
Signed / George Powney Read

Read the following Letter
from the Rajah of Travancore / as entered also
in C. C. No 2141. —

Translation of a letter from Ramraja the Rajah of Travancore to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor of Madras.

From the Rajah of
Travancore. —

Dated 24th Rubbyul awul 1207 of Hegyra
or 9th November 1792.
Received 22d. do.

I have had the pleasure to
receive

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receive your letter and understand it's contents
- you are pleased to inform me that you
find, by the Company's records, that in
the year 1788 two Battalions of Sepoys &
were stationed in my country, the charge &
of which is 42,768 Star Pagodas annually, and
were paid by me, and you desire I will &
give my consent to pay this same sum &
annually - Gracious Sir, from the time &
the last war commenced and that I contributed
to the expences of the Company's Army the &
difficulties I have undergone are such as require
not to be particularized, and they are well
known to you - 'till this time I have not &
been able to discharge the demands of the &
Loucars, or been relieved from my difficulties &
- I shall however write you hereafter &
in answer to the request you have made
of me & in the mean time, mention this for
your information. —

What shall I say more?
(Signed in Malabar Characters
a true translation
(Signed) David Haliburton
agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed to inform the Rajah of Travancore that the Board did not expect, from the extreme Moderation of the demand, that His Excellency would have hesitated a Moment in a chearful acquiescence in it - and that they shall wait with impatience for the letter he has promised to write on this Subject.

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob / intendaloo C.C: No 215/

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Walla Jah to Sir Charles Oakley Bart. Governor of Madras.

Dated 8th Rubbiejaurry 1207 Hegery
or,
23d. November 1792.
Received 23d. do. do.

From the Nabob - in reply to the Imputation of his impeding the Settlement of his Accounts and to the remarks of Messrs. Wolf and Place that the accounts so already given in by his Highness, are not attested.

I have the pleasure to receive your letter of the 14th Instant, in which you say, Messrs. Wolf and Place, the Gentlemen so appointed

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appointed by Government to Investigate the
Accounts between the Company and me, as
have Reported to you that there are some
obstacles in the way of their progress, as
which can only be removed by me, — Messrs.
Woolf and Place, in a late correspondence as
with my Secretary, have suggested a Necessity
of a conference with my Mutteseddies, on as
the Subject of Accounts alluded to, some those
which had been long unsettled, and which
Messrs. Maubray and Woolf had proceeded as
to Investigate, but which, owing to the as
departure of the former, were not finally as
settled, and that, for Reasons which had as
since occurred to them, they were impeded
in coming to a conclusion. yet they did
not think proper to point out whence
the necessity of such conference arose, or as
what the Subsequent reasons were, which
had produced that impediment, although
they were urged to particularize those as

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Matters in order that I might know in
what manner to act or by what means
it could be in my power to promote the
end proposed: however, as these points will
be best illustrated by the Correspondence
itself, I enclose you Copies Marked No 1. to
7.

It will afford me a particular
Satisfaction to throw any lights upon the
Accounts between the Company and me,
but I am yet to learn how that can be
effected: you are pleased to say that the Accounts
under the Investigation of Messrs Macbray
and Wolf had not been finally considered by
those Gentlemen, when the former departed for
Europe; that, consequently, no report had been
made on them, and that therefore it is
deemed essential to have a further Conference
with my Servants - however I still remain
Ignorant of the particular Grounds upon
which the Necessity of a Conference is founded,
and shall therefore be very happy if you
will

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will have the goodness to mention them, as
as it is both my wish and my Interest to
prevent every manner of delay in my
Accounts with the Company; but I am
persuaded it must be evident to you, that
I cannot give orders for the adjusting of any
points that may be yet undetermined
unless I first know what those points
are.

How far Messrs. Moubray and
Wolf may have considered the Accounts
they Investigated in conjunction with my
Multifarious dies I do not know; but I really
imagined that a report on those Accounts
had, long ago, been made to your Government;
and I waited in anxious expectation to be
furnished with a Copy of it; and in this
expectation I was warranted by the purport
of a letter from Messrs. Moubray and Wolf
addressed to my Secretary under date the 5th
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Ultimo in acknowledgement of the receipt
of my Account; - they therein say - "Neither
"do we find ourselves Authorized to proceed in
"further in the Charge Committed to us in
"till we shall have Submitted certain in
"points, for Guidance, to the consideration of
"the Honorable the Governor in Council"; in
and, from hence, it clearly appears, that to
every delay rests entirely on the Commissioners
of the Company, and I trust it is obvious, in
that I have done every thing incumbent in
on me to do, for the purpose of facilitating
the final Settlement, by hurrying in my
Account under numberless disadvantages, in
in order that Mess.rs Moubray and Wolf in
might be enabled to make their report
previous to the departure of the former
of those Gentlemen for Europe, and I do
expressed myself to them through my in
Secretary in a letter addressed to them in
dated

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dated the 4th Ultimo, and already referred to as
under No 1. but you are pleased to say, that
my Account is incomplete and imperfect, as
because many of the remarks are inconclusive
and refer to Items in that Account avowedly
kept open for future discussion; give me leave
to refer you to my letter of the 4th Ultimo,
(a Copy of which No 9 I have the pleasure
to enclose you) immediately relating to this
Subject, and I trust you will be perfectly
satisfied with the Explanation therein given. —

In regard to the observa =
= tion of Messrs Wolf and Place, that the
Account sent in by me and the remarks as
that accompanied it have no authentic
Signature, I have only to remark that such
an Observation would have been altogether
unnecessary, had those Gentlemen considered
the manner in which those documents
were sent into Messrs Macleay and Wolf-

they

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they were accompanied by a letter from my Secretary which is the usual and customary mode - I have only to add in repetition of what I have before urged, that I shall be highly gratified to remove any impediments in my power, and enter into any Investigation that may tend to adjust points still undetermined, if I have a previous Intimation of the Nature of the impediments, and the particular points to be determined; and provided the Measure does not interfere with the Assents delivered in by me, which have been settled in the presence and under the Scrutiny of the Commissioners on the part of the Company, and cannot again be opened. —

What can I say more
a true Translation
/Signed/ David Haliburton
P. T.

Lieut

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No. 1	Letter from Mr. Charles Binny to Messrs. Mackay and Wolf. Dated	4th. Octr. 1792.	
2	Letter from Messrs. Mackay & Wolf to Mr. Charles Binny	5th. do.	do.
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5	Letter from Messrs. Wolf and Place to Mr. Charles Binny	2d. Novr.	do.
6	Letter from Charles Binny Esq. to Messrs. Wolf and Place	4th. do.	do.
7	Letter from Messrs. Wolf and Place to Mr. Charles Binny	6th. do.	do.
8	Letter from Mr. Binny to Messrs. Wolf and Place	7th. do.	do.
9	Letter from H. E. the Nabob W. H. to Governor Oakeley	4th. Octr.	do.

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Agreed to inform Messrs. Woolf and Place that, as the Board do not believe any Satisfactory explanation can be had from his Highness the Nabob on the points stated in their letter of the 12th instant, they are to proceed, without further delay, in their observations upon the Account transmitted to them by his Highness's Secretary on the 4th Ultimo.—

Minute thereon

Ordered that copy of the foregoing letter, and of that from his Highness dated the 4th October, be transmitted to Messrs. Woolf and Place.—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.—

William Jackson Esqr.

Secretary to the Governor in Council

Military Department

Sir,

I have been duly favored with

From Resident at Hydrabad requests the Extract from Lord Cornwallis's letter already sent—may be deemed sufficient authority for dispatching the Gun for the Nizam—without waiting the result of the reference to Bengal—no Account of Tippoo's first Kist payable to the Nizam

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with your letter of the 28th ultimo. as the wish and absolute Intention of the Governor General to send the Nizam ten Heavy Guns is clearly expressed in the Extract of his Lordships letter inclosed in mine to you of the 9th ultimo I hope the Board will deem that extract a Sufficient authority for dispatching them without waiting for an answer to their reference to the Supreme Board; his Highness, in consequence of the assurances which I was authorized to give him, being very impatient for their arrival at Masulipatam.

No accounts have yet been received from Kurpa regarding the approach or arrival of Tippoo's first Kist to this Government; which I think may, with propriety, be noticed to his Vackeels. Captain Dallas arrived here the 6th Instant, and the Board's with respecting my

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my procuring Credit for him on Bengal shall be attended to. —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) John Kennaway

Hydrabad
8th Nov. 1792.

Agreed to inform Sir John Kennaway that the Guns will be sent from hence as soon as the North East Monsoon breaks up in the Month of February —

Minutes thereon

The President informs the Board that Gholaum ally Caron has promised to write immediately to Tippoo on the Subject of that part of Sir John's Letter regarding the first Kist — Agreed that this be mentioned to the Presidt. —

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue. —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council.

Honble Sir,

From Board's Proceedings on the Subject of the Complaint against the Nammad Inhabitants in Consequence.

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 25th Instant, enclosing copy of an address to your Secretary from the Acting Collector of Polygar Peishcush South of the Coleroon — In consequence of the circumstances represented by him, we are induced to request you will be pleased to inform us whether we are to consider the Collector as having any authority to require the attendance of the Nammad Inhabitants or those of any other Polygar, for the purpose of enquiry into any complaints of the nature mentioned by Mr. Morten, and to afford redress to the injured party — should such a measure be thought inconsistent with the terms of the late Treaty between the Company and the Nabob, and if it be your intention that

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the Collectors authority is to be confined to
the demanding and receiving of the Stipulated
Peishcush from the Polygars, we conceive
it would not be proper for us to proceed
further on the present occasion than to
direct the Collector to repeat his applic=
=ation to the Rammad Rajah, or to
recommend that a letter be addressed by
the Honble President to the Nabob on the
Subject, or directly to the Rajah requiring
him to restore the plundered Cattle to
the Inhabitants of Mavelanvady Village
and to make an example of the persons
guilty of such irregularities.

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We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) David Haliburton
" Chas. St. White

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Agreed that a letter be
written to His Highness the Nabob, &c.
conformably to the Recommendation of the
Board

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Board of Revenue, proposing to his Highness &c
that the Collector shall be vested with his &c
Authority to redress all Grievances among the
Polygars.—

Read the following letter &c
from Mr. Benjamin Torin.—

To William Collins Jackson Esq.r
Secretary to the Military
and Political Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am honored with your &c
letter of the 16.th Instant, covering the observa=
=tions of the Hon.ble Board upon the affairs
of the Tinnevelly Polygars.—

To submit respectfully to the
Measures of Government, however harsh they
might seem towards me, was no less my &c
peculiar care than it was my duty; and
I beg leave, in the strongest terms, to &c
disclaim every idea of the most distant
breach

Torin Mr. B. Torin replying to the observations of the Board on his late letter.—

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breach of that respect, which I am most sensible is due, on every occasion, to the Dignity of Government: - but when reduced, as I was, to the resignation of an im= =portant Situation, which I had been so fortunate so long to fill with the uniform and flattering approbation of my Superiors, I humbly conceived that the Honble Board would not also require that I should omit to make such remarks, as might tend to exhibit my resignation as proceeding / not from conscious demerit / but from the invariable discountenance / how just, is not for me to determine / of my Office, my measures, and my people, ever since the period when Colonel M.r Maxwell first refused me the assistance I required at his hands — since Government are candidly pleased to permit me to Submit to them, what I have respectfully

to

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to observe in my defence, I proceed to the
Substance of their Remarks on my conduct
as the Extraordinary powers
vested, by Government, in Colonel Maxwell,
were not communicated to me, it affords no
one matter of consolation to observe, that
the Honble Board admit these powers to
have been peculiar Exceptions from the es-
General Principles of the Service, - because
such admission proves, that, in objecting
to Colonel Maxwell's assumption of Titles
and Authority, I still adhered to the General
System, which alone I could know; and es-
cried only from being held in ignorance
of those Extentions of power, which it
was found expedient to grant to him,
and which I could not know.

The Honble Board are es-
pleased to condemn as incorrect, my es-
applying the term new to the Settlement
directed

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directed to be made by Mr. Martin &
Subsequent to that which I had last
made; / as well as my calling the one &
now entrusted to Colonel Maxwell, &
another new Settlement: — and they form
their decision of my failure in propriety &
and correctness, on the Ground that the &
sums required by me and afterwards &
by those two Gentlemen were not &
altered — But I thought myself fully &
justified in terming these Subsequent &
Settlements new, when the periods of &
payment granted to, and agreed on, by
the Polygars, were twice altered and &
Extended; — and I confess it seemed to me
that these repeated Extentions of the &
periods of payment, by two Successive
Negociations, certainly tended to weaken &
the Authority of my Settlement: Especi=
=ally when it is remembered, that this
Settlement was itself a renewed Engagement
in

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in point of time, recently entered into, and so
daringly violated by the Polygars, in the face
of that force which had just reduced the so
Sheveguny Polygar, and which appeared to be
at hand to resent any fresh instances of so
Delinquency.—

I was led to entitude my so
Sentiments upon the measures pursued by so
the Government with regard to Vellor, because so
he was not Censured and removed, merely on so
the ground of Expediency, but was explicitly
Condemned and punished as a guilty person;
and that on Grounds which seemed to me
objectionable.—

Vellor having acted as my so
public Servant for the greatest part of so
seven years, I did not, when the Regulations
took place in August 1791, Acquaint him,
that he was no longer to consider himself
as my private Servant, but solely as the

Company's

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Company's public Interpreter, I confess this was an omission, and for which I am much concerned. I hope however that the whole Tenor of my Conduct - and not my Neglect of any particular Form / however proper that form certainly was / will be the rule by which to decide upon my Measures towards the Polygars during the period of two years. - I observe as that the Board, in order to establish, as that Velloo was never returned or announced as Interpreter, are pleased to quote my words as follows:; - "the person I have mentioned as "under the name of Accountant is my principal "Servant, he translates such of the Country as "Accounts as are necessary for my information" I hope I may be permitted to add the as words immediately following, and also acts as "as my Interpreter," - because these words, as I humbly conceive, announce Velloo's Situa= =tion in very explicit terms; and the Subse= =quent Confirmation from the Board of as

Revenue

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Revenue / 21 November 1791 / it. I hope a
sufficient testimony of his public appoint-
=ment. —

The Board are pleased to observe
that "Government never authorized" the ex-
"pressions of Vengeance with which I
"seemed to have threatened the Polygars" — and
to Establish this, are pleased to quote an ex-
Extract from their Instructions to the Board
of Revenue wherein "they conceived it prudent
just now to overlook any trifling irregularity
in their / the Polygars / Conduct" — I must ex-
ust presume to infer, from their Connection
of this quotation with their Censure of the ex-
pression I assumed, that they considered the ex-
pressions of large forces, and marching
them in Support of Allies, or in opposition
to adversaries, as trifling irregularities, —
still life may I suppose that the Board
considered, as such, the repeated Robberies,
Outrages,

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Outrages, and even Murders committed by these people; - and yet it was the continua= =tion of these enormities, and not simply of irregularities, which induced my threats - I cannot omit, in justice to myself, to observe that the words of Government immediately preceding those now quoted by them, express their entire Concurrence in the opinions & I gave, of the dangerous disposition of the Polygars and of the Necessity of checking & their licentious use: and I have been laboring under a great mistake indeed, if this con= =currence is not explicitly expressed in the whole strain of the Resolutions, both of Government and the Board of Assessed Revenue, and in particular in that resolution, of assembling the Revenue & Troops, which conveyed a threat more & emphatic than any Language I could use.

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The Honble Board are now so
pleased to condemn the undeviating tone
of Vengeance I observed to the Polygars. — In
behalf of the Revenue and Dignity of the
Company; in behalf of the property and
Lives of the Inhabitants at large, / who
were defenceless and as much more neces=
=sary than the Polygars, as they were more
industrious and Worthy / I certainly did
threaten them with the regular punish=
=ment of their Crimes — If this was a
fault It will be unnecessary for the
Honble Board to investigate my Conduct
towards them any further, in order to
decide against it, — for, after pointing out
as I did, the designs of the Polygars, and
uniformly acquainting the Board of
Revenue with the expedients I adopted to
keep them in Check, it must be expected
that my Language would Correspond
with

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with the Sentiments I then entertained of
and Expressed; and I do not Hesitate to expose
myself to condemnation, by admitting that
I studied to intimidate them - as this was
done, not to Extort from them any thing
unreasonable, but to check their wanton
Enormities; my Menaces were consequently
expressed in the Strongest possible Lan=
=guage against those who should still
persevere in such flagrant acts of
Licentiousness - and, altho' the Honorable
Board seem dissatisfied with my using
this painted Language towards this
ignorant and Refractory people, yet it is
evident, from the continuation of their
Robberies and frequent breach of Engage=
=ments with me, as well as with Colonel
Maxwell, not only that these threats=
but even the presence of the Detachment
itself was insufficient to hold them to

punctuality

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punctuality and Obedience - Unsupported,
during a War of two years, with efficient
Military Aid, I had nothing to resort to
but the threats of future punishments; -
that I adopted and pursued this plan, as
my Correspondence will prove; and, as
the Board of Revenue and Government
themselves perused these letters with their
attention, and I must think sanctioned
them with their approbation, I can only
refer to the particulars for my Justifica-
tion at that period, however they may
now lead, to my condemnation. -

Before I conclude I beg leave
to observe that, in offering this Explanation
to the Honble Board, I have felt it very
difficult to speak in my defence, without
seeming to disregard the opinion the Honble
Board have expressed in the sixth Paragraph
of their Minutes - I therefore take this
Occasion

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occasion to declare that, in this as well as in my former Letters,- I have only had in view the Justification of my own Conduct, & without any intention to arraign their Measures; and I hope some allowance will be made, if I have proved more tenacious of my public Character, in my Management of the Tinnevelly Polygars, than I have been of the advantageous Situation which Circumstances have compelled me to quit.—

Madras
20th Novr 1792.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn Lorin

The Board are of opinion that any further Correspondence with Mr Lorin regarding the late Transactions in the Tinnevelly Country can answer no good purpose. Their Sentiments are fully known to him.- but it may be proper to observe here, that no Extraordinary powers

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powers were vested in Lieutenant Colonel Mr
Maxwell, until Mr. Lorin had quitted the Mr
District, and ceased to exercise the Functions of
his Office - Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell was
ordered on a Service with the nature and Mr
extent of which Mr. Lorin was apprized, and
directed to forward by every consistent means -
It was in consequence of the Separate measures
adopted by the Collector - and of the perfect Mr
Conviction of the Board that the Success of the
Expedition depended altogether upon vesting in
Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell their full Mr
authority to settle with the Polygars in Mr
general, that any Alterations were made in
the original instructions to that Officer. These were
no intention at first, to give to the Commanding
Officer any Authority interfering with the Duties of
the Collector - the latter was directed to make the
Settlement - but, having left the District, owing
to Indisposition, before he had completed it, & the De =
= partment devolving on a person who could not com =
= mand the Obedience of the Polygars, there was no other
alternative than that which the Board had recourse to

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The President recommends that

Mr. Thomas Cooper appointed Paymaster at Ganjam and Aska

Mr. Thomas Cooper be appointed Paymaster at Ganjam and Aska, vice Mr. John Lennox removed to Ongole.

Approved and ordered Accordingly

Chas. Oakeley

E. Hallowfield

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

Recived the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208.—

From Sub Secretary at Bengal—

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From Ditto— enclosing a letter for the French Governor General at the Mauritius, to be forwarded by the first opportunity.—

From Chief Engineer, submitting a Petition from Mootoo Verapah and Arnaghurry Bricklayer Maistries.—

From Lieutenant Landys— has sent directions regarding the Elephants to be detained at Madura.—

From Captain Flint— enclosing a Bill for Sundt Services.—

From Colonel Collins— has taken Command of the Fort and Garrison of Vellore.—

From Captain Thomas Parr— requesting an adjustment of the Claim of the Officers formerly belonging to the 14th Battalion, for Cattle taken by them while Stationed at Vellore in the year 1783.—

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From Commandant at Vellore

From Captain Thomas Parr— requesting an adjustment of the Claim of the Sepoys formerly belonging to the 14th Battalion, for Cattle taken by them while Stationed at Vellore in the year 1783.—

From Captain Parr.

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Sent letter to the Nabob - Entered in C: C: No. 216 - enclosing letter from the Acting Collector of the Polygar Peishcush in the Tinnevelly Country regarding Cattle plundered by the Inhabitants of Ramnad - for disposition on the occasion.

Substance of letter to the Nabob.

Sent also the undermentioned letters entered in M: B: Nos. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218.

To Hospital Board

To Hospital Board - with Instructions for causing the Cloathing on hand at the different Stations, not provided for by the Hospital Contracts, to be valued.

To Acting Surveyor General

To Acting Surveyor General - to appoint two persons on behalf of the Company to meet two - on the part of the Surgeons at the Stations above alluded to, for valuing the Cloathing on hand.

To Secretary at Bengal

To Secretary at Bengal, referring the letter from the Accountant General - regarding the Charges for freight of Supplies &c from that Presidency.

To Messrs Wolf and Place

To Messrs Wolf and Place, - to proceed on their Observations on the Nabob's Account transmitted to them by his Secretary

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on the 4th ultimo - Copies of two letters from His H
Highness Enclosed. —

To Military Board - Ten 18 Pounder
Guns, intended to be presented to his Highness the H
Nizam, to be held in Readiness to be shipped for H
Masulipatam. —

To Military Board

To Military Auditor General - with
directions respecting Bills for Military Arrears - pre-
-sented at the pay Office - to report, to what H
Extent Advance may be made to the Contractors
for Bullocks, during the War, and how far he has
audited their Accounts. —

To Military Auditor General

To Resident at Hyderabad - the
Guns intended for the Nizam will be sent, as H
requested - Sippoy Vackeels will write to their Master
regarding the first Kist payable to his Highness. —

To Resident at Hyderabad

To Lieutenant Urquhart - in H
reply to his two last letters - no alteration can be
made in the Medical Regulations - which have
been finally arranged. —

To Lieut.t Urquhart at Trichinopoly

To Mr. John Lennox, - desiring
him to deliver over charge of the Paymastership
of Aska and Ganjam to Mr. Thomas Cooper —

To Mr. J. Lennox

To Mr. Thomas Cooper, - directing
him to receive charge. —

To Mr. Tho.s Cooper

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Received the undermentioned Letters and Petition Entered in M: B: Nos. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224.—

From Commandant at Palamcotah

From Commandant at Palamcotah forwarding a Packet from the Rajah of Travancore.—

From Captain Dighton of the Nabob's Service

From Captain C: Dighton requesting the Company of Sepoys, to be Stationed in Shevalaputore may receive the pay of Regulars, & also, Cloathing— reference regarding the Stoppages made from the Revenue and Provincial Corps, entertained to the Southward for the Service of the War.—

From Chief & Council at Masulipatam

From Chief and Council at Masulipatam have received and shall attend to the Orders under date 25th Ult. and 7th & 8 Instant—

From Captain Wallace at Tanjore

From Officer Commanding at Tanjore has taken measures for protecting Sarfoge and the Widows of the late Rajah.—

From Mr. R. Dashwood

From Mr. R: Dashwood respecting the pay advanced by him to the late Lieutenant Wilson of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry for September— Requests Major Orr may be ordered to explain why he has not inserted that Officer's Name in his pay abstract.—

Petition of Bazar people at Trepasore.—

Petition of the Bazar people of Trepasore— complaining of Major Brodie's interference in the Bazar Sales.—

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26 Sent letter to the Rajah of Travancore

Entered in C.C. No 247 on the Subject of his Complaint

Substance of letter to the Rajah of Travancore — against the Resident at his Durbar — disapprobation at his hesitation to acquiesce in the Demand for a Subsidy —

Dispatched the following Letter

To the Right Honble Earl Cornwallis K.G.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

To Bengal — forwarding letter for Lord Cornwallis from the Rajah of Travancore, with Copies of papers received from him in Complaint of the Resident's Conduct towards him — and of the Board's Letter in consequence

My Lord,

We have the honor to transmit herewith a letter addressed to your Lordship by the Rajah of Travancore, and Copy of one from him to our President with its enclosures, received through the Channel of the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah —

We have not yet heard from Mr. Powney on the Subject stated by the Rajah, nor can we explain to your Lordship the particular grounds on which the Complaints are founded — They appear to us to have originated in some Misunderstanding between Mr. Powney and the Dewan, which (if possible) ought to have been avoided,

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avoided, as that Minister has, unquestionably, so gained a complete ascendancy over the Mind of the Rajah.—

3.d We have judged it necessary to write to Mr. Powney expressing our Surprize at his total Silence on a Subject, which it was his duty to have communicated to us—and enjoining a conduct the most moderate and conciliating in all his Transactions.—

4.th As that Gentleman has behaved himself generally to our Satisfaction, we are disposed to believe that he has not so intentionally given Umbrage to the Rajah—we have mentioned this Circumstance to his Excellency, and have recommended it to him to repose that confidence in the Resident which is so essentially necessary for the Success-ful conduct of the important Interests so entrusted to his care—Copies of our Letters are enclosed for your Lordship's Information.

We have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley

&c. Council

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

To Ditto enclosing Copies of Mr. Swartz's reports of the Measures taken for the Removal of Serfoge and the late Rajah's family to Madras.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to transmit to your Lordships Copies of two Letters from the Reverend Mr. Swartz advising of the measures taken in consequence of your orders for the Removal of Serfoge and the two Widowes of the late Rajah of Tanjore.

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

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To Mr. George Powney
Resident at
Travancore

To Resident at Travancore relative to the Rajah's complaint against him - Letter from at Resident at Aleppo as to the cause of the difference between them - enjoined to observe the most conciliating conduct in all his transactions - Copies of papers on the Subject enclosed - also a letter for the Rajah.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 4th instant, and to enclose a letter for the Rajah of Travancore, in which you are to deliver.

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the Letter to His Excellency, of which a copy is enclosed for your information, is in reply to two from him, one of which was received through the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah, and contains a variety of circumstances entirely new to the Board. the causes of the misunderstanding which, by the Rajah's Account, had for a long time subsisted between you and him, on points of political consideration, ought most certainly to have been regularly reported by you, — your total Silence on this Subject occasions considerable embarassment to Government; for, in pronouncing upon it, they can only be guided by the Rajah's Representation, which may be, and most probably is, in many instances, misrepresented. You have frequently mentioned in your letters that the management of the Travancore Country is entirely vested in the Dewan, who has acquired a compleat ascendency over the Rajah's Mind — the success therefore of every measure to be agitated by you, depended altogether upon your preserving a good understanding with the Minister — for in quarrelling with him, you were sure

sure to lose the confidence of his Master, and so consequently to meet with opposition in the discussion of all Matters connected with your Official Situation. This has actually happened — the Rajah has expressed, in strong Terms, his Jealousy and Distrust of you: declaring that he has been treated with personal disrespect — and urging the Necessity of the Board's interference. But, with the materials before them, they can only interfere so far, as to enjoin you to take every possible Method, by a conciliating and respectful demeanour, to regain the Rajah's confidence; the best step to attain this end, as will be by an accommodation with the Dewan, which you should endeavor to accomplish by such means as are not inconsistent with your public Character.

Among the papers transmitted by the Rajah, are Transcripts of two Letters said to have been received from you, with his answers If these are correctly copied, of which you will be able to judge, as they are herewith sent for the purpose, the President in Council is under the necessity of Remarking that the Language in which you have conveyed your Sentiments is ill adapted to your

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your relative situations, and could not avoid giving offence to his Excellency, who must be, of course, & tenacious of his dignity, a Moderate respectful & Style should be always observed, both in Speaking and writing to him; and you are desired to be & extremely cautious on this head in future.

The President in Council has & frequently had occasion to express his approbation of your Conduct during your Residence at Travan=core - a Zealous discharge of your Duty has been conspicuous: and it would therefore give him & great concern to have cause to withdraw that favorable opinion which he has hitherto & entertained.

Fort St. George
24th Novr. 1792.

Jam &c. &c.
(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Tuesday
27th November
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Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read

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Read the following Letter to
from the Military Board.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council.

Hon.ble Sir,

Agreable to your commands
of the 20.th July last, we have called before us the
persons subscribing to the Petition referred to us in
your Letter of the 24.th June last, and have the Hono.r
to inform you, that it appears to this Board that
the persons petitioning in behalf of the Weaver Cast
are considered as Heads of the Cast, and therefore as
properly qualified to act for, or represent, the whole
and members of the Cast appear before the Board
to Signify their assent to their being so entrusted.
as does also Narina Ball Chitty Head of all the
Casts - and it appears that the Cast have a
fair and just claim to ground of the following
description - A Garden situated in the Pedda
Naigue Pettah in the Sharavacarah Pagoda
Street, between the Houses of Nellanah and
Tiruvangeliah Street, containing in Length from
East

From Military Board
reporting on the Claims
for Ground taken by
the Company in 1781 -
Proposed plan for pro-
viding Barrack Calls -
further Explanation
regarding the French Prize
Letter with returns, Valu-
ation &c. of them.

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East to West 180 feet, and in breadth north to
South 207 feet, and East and West again 186 feet—
and that the said Garden was then valued at one
hundred Pagodas; and it appears that the Grant
for this Ground was made out in the name of
the Swamy Virabadra the image of the Weaver
Cast, to ascertain the property to be in the whole
Cast, and for their general use and benefit, as We
conceive— how long since the Original Grant
or bill of Sale making over this Ground to the
Cast, we cannot ascertain— but it appears, that
it was legally certified to be the property of the
Cast, in the Year 1751, and Registered in the Choultry
Court as such, the original Grant or bill of Sale
being at that time lost; and we conceive the
present Application to Government to be in
the name of the Cast, and that the Petitioners
are authorized to act for them, as the acknow-
=ledged heads of the Cast, and so far, and no
farther, we can state our opinion in reply
to your letter of the 20th July, that the
Weaver Cast have a fair Claim, as above
Specified, and that the Petitioners, as acting
for the cast, are entitled to set forth that Claim—

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the above Ground, by a calculate made at this
Board, amounts to fifteen Cotts of Ground, and
three Quarters; and eighty one Square feet, but Mr.
Maxwell, in a Report of his to the Committee
of Works dated 20th of June 1783, states the Weavers
claim to be for fifteen Cotts and one half of
Ground, and that they then refused to accept
150 Pagodas for each Cott, and it appears that
of those who have now affixed their Signatures
to the Petition of the 15th June 1792. Cunny Mudliah,
Chittumboo, Ramalingum, and Cattada Veraputh;
are on behalf of this Claim of the Weavers, which
is made for the whole Cast in the name of
Veerabadra Levaney.

It appears to this Board that
the name of Sachy Audeyputh affixed to the
Petition of the 15th June 1792, is that of the Head
person, and he stands possessed of sundry Regular
bills of Sale of lands purchased by an Ancestor
and Ancestors of his, as far back as the years
1727; and one is Signed by Mr. Morse in 1737—
and Mr. Hugh Maxwell, in his Report on the
Head person's claim, states it at 75 Cotts and 1/8, Value
by the Owner then 120 Pagodas June 1783 at 100
Pagodas

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Pagodas for Lott – These Bills of Sale appear to be perfectly regular, such as are usually made out for the conveyance of private Property; but as the Petitioner represents his several Ancestors who have so purchased to have been Head Peons, – and as Mr. Maxwell states the claim without the mention of any name, to be the claim of the Head Peon, it is not possible for us to say whether this is an official tenure of Lands belong to the office of head peon, and bought out of Money constituting an official fund for that purpose, or not, the Petitioner asserts it is his private property to all intents and purposes, and as there is nothing in any of the Bills of Sale as to lead to a contrary opinion – and, we have only been led to note this Suggestion, from as Mr. Maxwell's having stated it as the claim of the Head Peon, without naming any name. We however can give our opinion, in answer to your letter of the 20th July, that the man named Sackey Audeypah is head peon, and that the head peon appears to have a fair as claim to 75 Lotts and one eighth of Ground, and it also appears that this man Sackey Audeypah

was

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was the Head Poon when Mr. Maxwell gave in his Report.—

Having Maturely considered the Report recommended to us in your letter of the 24th Inst. relative to the Barrack Master's department, We have the Honor to inform you that we do not find any certain Means by which we can ascertain the actual number of Cotts that have been in use for any given time, as no Return in the Adjutant Generals Office will go to ascertain it; the most probable means is the account of the Barrack Masters themselves, which have been passed, and are now in the Auditor General's Office, as they determine the number of Europeans supplied with Barrack Articles in Garrison, in the respective garrisons of their Department, who it is presumed must all have been furnished with Cotts - Such, as this Matter will always be attended with intricacy and confusion, We are of Opinion, that it will be best at once to do away the ill defined idea of Cotts being to last for 3 Years, and that all Cotts should, as soon as possible, be put upon the same footing as every Article of Stores Viz. to be considered as the property of the Company as soon as paid for; and that it should then be the

duty

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duty of the Barrack Master to have charge of, and to be responsible for the Cotts in Company's Stores, in their Department; and, if your Honor in Council is pleased to adopt this plan, we beg leave to recommend the following mode.

That all Cotts be delivered over to the Honble Company on the 1st of January next in perfect Repair, and good condition - and that the several Barrack Masters having each respectively Submitted to a Survey, the Cotts delivered in by him, and it being reported that they are in the good condition before described, may be permitted to Charge for them as follows - For all Cotts that have been delivered in 3 years two Pagodas; for such as have been delivered in 2 years one Pagoda; for such as have been delivered in one year the Company, having so recently paid for them they are to charge nothing, that, from the 1st of January, they should be considered as the property of the Company, under the charge of the respective Barrack Master, who should hold his appointment on the condition of keeping up the Number delivered to him as Company's property, in perfect good repair, and fully

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fully serviceable, for an allowance of three fanams per Month, in addition to his present Monthly pay and allowance as Barrack Master, for every Cott so under his charge; and that in case of quitting the employ, he shall be held bound to deliver them over in such good condition to his Successor, and in case of death, his Estate shall be chargeable with whatever deficiency may appear to be warranted by a Survey- this allowance of three fanams per Month for each Cott to be paid at the end of each Quarter after a Survey shall have been made to each Station by a Board of Officers, whose report that the Cotts are in good and Serviceable condition, is to be the voucher of the Paymaster for discharging the Bill of the Barrack Master; and in the event that the Cotts shall not be reported in good and serviceable condition, the Offence on the part of the Barrack Master to be considered a just cause for dismissing him from his Office, on a representation, through the Commander in Chief, to the Government- in which case the quarterly allowance to be applied to the purpose of repairing the Cotts, and the Surplus, after the Repairs are executed, to be paid to the dismissed Barrack Master

this

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This we consider as a very economical System for Government, and fair and reasonable for the Barrack Master; and we conceive that, by this means, supposing the Establishment fixed and completed with Cotts, the expence of Government on this Head is reduced to a certainty, and can be Subject to no variation or future discussion; but if, from any unforeseen augmentation of European Troops, it should become Necessary to make up new Cotts - we recommend that the Barrack Master should be obliged, to make them up agreeable to the present mentor, in every respect, for three and a half Pagodas, which we conceive to be as low a price as they can be made up for on an average; and, in case of any diminution of the European force, a proportionable number of Cotts will of course be withdrawn from the Barrack Master, and the Monthly allowance for keeping them up, will be proportionably decreased - We have the Honor to submit the following comparative statement drawn out upon a given number, nearly the average of the present Establishment, which will, at one view, manifest the great saving which Government

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Government will derive from the Plan we now propose, under the idea that Government on the 1st day of January Next stands completely provided with Cotts, and is to keep up that number, either by adhereing to the old System, of providing Cotts at four Pagodas each, and which are to last the Company only for three years, or by adopting the plan we have the honor to propose - It is not within our reach to ascertain the first expence which will now arise from the purchases to be immediately made on our Plan, which we think it necessary further to explain, by observing that it will establish the additional advantage of the Cotts being the property of the Company, in all situations of the Service, on reasonable terms.

Comparative Statement of the Expence of the proposed Plan of providing Cotts on a given number, being nearly the average detail of Europeans to be supplied by the System now in use, exchange at 45 fanams.

	Pags	Fs	Fs	C
Lay 10000 Europeans provided with Cotts @ 4 Pags Each and to last for three Years is annually -	13,333	15		
The same Number provided with Cotts at the allowance of 3 fs Monthly per Each - - -			8000	
Annual Saving by the new Plan commencing 1st. January 1793 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			5333	15
	Pags	13,333	15	

Although the System we have the Honor to recommend places the Cotts, as the Company's Property, in charge of the Barrack Master, yet we

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Honble Board will perceive we have judged it ⁄ advisable that he should also provide, at a stated ⁄ price, the Coats that may be required from any ⁄ augmentation of the Troops, which, though at first ⁄ sight apparently contrary to the general principle ⁄ of check, usually Observed, will be found no ways objectionable in the present ⁄ case, for, as the Barrack Masters are, on stipu- ⁄ -lated terms, to repair and replace the Coats ⁄ from time to time, as casualties happen, it is ⁄ but equitable that they should also have the ⁄ furnishing of them in the first instance; ⁄ otherwise they would be made responsible ⁄ for upholding in a perfect serviceable state, ⁄ Materials and Workmanship provided by ⁄ another person having a Separate Interest; on the ⁄ durability and excellence of which materials ⁄ their means of fulfilling the terms of their ⁄ appointment, must, in a great measure, ⁄ depend — Hence it appears to us that if the ⁄ Barrack Masters are interested in preserving ⁄ the Coats from damage while entrusted to their ⁄ care, they are equally interested in the excellence ⁄ of their Materials, and Workmanship, when

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first supplied; or, in other words, that, touching
the preservation of the Cotts, and their excellence
when first provided, the interest of the Barrack
Master and the public is the same; a circumstance
which could not apply to any Contractor or Agent
of Supply; and which, we therefore conceive, fully justi-
-fies the part of our System here alluded to - We
beg leave to conclude this report, by remarking in
that, as we observe in your Commands of the 24th
October, relative to the Cotts in the Barrack Depart-
-ment, that your Object on the Subject of the
Matter on which our opinion was then called for,
is, in the first place, to adjust equitably, both for
the Honble Company, and the Barrack Master,
the points Submitted to consideration, by the
Barrack Master of the Centre Division, and
secondly to remedy not only the defects which
appeared in the System of providing the Cotts,
but also to lessen the heavy Expence annually
incurred on the present Plan - we have therefore
considered the matter, under these points of view,
presuming that from the want of precision
in drawing out the existing Regulations for
the Barrack Department, has originated the

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necessity of an alteration on account of the ill defined part of the System existing, which seems to give the Barrack Master a title to make up new Cotts every three Years, at their Pagodas each, even though they should not have been actually in use all that time, and, under every interpretation if they have been in use three Years; under these circumstances it became proper, in the first instance, to provide an equitable compensation to the Barrack Master, as the only ground on which a change of System for the purpose of future regularity and a future reduction of expence could, with propriety, be introduced; We have consequently framed our Report upon this Principle; and are convinced that, although the Change we have proposed must necessarily occasion some expence in fixing the property of the Cotts in the Company at this time, yet that the advantages will be great in point of regularity immediately, will reimburse the first expence of the Cotts in less than three Years, and will Subsequently amount to a considerable annual saving, exceeding one third of the present Annual expence.

The

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The Commissary General of Stores
laid before us a Report, contained in Six Papers, which
having attentively perused, We are of opinion they
contain the fullest information that can possibly be
furnished, on the Subject of your letter of the 16th Ult.;
by which it will appear, that the Stores in question
were authorized to be brought on the Company's Books,
with no other information than that the prices of
them would hereafter be settled by the Honble the
Court of Directors with the Agent; who pledged himself
so to settle the Matter; and that they were also
without any limitation in like manner with
other Stores, and, consequently, issued occasionally
as the public Service required, and, so far,
agreable to the usage of the Service — The
application of some of them, however, to
other purposes, than those of the Service,
without the knowledge of Government,
on the Military Board, was certainly
irregular; and, that Government may in-
=demnify itself for the Stores so applied, as
the Commissary General has stated the
Value of them in the Paper Marked A

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and No 2 as it stands upon the Store Keepers Books, remarking opposite to those issued as without any authority - and we conceive that, as it appears on the Books that those were delivered to Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, it may be recovered from his Executors - and we must further inform you that no answer has been yet received from the Prize Agents or Executors Attorney, to the Notification given to him by this Board, which, in obedience to your Orders in the said letter, was transmitted in a letter to him dated 24th Ultimo.

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" Jno Richardson
" B. Close
" George Hall

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Return of the Ordnance and Stores No 1 received from Mr. Cuthbert Prize Agent to the Fleet, which were deposited in the Arsenal of Fort St. George in the Years 1782 & 1783 being part of the Articles captured by the Fleet in the Ships Lauriston & Vrijheid.—

Fort St. George October 28th 1792.—

				Tons Cwt Qrs lbs			
Iron Guns	24 Pounder	No	24	37 12 " "			
	18 do		3	5 14 3 "			
	12 do		23	29 6 2 "			
	9 do		17	18 5 2 "			
	8 do		2	2 1 2 "			
	6 do		11	9 1 " "			
	4 do		8	3 " " "			
	3 do		5	1 5 " "			
	2½ do		3	" 12 " "			
	1 do		1	" 11 "			
		Weight		127 5 2 " @ £1.3.6 ₰ Cwt		£772 29 20	
Brass Guns	8 Pounder	No	1	" 4 3 " @ 24 ₰ Cwt		99 27 "	
Do Mortars	12 Inch		4	2 2 " " @ 175 ₰ Cwt		735 " "	
Do Petard			1	" " " "		8 " "	565 20 20
Shot Shell Grape, 9 Pounder			10			3 12 "	
" " Round 26	Ditto	No	5166				
	20 Ditto	do	2320				
	18 Ditto	do	2360				
	14 Ditto	do	3885				
	8 Ditto	do	3189				
	7 Ditto	do	585				
	5 Ditto	do	2389				
	½ Sizes	do	1150				
		Total	do	20963	143 15 " 10 @ £1.9 ₰ Cwt		358 7 20 "
" " "	Double Headed	No		108 " 132 " @ £1.30.6 ₰ Cwt		25 1 " 60	
Shells Empty	13 Inch	No		2820			
	8 ½ do	"		154			
	6 ½ do	"		279			
	½ Sats	"		1099			
		Total	No	4352	218 1 " 19 @ £1.27 ₰ Cwt		763 2 " 55
	Hand Grenades	No		40	@ " 2 " 5	each 2 10 60	1,250 ₰ 25
					@ 1 " "		80 " "
Carcases filled	13 Inch	No		80			13 " 4 " 40
Powder Horns		No		35			13 " "
Tanned Hides		No		13			53 31 15
Match for Guns French		₰		2011			14 15 60
Ladles Copper with Staves		No		15			" 16 20
Bitts Gun Steel				19			" 5 40
Irons " Priming				11			1 " " 95 35 15
Worms with Staves				4			

Carried forward Pagodas . . 17,011 " 28 " 60

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/Signed/ John Braithwaite
" Henry Malcolm
" Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geild
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" P. Close
" George Hall

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Return of the Ordnance and Stores No 1 received from Wm. Cuthbert Esqre Agent to the Fleet, which were deposited in the Arsenal of Fort St. George in the Years 1782 & 1783 being part of the Articles captured by the Fleet, in the Ships Lauriston & Orpheid.—

Fort St. George October 28th 1792.—

				Tons	Cwt	Qrs	lbs				
Iron Guns	24 Pounder	No	24	37	12	"	"				
	18 do		3	5	14	3	"				
	12 do		23	29	6	2	"				
	9 do		17	18	5	2	"				
	8 do		2	2	1	2	"				
	6 do		11	9	7	"	"				
	4 do		8	3	"	"	"				
	3 do		5	1	5	"	"				
	2/2 do		3	"	12	"	"				
	1 do		1	"	11	"					
		Weight		127	5	2	"	@ £1.3.10	₹ Cwt	4772	29 20
Brass Guns	8 Pounder	No	1	"	4	3	"	@ 21	₹ Cwt	99	27 "
Do Mortars	12 Inch		4	2	2	"	"	@ 178	₹ Cwt	735	" "
Do Petard			1	"	"	"	"			8	" " 5615 20 20
Shot Iron Grape 9 Pounder			10							3	12 "
" " Round	26 Ditto	No	5166								
	20 Ditto	do	2320								
	18 Ditto	do	2360								
	14 Ditto	do	3885								
	8 Ditto	do	3189								
	7 Ditto	do	585								
	5 Ditto	do	2389								
	of Sizes	do	1150								
		Total	do	20963	143	15	"	10 @ £1.9	₹ Cwt	358	7 20 "
" "	Double headed	No	168	"	132	"	"	@ £1.30.6	₹ Cwt	25	1 10
Shells Empty	13 Inch	No	2820								
	8/9 do	"	154								
	6/9 do	"	279								
	of Sorts	"	1099								
		Total	No	4352	2181	"	19	@ £1.27	₹ Cwt	763	2 " 55
	Hand Grenades	No	60					@ " 2.5	each	2.10.60	1125 9 25
Carcasses filled	13 Inch	No	80					@ 1	" "		80 " "
Powder Horns		No	35								13 4 40
Tanned Hides		No	13								13 " "
Match for Guns French		℔	2011								53 31 15
Ladles Copper with Staves		No	15								14 15 60
Bitts Gun Steel			49								" 11 20
Irons " Priming			11								" 5 40
Worms with Staves			4							1	" " 95 35 15
									Carried forward Pagodas		17041 28 " 60

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				Brought forward		170 41 28 60
Cartridge Paper		2 Reams	67			3 12 50
Bandaliers Belgar			47			23 18 "
Shoulder Belts Buff			5			2 18 "
Swivels for Bandaliers			49			6 4 40
Vices Bench			39			9 27 "
Hand			1			" 18 "
Standing			1			" 9 "
Beak Irons			1			4 " "
Screw Plates			1			2 " "
Hand Hammers Smiths			2			" 20 "
Perpendiculars Gunners French			3			" 13 40
Axes Filling			9			3 " "
Pick			50			16 24 "
Pick Irons			15			3 27 "
Hatchets Hand			12			1 " "
Hand Bills			2			" 9 "
Cross Saws			177			29 18 "
Mamotties			2			1 " "
Saphooks without Staves			410			62 12 "
Shovels			19			3 20 20
Grubbing Hoes			17			3 6 60
Armour Breast plates			39			4 31 60
Head Pieces			8			8 " "
Engine for drawing Fuzes			5			2 18 "
Blow Lights			1			5 " "
Shears for Tinman			130			8 4 60
Cartridges Shotted for Muskets		Pr	1			" 9 "
Knives Common			44970			269 29 60
Tin Ladles			19			" 19 "
Fire Brands / prepared /		#	30			3 " "
Plank of Sorts			17			4 9 "
Seats			92			90 " "
Tubes Paper			106			121 " "
Saddle Cloth with Furniture		Bard	1			5 " "
Common Country			1			10 9 "
Boots for Hussars	do	Pair	35			3 " "
Flints Musket and Carbine			9000			8 31 60
Brass Work for Musketry		#	8			18 " "
Brimstone Rasp		#	84			1 " "
Portfire Paper		Quires	140			1 27 "
Salpetre refined		#	549 or	1 3 17		17 18 "
Formers Wooden for Musket Cartridges			22			15 9 "
Muskets with Bayonets French Invalids			475			" 2 60
do do Repairable			148	Total 1623		1623 " "
Bayonets Spare			148			24 24 "
Swords Hussar			25			18 27 "
Brass Mounted			23			11 18 "
Iron Work for Musket Locks		#	76			1 21 "
Leaden Balls of Sorts		Candy	14 16 19 or 64 " 1			2 50 32 75 2705 22 25
Carried forward				Total amount Rupees		9767 15 5

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Brought forward Total Amount ... Pagodas ... 19,747 15 5

Deduct Amount to be paid by the Company as per paper Marked A ... 4317 21 31

" ... of the Guns burst in proving ... B ... 741 3 30

5058 24 61.

Remains the Amount of Articles to be delivered to the Prize Agents Executors Attornies paper Marked ... C } ... 14,688 26 24

/Signed/ George Hall
Commissary Genl. of Stores

a true Copy
/Signed/ James Brodie
Secy. Mill Bd.

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A No. 1

Return of such part of the Ordnance & Military Stores received from Wm. Cuthbert Prize Agent to the Navy as have been issued from the Naval for the public Service with their Value.

Articles	No.		Pts	Fs	Ps	
Iron Guns 3 Pdr.	3	@ 30 15	Cwt. 31 40	28	4	40	Sold to Mr. Agaille Latour an Armenian Merchant
2 p. do	3	@ 12	Cwt. 31 40	22	18	"	
Brass Guns 8 Pdr	1	@ 4 3	Cwt. 21	99	27	"	Sent to Bengal
Brass Mortars 13 Inch	4	@ 42	Cwt. 17 18	735	"	"	
Grape Shot 9 Pdr.	10			3	12	"	Unserviceable except the Balls used for Grape Shot
Round Shot 20 Pdr.	2320			"	"	"	To the Garrison of Masulipatam
18 do.	2360			"	"	"	To the Garrison of Trichinopoly
14 do.	3865	30	1472 2 25	Cwt. 9 80	184	32	432 To the Garrison of Vellore
8 do.	2654			"	"	"	To the Garrison of Cuddalore Chingleput
7 do.	29			"	"	"	To a proof of Negapatam Brass Guns
Carriages field 13 Inch	1			1	"	"	To the Laboratory for an Experiment
Rocket Horns	35			13	4	40	Sold to His Majesty's Fleet
Brimstone	℔ 84			1	27	"	
Salt Petre	℔ 569			15	9	"	To the Laboratory
Fire Brands	17			4	9	"	
Sand Hyder	13			13	"	"	Have not been sold and the remainder issued on Indent.
Mamotties	460			62	12	"	To the Garrison & different Corps on Indent.
Filling Axes	50			16	24	"	To the Army &c. on Indents
Bill Hooks	177			29	18	"	do. do. do.
Hatchets	2			"	9	"	Issued in common with those in Stores when Indented for
Hammers small	3			"	13	40	do. do.
Screw Plates & Taps	2			"	20	"	do. do.
Cartridge Paper Reams	140			17	18	"	To the Laboratory
Cartridge do. do.	67			3	13	50	
Planks of Sorts	92			90	"	"	
Joists	106			121	"	"	
Knives	19			"	19	"	
Tin for Solder	℔ 30			3	"	"	
Leaden Balls of Sorts Cwt.	6	1	1 Qrs. 14 6 19	250	32	75	
Wooden formers for Muskets	22			"	2	60	
Petards Brass	1			8	"	"	Taken at the Mount in June 1787 and found them of no Experiment
Muskets with Bayonets French	1623			1623	"	"	Sold at Public Outcry in October 1787 and July 1789.
Swords Hussar	25			18	27	"	
" brass hilted	23			11	18	"	
Bayonets French	148			24	24	"	
Carried forward Pagodas				5059	34	28	

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Ordnance

Articles No. Ord. T. C.

		Brought forward	3159 31 28		
Perpendiculars Small french	4			1 12 "	Issued to Out Garrisons
Match french	# 201		53 31 15		Thrown into the River by order of Col. Moorhouse being Unserviceable
Paper Tubes Barrel	1		5 "	58 31 15	
Perpendiculars Small french	2		" 24 "		
Velvet Saddle complete with Furniture	1		10 9 "	10 33 "	Issued without any Authority
				5131 2 43	
Deduct Amount for proving the Guns as per Proceedings of the Committee of Stores of 30th September 1784				813 17 12	
Balance due, to be paid to the Prize Agents Executors Attorneys				Pagodas 6317 21. 31.	

Signed George Hall
Commissary Genl. of Stores

Fort St. George
October 28th 1792

A true Copy
Signed James Brodie
Secy Mil Bd.

B No 5

Account of Guns, Sent at proof of Iron Ordnance made at Fort St. George in the year 1789, being a part of those Received from the Vryheid prize, in the year 1783.

Ordnance T C

		in No	Tons	Cwt	Qr	lb
Iron Guns	24 Pdr	4	9	12	"	"
	18 Pdr	1	1	18	1	"
	12 Pdr	2	2	11	"	"
	9 Pdr	1	1	1	2	"
	8 Pdr	2	2	1	2	"
	6 Pdr	3	2	11	"	"
13 Guns Weight		13	19	15	1	—

@ Pag 1.31.10 ₹ Cwt 7 11 3 30

Signed George Hall
Commissary Genl. of Stores

Fort St. George
Octr. 28th 1792.

a true Copy
Signed James Brodie
Secy Mil Bd.

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List of Articles to be delivered to the Prize Agents Executors & Attornies, being the Remains of the Prize Ordnance and Stores &c deposited in the Honble Company's Arsenal by Mr. Cuthbert &c in the Years 1782 and 1783.

Iron Guns	24 Pounders	in No.	20	Tons cwt	qrs	lbs		
"	18 do		2	48	"	"	"	
"	12 do		21	3	16	2	"	
"	9 do		16	26	15	2	"	
"	6 do		8	17	4	"	"	
"	4 do		8	6	16	"	"	
"	3 do		2	3	"	"	"	
"	1 do		1	"	1	10	"	
		Total	78	106	3	1	@	1 31/40 Pcts 3
Shot Round	26 Pounders		5166					
"	8 do		504					
"	7 do		476					
"	5 do		2389					
different Sizes	2/p do & 13 Inchs		1150					
		Total	9685	69	17	1	8 @	1 9/16
Shells Empty	12 Inch		2820					
"	8/p do		154					
"	6/p do		279					
"	of Sizes		1099					
		Total	4352	218	1	19 @		1 27/40
Hand Grenades		No.	40				@	" 25/40
Shot double headed			108	"	13	2	"	25 1/40
Carcasses filled 13 Inch			79					79 " "
Copper Ladles with Staves			15					14 15/60
Bitts Steel for Guns			19					" 14/20
Worms Priming			11					" 5/60
Worms with Staves			4					1 "
Perpendiculars small punch			3					1 " "
Laphooks loose			14					3 20/20
Engine fuze			1					5 " "
Blue or Signal Lights			130					8 4/40
Pick Axes			15					3 27 " 141 16/30

Carried Forward Pagodas 13,503 " 19 " 32

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			No Brought over Pagodas	13,503	19 32
Shovels loose, or without Helves	No.	17		3 6	60
Grubbing Hoes		39		4 31	40
Pick Irons		12		1 "	"
Iron Crows		2		1 "	"
Vice Standing		1		4 "	"
" Bench		1		" 18	"
" Hand		1		" 9	"
Beake Iron		1		2 "	"
Tinmans Shears	Pr.	1		" 9	"
Bandaliers Bulgar		47		23 18	"
Belts Country	Pr.	35½		8 31	40
Belts buff Shoulder		5		2 18	"
Swivels for Belts		49		6 4	40
Armour Breast Plates		8		8 "	"
" Head pieces		5		2 18	"
Saddle Country made		1		3 "	"
Stocks for Muskets		39		9 27	"
Brass Work for do	No.	8		1 "	"
Iron Work for do	No.	76		1 21	"
Flints for do	No.	9000		18 "	"
Shott Cartridges for do	No.	44,770		269 29	40
				371 25	60
			Pagodas	13,875	9 12
To which add the Surcharges for proving the Guns				813 17	12
			Pagodas	14,688	26 24

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/Signed/ George Hall
Commissary Genl of Stores

a true Copy
/Signed/ James Brodie
Secy Mil. Bd

Return

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Return of Articles expended for proving the Guns of the Ves- tryshed with their Value Dated September 1784.

D No 5

		No			P 76
Round Shot	24 Pounds	63			
	12 do	69			
	9 do	54			
	8 do	3			
	6 do	33			
	4 do	18			
	1/2 do	16			
		256	@ 28	8	70 635
Wadds	24 Pr	200			
	12 do	210			
	9 do	200			
	6 do	120			
	4 do	70			
	1/2 do	100			
		900			6 9 "
Sponges with Ramheads	24 Pdr	2			2 " "
	12 do	2			1 2240
	9 do	1			" 27 "
	6 do	2			1 12 "
	4 do	1			" 21 "
Cloth Cartridges Empty	24 Pdr	21			" 2350
	12 do	23			" 23 "
	9 do	18			" 1340
	8 do	1			" " 60
	6 do	11			" 670
	4 do	6			" 372
	1/2 do	8			" 2 "
Port fires		100			8 12 "
					Carried forward Pagodas 93 347

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			£ s d.
		Brought forward	2 3 47
Match Bengal	Lbs	1 @ 10	" 6 37
Handspikes purchasing		20	6 34 "
Priming Irons		10	" 15 "
Hill Bitts		6	" 13 40
Long Cloth	Pces	4	8 28 64
Europe Twine	Lbs	4	" 28 "
Europe Rope 6/8 Inch 1/3	Cwt	5 1	52 18 "
Mat		4	" 31 54
Wooden Skids		3	2 9 "
Gunpowder Bengal 1000 lb Barrels		30	480 " "
			646 16 2
Batta for Artillery men and Lascars 8/a: 8/a:			167 1 10
Employed			
			Pagodas 813 17 12

Extracts from the Books of the Military
Store Department.—
(Signed) George Hall
Commissary Genl of Stores

Fort St George
Octr 28th 1792.

a true Copy
(Signed) James Brodie
Secy Mill Bd

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Dr. Arsenal of Fort St. George for Ordnance

by the Prize Agent to his Majesty's Fleet in the &c

To full Amount of the Articles received as per Returns accompa=
=nying Pagodas 19767.15.5

Dr. The Honble Company in Account Current with

To Amount of Articles issued from the Arsenal of Fort St. George
for the public Service, being a part of those deposited &
therein by the Prize Agent to the Fleet in the Year 1782 & 1783 Pd. 5131.2.43

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E and Military Stores deposited therein. } Cr

Years 1782 & 1783 - - -

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The Commissary General of Stores &c
lays before the Board,- Report upon the Subject of the
Prize Stores belonging to his Majesty's Fleet, referred to
him in consequence of a letter of Government under
date the 10th of October, which is contained in Six
Papers, Numbered from 1 to 6.—

Paper No 1.- Is a Return of the Articles deposited in the Arsenal,
by the Prize Agents in the Years 1782 and 1783, &
Shewing their value.—

No 2 Return of the Articles issued, from the quantity
originally received, for the public Service, &
with their Value.—

No 3 Account of Guns, amongst those received from the
Prize Agents, that were burst in proving, with
their value.—

No 4 Is a list of Articles, now remaining in the
Arsenal, ready to be delivered to the Prize
Agents' Executors' Attornies, with an Account of
their value.—

No 5 Is an Account of Expence incurred in proving the
Guns of the Royal Yacht.—

No 6 Is a General Statement of the Value of the
Articles, with an Account of the balance due
from the Company to the Prize Agents.—

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/Signed/ George Hall
Comy Genl of Stores

a true Copy
/Signed/ James Brodie
Secy Mil: Bd.

Ordered

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Orders & Resolutions in Consequence

Ordered that the Claims of the Persons petitioning on behalf of the Weaver Castes and of Sachey Andejpah be discharged as soon as the State of the Treasury will permit the former, amounting, with Interest at 8 P.C. per Ann. from the 20th June 1783, the date of Mr. Hugh Maxwell's Report to the Committee of Works, to the present day, to the sum of four Thousand and Eighty Pagodas, nineteen fanams, and Eighteen Cash (4080.19.18) and the latter, on the same Calculation, to the sum of thirteen Thousand one hundred, and Eighty four Pagodas, thirty four fanams and twenty one Cash (13,184.34.21).

Resolved that the Plan submitted by the Military Board for the future provision of Cattle be approved, and that the Military Auditor General be directed to prepare the draft of a General Order necessary to be published in consequence.

Resolved that the Prize Ordnance and Stores deposited in the Arsenal by the late Mr. Cuthbert, and now remaining, be held in readiness to be returned to the Prize Agents' Executors' Attorneys.

attornies - and that the Military Board be directed to repeat the intimation to them, that the remaining Stores will be delivered, and the amount & value of such as have been issued for the public Service paid for, on their application. —

Ordered that the Executors to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse, be called upon for the payment of the value of the Articles taken from the Arsenal by that Officer, without authority - amounting to Pagodas ten - fanams thirty three (10.33..) —

Resolved that this Subject be communicated to the Honble Court of Directors in the next dispatch. —

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General. —

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

From Military Auditor General - proposing a General Order to be published concerning Garrison Lascars - and Suggesting a mode for reducing the Expence of the Invalid and Pension Establishment

Honble Sir,

I take the liberty of Suggesting, under a belief that an Alteration is intended and necessary in of the present Establishment and regulations for Garrison

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Garrison Lascars, that it may be very useful to publish
an order to the following effect for the purpose of its
having full information concerning that body of men
previous to any new Regulation being adopted.—

"A Register Roll to be transmitted,
"without delay, from each Station, to the Military
"Board, of the Lyrangs, Tindals and Lascars commonly
"called Garrison Lascars now paid by the Company."—

"These Registers to be transmitted
"by the Paymaster, Storekeeper, or other Officer having
"charge of the Lascars at each Station and are to
"contain, in separate Columns, the name, Rank, age,
"Cast, Colour, Size, place of family Residence, and
"date of entry into the Service of each Syrang, Tindal
"and Lascar now in pay, with three additional
"Columns, in one of which is to be inserted the
"word Invalid or Pensioner opposite to the names
"of those who have been Invalided or Pensioned; —
"in another the words Charge of Stores or Pitching
"Tents; — and in the third the word Laboratory, in
"explanation of the duties on which the Lascars
"respectively have been principally employed."—

"An abstract of the numbers of each
"Rank and discription to be annexed to each Register,
"and the Registers must be forwarded with the utmost
"dispatch after the Receipt of this order".—

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"No promotions to be made in this
"Corps of Lascars intill further orders, except by
"express permission of the Military Board."

I have been induced more particularly
to suggest the utility of an order of this kind at this
period in the opinion that it will not only be
productive of future regularity, but be the means
also of reducing the present Expence on Account of
those Lascars, even if no material alteration of their
Establishment and Regulations should be adopted;
because, from the change that has so recently taken
place in consequence of the peace and from the
various applications concerning Lascars which
have been presented since that period, it is pro-
-bable that some irregularities have been Committed
which may be rectified with most advantage to
the Service by the total number of Garrison Lascars
being Registered at the Presidency in the first
place, and Secondly by passing a Regulation
fixing the detail, and consequently the expence,
of the whole of this Lascar Establishment inclu-
-ding an Arrangement to be observed in future
for the Men who are proper objects to be
admitted on the Invalid or Pension list - at
present they are entitled to be so admitted
under

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under the existing Regulations for the Native Troops;
but, as the expence of the Invalid and Pension Es-
tablishments on the Coast has not hitherto been
limited otherways than by Stipulating that a
Native Soldier is not eligible to admission unless
he shall have been wounded - or shall have served
Twenty years and by fixing the rates of pay; and as
this expence is very heavy at present, being considera-
bly upwards of one hundred Thousand Pagodas
annually, I see the freedom of suggesting that a
saving may be accomplished on just principles,
either by appropriating a portion of uncultivated
lands, under Specific Regulations, for the Main-
tenance of the Natives who have been wounded
or worn out in the Service, or by regulating their
admission on the Invalid and Pension List under a
fixed Establishment to which the most deserving
shall have the preference as vacancies fall; & at all
events that a Reduction of the present Allowances to
Invalids & Pensioners may be made by appropriating
uncultivated lands for their Maintenance in case
any Material objection shall appear to a limitation
of numbers on the principle of a fixed Establishment

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
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The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President & Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

Form Military Auditor Generals reporting his Audit of Mr. Willis's Charge for Extra Lascars for the Guntoor Detachment and the Sum chargeable thereon.

I have the Honor to report as follows in answer to your Commands of the 25th July directing me to re-audit the Charge in Mr. Willis's Accounts for Extra Lascars for the Guntoor Detachment; and, having done so, to state the whole Sum for which Mr. Willis will stand accountable to the Company; your orders on this Head having been accompanied by the Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Eidington, with five Enclosures, to the Honble the Court of Directors, on the Subject of Mr. Willis's Accounts, I have, consequently, in the course of the Re-audit considered the Matter therein contained so far as it stands connected with the Re-audit of the Charge for Extra Lascars which I have been directed to enter upon.

On Reference to the Establishment for Lascars, which was admitted in the Audit of the Accounts for the Guntoor Detachment, and by which, of course, a judgement was formed on the Number of Extra Lascars that had been charged for, it appears to me not to have been adequate for the following Reasons.

First

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First — Because the number admitted for the 15th Regiment of Hanoverians is not in proportion to what is allowed, on comparative Numbers, in a Battalion of the Company's Troops the detail of Officers with the former being considerably more than is in the latter.

Second — Because two Field Officers and three Subalterns of the Company's Troops, who appear, by the Return from the Adjutant General, to have been part of the Detachment are omitted entirely in the detailed establishment which has guided the audit of the Extra Lascars.

although I agree with Lieutenant Colonel Eidingtoun's Remark on the above points, yet it appears to me that the number of Lascars which was admitted in the Audit, on Account of the Commanding Officer and Staff, was sufficient, including a detail for Captain Read and his two Assistants, and for the Surgeons.

Upon the whole I beg leave to report my opinion that thirty Lascars more than have been allowed in the Audit were admissible, on Reference to the Return of the Detachment and to the Regulations of the Service; that is to say, an increase of twelve to the number admitted for the 15th Hanoverians, and of Eighteen on Account of

Majors

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Majors Pynsch and Johnston and the three Subalterns, Kifselbach, Mackenzie and Barclay who appear on the Return, but for whom no provision of Lascars was included in the detail laid down by the Auditor General at the time as the ground on which the Extra Charge was Retrenched.—

The retrenchment under the head of Extra Charge for Lascars is for a period of Eight Months and the pay and Batta of Thirty Lascars for Eight Months is Pagodas 1792.—

In regard to a Muster taken by Mr. Sadlier, which I find Stated in the copy of a letter from Mr. Willis under date 8th May 1790, to Mr. Secretary Chamier, and which is also alluded to in Lieutenant Colonel Edingtoun's letter to the Honble Court, I have to remark that any given Numbers being Mustered over and above the Numbers fixed by Regulation, is not a sufficient cause for admitting a Charge equal to the Numbers in the Muster Roll, although the party that has made the charge may be exculpated, by means of the Muster, of a fraudulent intention.—

I do not find any Order of Government authorizing the payment of Lascars extra to the

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the Establishment, nor any report from Mr. Willis in consequence of an Extra number being ordered by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment.— Having recredited the charge in Mr. Willis's Accounts for Extra Lascars the Retrenchment under that Head is as follows.—

Retrenchment on first audit from September 1788 to april 1789.	Pagodas 8193.33.49.
Retrenchment for the same period on Reaudit after admitting thirty Lascars objected to in the first audit.....	7474.24.49.
Difference..	719.12.—

The difference being Pagodas 719.12.— falls to be deducted from the total Ballance stated to be due by Mr. Willis Viz. Pagodas 34015.15.41. in the Report of Outstanding Ballances of date 3d. February 1792 in answer to which Report a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson of the 4th. February directed the Deputy Military auditor general, who was then in charge of the Office, "to explain fully for the information of Government, upon the different Items contained in the Statement of Outstanding Ballances excepting those relating to Mess.rs Campbell, Willis & Johnston which had been decided upon by Government."—

Outstanding

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Outstanding Ballance due by Mr. Willis as per last Report on his Accounts from the Military Auditor Generals Office dated 3d February 1792. Pay. 3 40 15 .. 15 .. 41
admitted on Reaudit of the Charge for Extra Lascars ..... } ... 719 .. 12 ..

Ballance due as per Report of 3d February 1792 & Reaudit of this date as above. } 33,296. 3 .. 41

It becomes necessary for me to Report, at the same time, that I find, on reference to the particulars of the Audit on Mr. Willis's Accounts the Sum of Pagodas 661 .. 5 .. 24, stated as Overcharges paid by him to different Offices

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St George
26th Novr 1792

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President & Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Military Auditor General explaining the period to which the Accounts of the Bullock Contract have been Audited. The sum intended for by Mr. Cockburn may be drawn. The Balance being in his favor.

I have the Honor to acquaint you, in Answer to Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 24th instant, received Yesterday, that I find, under date 19th January 1792, in the Copy of a letter from Colonel Capper to Mr. Cockburn, that the Accounts of the

Letter

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latter from 1st May 1790 to 30th April 1791 inclusive,
have been audited and passed; but upon more
particular enquiry of Mr. Cockburn, that Sets
Accounts of the Bullock Contract, which were
included in those that have been passed as above
under date 19th January 1792, were not brought
further up than to November 1790 inclusive; &
and, consequently, that the Accounts of the
Bullock Contract which remain to be audited
are from December 1790 to September 1791 &
inclusive, at which latter period the Contract &
ceased: and, as Mr. Cockburn informed us that &
they are ready for examination I shall lose no
time in auditing them after they are presented.

Mr. Cockburn having further &
informed me that the Ballance is in his favor,
on the Bullock Contract Accounts, up to &
September 1791, and amounts to about one Lack
and Seven thousand Pagodas, I should hope that
no inconvenience will attend the Compliance
with his Request of being paid Pagodas 50,000
at present.

The orders to be signified to the
Military Paymaster General, as directed in
Mr.

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Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 24th instant &c
shall be duly attended to.

Military Aud.r General's Office
Fort St. George
27th Nov.r 1792.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

Resolutions in consequence

Resolved that the orders &c
proposed by the Military Auditor General &c
concerning Lascars be published to the Army -
and that the opinion of the Military Board &c
be called for, as to the best mode of reducing &c
the present allowances to Invalids & Pensioners -

The Board approve the Report
on Mr. Willis's Accounts - Resolved that it be &c
mentioned in the next dispatch to England -

Read the following Letter from
the Rajah of Travancore, received through the &c
Channel of the Commanding Officer at Palam =
=cotah (Vide G. C. No 218) -

From the Rajah of Travancore - expressive of his aversion to settle the demands for a Subsidy through the Medium of the Resident -

Translation of a letter from Ramraje the Rajah of Travancore to Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor of Madras -

Dated 28th Rubbyal awul 1207 of Hegury &c
14th Nov.r 1792.
Received 27th do. do.

I have addressed you lately on the
Subject

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Subject of my displeasure at Mr. Powneys Conduct,
to whom I had explained myself without reserve,
and I had the honor also to inform you that I
would send you an answer to the request you
had made, for my agreeing to pay annually a
certain sum to display the pray of two battalions
of Sepoys — From the commencement of our connexion,
it has been at all times my desire to keep our
intercourse in the most sincere manner, and
have never deviated, in the least, from the road of
friendship, and it is my intention to continue
acting in this manner, as long as I have life —
The consideration of this duty has induced me, on
all occasions, to pay the strictest observance to
the Requisitions of the Company's Servants, and to
I have acquitted myself, both in conduct and in
Language, to the Satisfaction of every individual
belonging to them, as is probably well known
to you — I desire nothing more than this to
friendship may be rendered firm and lasting
through my endeavors — that my affairs may receive
the benefit and advantage I expect from it —
With this view I wish, that your request for
my consenting to an annual Subsidy, may be

Settled

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Fort St.ge 27th November 1792.

Spoke in a particular manner; but I am
not inclined to settle this matter with Mr. Powney
for I never can have any confidence in his
sincerity - for this reason I wish you would send to
me a trusty person who is just in all his
dealings, that I may, through his Agency, settle
the matter in question, as well as all my other
business with the Company, and that my friend=
=ship with them may gather daily strength &
through his endeavors - I request you will &
give me a speedy answer to this letter, and &
continue to favor me frequently with accounts
of your welfare -

What shall I say more?

The Signature is in Malabar Characters
a true translation
(Signed) David Haliburton
P. Sr.

Minute thereon

agreed to inform the Rajah &
that the Board cannot for a moment suppose
that it is his intention to object to the demand &
which has been made upon him with the &
full approbation of Lord Cornwallis - and that &
they trust his consent will very soon be &
communicated - but being particularly anxious
that this Business should be settled through &
the Channel of the Company's Resident, they hope,

after

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after he has perused the Said letter from the
President, that his wonted confidence in Mr.
Powney will be reestablished, and that nothing
will again happen to create the smallest disagree-
ment, which must be mutually prejudicial.

The President lays before the
Board a Sealed letter from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to
Lord Cornwallis, and the following Translations of
three letters Received from Gholam Ally Cawn.

Translation of a letter from Mahomed Tacker ad dun, Amild
of the Talooks of Arkal gaur and Kootoor, to the
Asuffeeun Kutchery of the Presence.

Until the 5th. of the month Debby I have
employed myself in the affairs of the Sirkar, and
having collected from the Talooks the sum of two
thousand, eight hundred Rupees twelve takas, I
forwarded the same, with an Accompanying letter,
to the Treasury of the Sirkar, under the charge of
Baga-Vankatty Dasay the Collection peadah of the
taloob, and Tope Naig, with 15 other Peadas belonging
to the Fort- I shall be honored by having a receipt
for the said Sum.

From the Amild of Arkal gaur, to Tippoo - complaining of the depredations committed by the Coka people.

Having granted Cowl, and every encour-
agement to the Ryotts of the Talooks, the business
of the Cultivation was in the best train, and the
Crop of Paddy was fine and promising, - at this time,
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the Corka people, to the number of two or three Mn thousand, made their appearance, plundered about Mn the inhabitants of a Country of nearly 10,000 Rahtas, and burnt and destroyed the houses - one hundred Mn inhabitants were wounded - Eighty Six Killed, - and twenty three Ryotts carried off - they also professed Mn themselves of, and carried away, the small Sums Mn which had been received, in the different places, on Account of the collections - & besides of this, they in part burnt, and in part carried away the Mn Paddy that had been reaped, and was in Mn Stacks - They have thus desolated and ruined a Mn Country of nearly 10,000 Rahtas -

One hundred and fifty Peadas of the Narsinga Raig's Party, are Stationed with me of that number 30 are Sick, - and 21, agreable to orders, are posted in the Fort of Arkul - goon Mn - deducting these 51, - the remaining hundred, Mn together with fifty Peadas (who are Ryotts) are now with me -

The Collections for the present Year, in a Country of nearly 10,000 Rahtas, are Mn wholly vanished - besides, without the Return of the Pattels, the former Ryotts will not come back, and the Country cannot flourish - Accounts are also

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also now received that the Corka people have the again intentions of committing disturbances, and depredations on the remaining parts of the Country I now give information to the Presence, — and, if a considerable force is appointed, I will proceed therewith to the places where the Corka people are, and punish them. —

The Ryotts, who in these troubles were dispersed and fled, from a future dread and apprehension of the Corka people, do not return to the Talooks, altho' I have granted Cowl to, & repeatedly sent for them. —

Having thus explained the occurrences in this quarter, whatever is ordered, shall be executed. —

a true translation. —
(Signed) G. Doveton

Copy of an Arzdasht from Mahomed Hussein Bieture, Fouzdar of Harponhelly. —

A Refuge of the World.

The Zemendar of Anagoondy, at the instigation of Government, having Collected nearly 2000 horse, and 7000 foot, arrived, during the night; — has plundered, and is burning, the whole country dependent on Harponhelly, Raydroog, and Turick-eyal-Hissar. —

From the Phouzdar of Harponelly with a similar Complaint against the Zemendar of Anagoondy. —

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On the 16th of the month Debty, corresponding with the 9th of Rubbe ul awell an engagement happened between your Slave and the Zemindar of Anagiondy - some men on each side were killed, and some wounded - and at length the said Zemindar retiated with his troops.

your faithful Slave has with him a very inconsiderable force, - nevertheless, he is desirous of proceeding to the confines of the said Zemindar in order to punish him - But, as there are no orders from the presidency on this Subject, your Slave cannot presume to do so.

In regard to these affairs whatever commands are issued, shall be executed accordingly

A true translation

(Signed) G. Doveton

Copy of the Translation of an Arzdasht from Mohomed Khan Aumil of Kankurn.

From the Aumil of Kankurn - complaining of the incursion of Tumbi-Gowrah into his Taluk - and of his Extortion from the Inhabitants.

Tumbi-gowrah, a traitor, who formerly, during the troubles with the English, carried on some concerns with them, has now collected, from different parts, a number of treacherous infidels, whom he has sent to the Confines of the Carkar, and into the Villages dependent

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dependent on the Kusbah of Kaukum — 10 or 15 men into each Village — He alarms and frightens all the inhabitants of those places, and also demands, from the Ryotts and Pattels, money and whatever grain, of different sorts, they may have; and desires that they would produce it quickly, otherwise that he will distress and injure them. —

From these circumstances the Ryotts are in the greatest consternation, and the Lirkar collections are impeded and delayed. —

Having thus given information of these occurrences, whatever is ordered shall be done. —

a true translation

(Signed) G. Doveton

Resolutions in Consequence.

Resolved that the letter from Tippoo addressed to the Governor General, and Copies of the Translations of the letters from the Aumil of Askalgour & Phouzdar of Harponelly be sent to Mr. Secretary Hay. —

Ordered that a Copy of the letter from the Aumil of Kaukum to Tippoo, be sent to Captain Alexander Read, with directions to make particular Enquiry into the Circumstances Complained of, & report the result to the Board, that the same may be communicated to the Vaukeel. —

Read the following letter from Colonel Brathwaite. —

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I should not so long have delayed to reply to your commands in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter of the 7th instant, but that my Reports from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell stated the Pioneer Corps as still occupied in clearing out ground for a Cantonment, and going with the heavy Guns to Trichinopoly, so that an immediate reply did not appear necessary; and I wished, when on the Subject of Pioneers, to lay before you my idea concerning a more respectable establishment of that very useful Corps. This Country is always so circumstanced as to furnish ample employment for them either in peace or War, and I own I could wish them never to be idle: and on that principle I have formed a plan of an Establishment, which I have now the honor to Submit to your consideration, and I request you to reflect that this expence is only proposed on the principle of the Corps being constantly employed, and consequently rendering Services at all times to the full amount of the expence on that principle also I would recommend that

From Colonel Brathwaite Submitting a plan for a Permanent Establishment proposes that Lieutenants Invalid Corps be employed in laying open the Poligar Countries Substance of his advices from Colonel Cockerell's Detachment letter from Colonel Floyd referred respecting the allowance for Horses to each Corps and claiming the Gratuity of Full Colonel.

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that the present Corps should, when the Service they are now engaged in is over, be employed in clearing the roads, and laying open, as much as may be, the Polygar Countries; and, for that purpose, I think the Madura or Dindigul Countries the best Stations for them, in the former I am convinced they may be usefully employed, and I suppose without protection; but, if in the latter, and in particular if employed in clearing the Varapatchy Polygars Country, I would recommend that they work under the protection of Captain Oliver, with four Companies of his Battalion and two field pieces, I think with that force Captain Oliver will be able to lay open all the Passes of that Country, which may be the means of ensuring tranquility in that quarter, and of rendering the Revenues productive

My last letters from Lieutenant Colonel Cockerell inform me that he was encamped near Samul Cottah, that he had great Reason to believe that matters would be settled with Vizeram rauze, and that he should not be called on by the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, but be at liberty to pursue his route to Bengal, and that he

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had, under this idea, sent orders to the Detachment of Artillery to halt at Ellore, as it might turn out that there would be no necessity for Marching them further, but, if otherwise, no time would be lost; he speaks highly in praise of Mr. Sadleir's attentions in every respect, particularly in so furnishing Boats to cross the Godavery.

I have the honor to lay before you Honble Sir a letter transmitted to me by Colonel Floyd for that purpose; and, as to what he therein recommends, with regard to His Majesty's 19th Regiment of light Dragoons, it from his actual observation, after much experience in this Country, I judge it will claim your Serious attention. In regard to what he says of his own Situation, he certainly is, to all intents and purposes a Colonel in the Army; but, as he is, regimentally, the Lieutenant Colonel of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons, which may be considered as the cause of his being in this Country, I am not competent to offer any opinion on his Claim to Gratuity as a Colonel, not knowing the precise Arrangements which have been made between his Majesty's Ministers and the Honble the Court of Directors. Brevet Rank, under

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under which discription is Colonel Floyd's as rank as Colonel, does not, in his Majesty's Service, I believe, entitle any Officer to an increase of Subsistence; nay I know that Colonel Floyd is only paid as a Lieutenant Colonel by the Deputy Paymaster of the King's Forces here, but I believe in all other allowances, for Batta, Baggage, or Forage, Officers are paid agreeable to the Rank they hold in the Army.

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

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I would wish and propose that there should be three Corps of Pioneers, one for each Division, and that each Corps should consist of two Companies with an European Officer to each Company, the Senior Officer of the two, to be considered as Commandant of the Corps, and, as such, to receive, in addition to his allowances, the Surplus of Cash arising from Stoppages for Cloathing, after paying the Contractor as for Cloathing the Army, who it is proposed, shall make up the Cloathing for these Corps; the Strength of each Company, exclusive of the forementioned Officers, to be as follows.

Plan for a Pioneer Establishment

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Serjeant	1.
Lunedars	1.
Havildars	6.
Naigues	6
Privates	122
Beasties	2
Artificers	12.
Total Strength of a Company exclusive of the European Officers	150

Beasties are preferred to Puckallies as these men will be usually employed in Situations little practicable for Bullocks, and two are as few as can be allowed to such a Number of Working men.—

The twelve artificers are to be two Carpenters, three Smiths, three Bellows Boys, two Hammer men, and two Chucklers, and I believe not less will answer to keep the tools and tackle of each Company in a Serviceable State.—

I would propose that each Company should always carry with them 50 Pairs of strong Pioneer Gloves to be delivered out when wanted, and, if practicable, that each Company should also have with them, a grinding Stone and men who know how to use it.—

I would propose that the Pioneer should be armed with a Carbine, which he should be accustomed always to carry Slung when Marching,

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marching, and which will be ready for them in case an attempt is made to drive them from their Work; as without such means it will mostly happen, even in peace time, as the work they will be chiefly employed in may not be pleasing to the people round about them, that they must either be protected by a Covering party or will be driven by ten or a dozen armed men from their Work.

The Pioneers Accoutrement should consist simply of the Sling for his Carbine, and a Belly Cartridge Box, holding 24 Rounds, his Pricker, turn screw and a Spare flint or two, and this to be Buckled only a Strap going round his waist, and a Strong Cotton Belt. Slung over his right Shoulder, to which should be Suspended a Strong course saw, a felling axe, an hand hatchet, a Bill Hook, a Pick axe or a Mammooty and these in the following proportions.

Saws	4.
Felling Axes	4.
Hand Hatchets	8
Pick axes	10
Bill Hooks	36
Mamooties	60
	122

Thus a variety of tools would be distributed in each Company sufficient for every purpose, to the Amount of the Private Pioneers

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It is not necessary to encumber the Havildars or Naigues with any, as they will be employed as overseers and not as Working men, and I am convinced that, if due attention is paid to the making and hanging on of these Belts, that the Tools will be carried with very little inconvenience to the Pioneer in marching, as it is not proposed that this Corps is ever to be taught a Regular Step or close order of march, and every man will soon be brought into the habit of using dexterously the particular implement which he carries, and the Smiths will soon learn to sett the Saws.

Every Pioneer (and here I include the Havildars and Naigues) should carry in his right hand in the nature of a pike, his Carbine being Slung, a Cap Hook which is Essentially necessary to him as a Pioneer, and is at all times a good Weapon of Offence or defence.

The Cloathing of the Pioneer should be a Strong black leathern Cap without any affectation of Ornament, (I have always seen much inconvinience attending Turbans to men employed in Jungles or to clear away hedges, besides

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besides the sure destruction of the Turban itself)
a dark green straight and close Jacketts, like those
worn by the Cavalry and Light Infantry, Coat fa-
-shion without any trimming except a dark blue stand
up Collar and dark blue cuffs to give it the air of
an Uniform - It should have two small Pockets for
Betle Tobacco &c: - The Havildars to be distinguish-
-ed by two dark blue Epaulettes, and the Naigues by
one - The Uniforms of the European Officers, Serjeants
and Jemidars to be the same as to colour, but Scarlet
with a Button hole Embroidered or bound round
like those of the Light Infantry, and every man in
the Corps, should have a good Cumby, as it is
to be expected these Corps will be often employed,
and for some days together, in Situations where
Tents would either be improper or very inconveni-
-ent; and, in fact, that the men, like the Bengal
Sepoys, should be understood to do without Tents,
and his Cumby may be very conveniently carried
slung over the left shoulder - The Cap, the Jacketts
and the Cumby should be annually furnished by the
Contractor for Cloathing, and the Pioneer should be put
to no expence for either but the Regulated Stoppage for
Cloathing. — The Officers attached to these Corps,
will

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will of course draw double pay as Lieutenants and Ensigns, for I would propose one Lieutenant and one Ensign to each Corps, and all Pioneer Officers draw & double pay, and as it is meant that these should never be idle in peace or War, they should, I think, on Account of the Expence naturally arising from & such a roving Situation, be always on Batta, & as well as the Serjeant and Jemidar; the Serjeant should be paid as a Serjeant of a Native Corps & and the Jemedar receive double the pay of a Jemidar of a Native Battalion, the Havildars as 1½ Lascals, the Naigues as 2 ditto and the private Pioneers be paid as Lascars, the Artificers and Beasties as & usual, and the Stoppage from each should be the same as made from those of the same description in other Corps.—

When any Troops are to be & employed in the Division, such a proportion of the Pioneers should be sent as the Nature of the Service should require, and when not so employed, they & should be constantly employed in clearing the Jungles, Repairing Roads, destroying what are & called Tatts or Barriers, and opening Communica-
-tions, which I conceive is the only sure way of &

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keeping the Polygars and all people of that descr=
=iption, North as well as South, in due Sub=
=jection and good order,- It being well known that
a foolish dependance on those close covers and
fastnesses, leads them for ever into errors, attended
with the loss of Revenue, some lives, and with as
much expence to the Company, and with double
expence and loss to these mistaken people — I
am convinced in my own mind that the Establish=
=ment of such Corps as I have proposed, though
apparently attended with an Encrease of expence at
present, will be found to answer so well and to
be productive of such good consequences in many
respects, as to ensure ultimately to the Company
great Savings, and to these wilder Countries, more
more particularly under their protection, a much
greater degree of civilization and good order, and Conse=
=quent prosperity; and I should rather expect to
an encrease of this Establishment by doubling the
Number of these Corps so equally useful in peace
and War, than to hear of any Repentance for
having raised them.

I have said "apparently attended
with an encrease of Expence" because, though I do
would have these Corps put upon the most
Liberal

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liberal footing as a constant encouragement and
reward for the energy and activity expected from them,
and the whole therefore always upon full Field
Allowances, yet I think such regulations may
be adopted, as to reduce the expence of them to a
certainty, and I cannot but be of opinion that a
Reduction may be made of the immense Establish-
=ment of what are called Store Lascars, a body of
people under very imperfect regulation, and for
which I am confident there is not, nor can ever
be, a sufficient employ; if Int allowance, which I am
conceive to be the cheapest mode, is adopted in a
future war, tantamount to the difference of expence
of the Pioners established, as I propose to establish
them, and the present Pioner Establishment—
and to enable Government to judge, I think it
proper to lay before them the present Monthly
expence of the Pioners, as they stand by the
last return, and on full allowances which I
must suppose to be the case with all Pioneer
Corps, which should be ever actively employed—
and the Expence Monthly which will attend
the Pioneer Establishment on the plan I have
proposed, and state the difference.—

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To this difference I will also add a Monthly allowance which should be paid to all Officers Commanding a Pioneer Corps, for which he should be held responsible to have his Corps compleat in every Article with which they shall have been first equipped by the Honble Company - so that the Officers having Tent allowance and the Corps being like the Bengal Corps, supposed to be without Tents, and the men being provided with Cumleys, and the Commandants of the Corps receiving a Stated allowance to keep up their Corps in Arms, Accoutriments, Tools and Imple= -ments of all kinds furnished in the first instance by the Company - It is not possible that any increase of Expence should ever arise from any cause whatsoever; at least none occurs to me, but the trifling one of Field Ammunition, for if as will most probably be the case Sometimes/ the Officer Commanding shall have occasion to Indent for any Arms or Stores of any kind, he must, in consequence of his Stated allowance pay ready Money for them - It should be the duty of the nearest Superior Officer to any part of the Pioneer Corps to review their appoint= =ments, and Report the State of them to the Officer

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Commanding the Division, who should cause any deficiency immediately to be compleated — and if this, from the nature of the Situation, must be done by the nearest Storekeeper, the Amount should be charged to such Commandants; and, in case of failure of payment on his part, it to should be stopped from his growing Offic Reckon= =ings, or some other of his Extra allowances, but not from his Subsistence — and in case of the Death of any Officer commanding one of these Corps, an immediate survey should be made of the state of the Corps in regard to its appointments in to general, and every deficiency be immediately to supplied, and charged to the deceased, and stopped out of any sums due to him by the Company, and that before the Corps was given away, so that the successor to the Corps should have nothing to do with the Report of the state of the Corps at the decease of his Predecessor, and should receive it compleat: and it may be worthy of to future Consideration and Experiment having been made on this Corps, whether it would to not be a great saving to the Company, if all Native Corps were hereafter to be put on the same footing in regard to Arms Accoutrements

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and Stores of all kinds; by giving to the Command=
=ing Officers a Stated allowance causing them to
purchase every thing wanted from the publick
Stores, except a limited quantity of powder for the
purpose of Exercising and Drilling - Field ammu=
=nition must always continue to be furnished
at the publick expence from the publick Ma=
Magazines - I believe this is the practice of the
Hollanders with all their Corps, and they are
reported to be the best oeconomists in Europe -
I am not sure if it is not the case with the
Prussian Army, where, I believe, the allowance
is given to the Captain, who stands to all charges
of enlisting, arming and Accoutring the men of his
Company; but it behoves the state that adopts
this measure to have very frequent and strict
reviews, and to cause the parties to purchase
/particularly Arms/ from the public Stores
that they may be sure of the quality - It certainly
reduces one very heavy branch of Expenditure to
a certainty; for all hazards and chances should
be included in the Contract which would be
a Stimulus, if such could be wanted, to a
constant attention to them upon all Services, &

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would exempt Government from any Claim on the score of Loss on Survive; and, though this might sometimes fall heavy, I am apt to think it would not often; and the Commandants, knowing the terms on which they received the Corps, could not complain - and should the Amount ever rise, even to the entire new equipment of the Corps, the Reckoning fund appropriated to reimburse the Company If the Company is must be at the Expence for want of means in the Offer, would soon repay them - this plan therefore includes every possible charge that the Company can sustain on Account of this Establish=ment, the care of the sick and Wounded excepted, and for that, I know not how to form any estimate to apply particularly to this Establish=ment - I must suppose that in all cases, or absolutely necessary, they would be sent to the nearest Hospitals - this Expence therefore can only be looked for in the general Account of Hospital Charges.

By comparing the Returns of the Pioneer Corps as it now stands, and a Return of the Corps as I propose to establish it, it appears there will be wanting one Lieutenant

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and three Ensigns and six Lascars - the Ensigns and Lascars are now paid as Supernumeraries on the Establishment; consequently only the differ= =ence of the expence by employing them instead of Pioneer Corps can be deemed a fresh expence, one Serjeant only is wanting as the Corps has five now - Sixteen Havildars and sixteen Naigues are wanting; These may be furnished from the Syrangs and Tindals of the Store Lascar Establishment, which can well spare them, and will therefore occasion no increase of expence: Twelve Beasties will not be dearer than six Puckallies - the present Establishment is four hundred and fifty privates: by my plan it will be seven hundred and thirty two; and the difference, which is two hundred and Eighty two, I would propose should be selected from and Struck off from the Establishment of Store Lascars, which I think can admit of this Reduction - the present Establishment of artificers is ten, by my plan it would be twenty four consequently fourteen must be entertained; and these are, in fact, the only new persons entertained; the rest are all now paid in the Service, all therefore that is chargeable to the present plan is the addition of these Artificers and

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and the expence arising from the additional Allowances which the four Officers, one Serjeant and two Lascars will derive from being attached to the Pioneer Corps, and the difference of Batta between the Corps as it now stands, and the Corps as augmented by my plan, and the equipment of the Corps and the Monthly allowance for keeping it up, and I am confident the Utility and the Service which this Corps will render will amply recompence the Company - and I am not quite convinced whether a thorough Regulation of the Establishment of Store Lascars might not produce a Saving immediately tantamount to the whole of the Expence - and if so, I should suppose there could not be a Moments pause whether the Expence should be incurred for the new Establishment or the other; though, for greater regularity on the Coast Establishment, I have proposed one Corps of Pioneers for each Division it will not follow that they must always be attached to the Division - they will of course be employed where most wanted, and two Corps - or the whole three,

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may happen at times to be employed either South of the Coleroon, between the Coleroon and Kistna, or North of the Kistna, just as Service in case of War, or the state of the Country in time of peace may require.

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(Signed) John Brathwaite
Col. Comm.g the Army

Statement of the monthly Expence thereof

Total Expence per month of 30 days of the present Corps of Pioneers.

	P.	F.	C.
2 Lieutenants at 82 " " per month each is	164	"	"
5 Serjeants at 12 " 17 " 20 do. is	62	2	20
20 Havildars at 4 " 24 " " do. is	91	18	"
20 Naigues at 3 " 24 " " do. is	71	18	"
6 Puchallies at 4 " 26 " 32 do. is	27	32	32
450 Private Pioneers at } 3 " 3 " " do. is	1382	6	"
1 Head Conicopoly	10	"	"
1 Second do.	6	"	"
Total Expence per Month of 30 days	1814	34	52

Total

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Total Expence per Month of 30 days of the proposed Establishment of 3 Corps or 24 Companies of Pioneers.

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3 Lieutenants	at 82	per Month each is	246	.. ..
3 Ensigns	... at 61 .. 3 .. 60 ...	do ..... is	185	.. 10 .. 60
6 Serjeants	... at 9 .. 10 .. 40 ..	do ..... is	55	.. 21 .. ..
6 Jemidars	at 9 .. 6	... do ..... is	54	.. 36 .. ..
36 Havildars	at 4 .. 7 .. 75 ..	do ..... is	146	.. 33 .. 60
36 Naigues	at 3 .. 28 .. 5 ..	do ..... is	132	.. 2 .. 20
732 private Pioneers	at 3 .. 3	... do ..... is	2248	.. 12 .. ..
3 Head Conicopolys	at 10	... do ..... is	30	.. .. ..
Total Expence per Month of the prd. Establishment			3098	.. 31 .. 40
Do. per Month of the present Corps			1814	.. 34 .. 52
Total additional Expence attending the proposed Establishment per Month			1283	.. 38 .. 68
Deduct for Tindals and Lascars now to be transferred			452	.. 14 .. ..
Remains, which I think may be provided for			831	.. 24 .. 68

N.B. The above Statement is calculated on the full pay of each Rank including Stoppages and also field allowances.

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To

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To the Honble the Governor in Council
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Honble Sir,

Letter of Colonel Hopkins respecting Gratuity.

There are some circumstances in the Regulations of the Cavalry, dated the 20th June, and the 11th July 1788, on which it is my duty to offer, with great deference, a very few remarks, confining myself to what regards his Majesty's 19th Dragoons, and request that you will be pleased to refer them to Lord Cornwallis, for his final decision, unless their evident exactness be such as to induce you to make the obvious alterations pointed at.

article 12th of those Regulations says "that a Monthly allowance of a quarter of a Pagoda each horse be made to the Officers commanding Troops, for the Shoeing of their Horses, supplying them with Head and Tail Ropes, Curry Combs, and such Medicals & Physic as they may occasionally require.

Remark— The following detail will shew the error of this article, and point out what it is necessary each Horse should be furnished with. The Calculation is for one Horse, for one Month, viz the actual cost.

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1 Suit of Shoes	1/12	
Head & Heel Ropes	1/12	one Suit Lasts 3 Months, Each 3 Rupees
Nose bag 1 Curry Comb 1. Brush 1	3	
Watering Bridle 1, Mane Comb & Pickers	2	
Physic		4 Doz allow'd Dr Cornick M. D. 3/4 Pg. per month
2 Manpals	4	
Gram Kettle, or Pots	2/12	Kettles for 60 Horses cost 65 Pags. with repairs, and last one Year
Wood to boil Gram	2/12	Increase of Horse Keepers this is deducted
Horse Cloth	6/12	one Cloth Lasts 6 Months, & Costs 39 Fanams
Surcingle	1	
Head & Heel Rope	1/12	
	49/12	

Regulations allow 11/4 Fanams

Article 16th Says "that the whole of the Regulations for finding &c. as well as the allowance to Cavalry Officers for providing and keeping their Regimental Horses, established in the G.O. of the 21st of June, be applied to His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons, except that no Horse keepers be allowed to this Corps, and that the allowance of 100 Pagodas per Month, fixed for the Commandants of Nat. Regiments, be, in the 19th Dragoons, equally divided among the Heads of Troops, in Consideration of their having held the contract for finding."

Remark - There are, at present, sick, Invalids, on Command,

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Command, 95 Men - on Guard, & on Lines Guard 39,
so that 134 cannot look after their Horses, or
take them to Water. when Horses are in condition,
one Man can rarely conduct two Horses to
water, and in this climate one European cannot
dress and take care of two Horses; whenever the
experiment is made, many will die; Horses,
from imperfect care, will die too.—

The non commissioned officers have
abundance to do in seeing the privates perform
their duty in the Lines, and cannot look after their
own Horses without neglecting their squads—

The European cannot go out in
search of wood to boil the Gram, and he ought
not to be employed in boiling it - excepting in
always cases of necessity.—

With great deference I offer my
opinion that, in an European Regiment of
Cavalry, one Horsekeeper should be allowed
to every non Com.d Offrs Horse - and one
Horsekeeper to every four Privates Horses.—

The facts contained in these
Remarks are compleatly within my own
Knowledge and Observation.—

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I have now to request the favor of your attention to a case personal to myself, and I beg, in like manner, that it may be referred to Earl Cornwallis, unless, from your conviction of its Justice, you are pleased to admit my claim, and order it to be discharged.—

I am a Colonel in the King's Army, yet I am paid only the Gratuity of a Lieutenant Colonel.—

I request that you will be pleased to order me the same allowances as are paid to Officers of equal Rank, in the Company's Service— I mean the allowance of a Colonel, from the date of my Commission, for I am intirely ignorant how I can be more a Colonel than I am, or less a Colonel than those Gentlemen.—

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

Agreed to acquaint Colonel Braithwaite that, if circumstances admitted of such constant and Extensive Employment as he has mentioned for an encreased Establishment of Pioneers,

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Nov. 22d. 1792.

Minutes & Resolution thereon.—

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Pioneers, the Board would have great pleasure in adopting the plan which he has suggested, but that, they are not prepared to come to any resolution respecting the Colleries of Vencatachar or other Polygars to the Southward, as the measure of laying them open, tho' so necessary to the internal tranquility of the Country could not be effected, but by a Systematick arrangement, embracing a variety of circumstances upon which they cannot immediately determine.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Dowse's Corps of Pioneers be sent into the Baramahal, as soon as the present Service on which they are detached is concluded / to be employed under Captain Read in such manner as shall appear to him most useful, until further orders.—

Resolved that Colonel Floyd's letter be taken into Consideration on Friday next.—

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue.—

To

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Board of Revenue, submitting Mr. Crawfurd's request to be relieved from the Enquiry ordered into the Complaints against Juggapah: - Observations on the Occasion. —

Having given directions to Mr. Crawford, in conformity to your desire, under date the 10th instant, to make the most particular enquiry into the Complaints preferred against Juggapah, Dubash to the late Mr. Erskine and the Aumil of the Angole District for embezzling the Collections, we now have the Honor to enclose you copy of his reply to us on the Subject, dated the 17th Instant. —

We beg leave also to lay before you copy of a letter from Mr. Crawford dated 29th October, with our instructions to him in consequence; and his reply of the 15th Instant Relative to an embezzlement of the public Cash by Juggapah and other Servants of the late Collector. The reason assigned by him for not having made an earlier Report on this Subject does not appear to us Satisfactory;

and

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and, admitting that he is at present without authority in the Country, we conceive a more minute enquiry was practicable than it appears he has attempted, in order to effect a discovery of the Delinquents, and to recover the money stolen — as Mr. Crawford acknowledges, in his letter of the 15th Instant, that Juggapah not only had, but still professed an entire influence over the Native Servants, both public and private, employed by the late Collector, we recommend that this man be held accountable for the deficiency of the Collections actually made, and that he, as well as the other persons concerned in the robbery, be kept in strict confinement until they can be brought to punishment for such atrocious conduct.

As Mr. Crawford seems, under present circumstances, to consider himself incompetent to execute the enquiry ordered into the Charges against Juggapah, we submit his application to be relieved from this duty to your consideration — Mr. Crawford having adverted to an Objection made to him on a former occasion, we think it necessary to remark that, on finding

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finding Mr. Erskine had nominated Mr. Crawford to be one of a Committee for making enquiry into some Complaints against Juggapah in april last, the Board of Assumed Revenue & thought it an injudicious choice and that he was not, being then Assistant to Mr. Erskine, a proper person to be a Member of a Committee to examine into the Conduct of the Collector's & principal Servants. Circumstances are now, it appears to us, widely different; and at & that time there were other Gentlemen of & experience and local Knowledge in the & District, particularly Captain Dunwoody, whom the Board of Assumed Revenue & considered well qualified for executing such a duty.

The Board of Assumed Revenue, upon the first Complaint against Juggapah, ordered Mr. Erskine not to employ him or any of his dependents in any public transaction - we here beg leave to remark that when Servants of the Company have been appointed

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Country Languages, and as the Native Revenue
Officers do not understand English, they have
found themselves under the necessity of having
recourse to Dubashes, or private Servants as
Interpreters, which could not fail of giving
such people an improper influence— This
interference has been discouraged by every
possible means, and we have lately repeated
our orders in the most positive terms to all
Collectors and others acting under our authority
to employ none but public and Registered
Officers in the discharge of any part of their
Official duty, nor on any account to confer
any private trust on any such public Officer—
But until the Company's Servants employed
in the Collections attain a knowledge of the
languages, we apprehend that it will be difficult
entirely to prevent the employing of Dubashes in
the execution of every public duty entrusted to
the Collectors, and Chiefs. and Councils.

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Mr. Crawford has been desired to deliver over to the Nabob's Manager the Prisoners

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Prisoners confined by the late Collector agrea=
=bly to your orders under date 28th August.

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22d Novr. 1792

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) David Haliburton
" Chas. N. White

To Messrs. David Haliburton
&c. Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter under Date 13th Instant, and, as the first step I can take to comply with your orders is to inform the head person at this place that I am ready to hear any witnesses in Support of the Charges preferred against Juggapah, I shall cause an English Copy and Gentoo Translation of the letter from his Highness the Nabob to Sir Charles Oakeley to be delivered to him tomorrow Morning.

The only complaint ever made to me of Juggapah's having imbezzled any Sums from the Collections of either Ongole or Palnaud was that communicated by the Board of Assumed Revenue, in their letter of

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the 13th Inst. and, in that instance, I observed the same Conduct I mean to adopt at the present — my ill success, with regard to bringing the former accusation to an issue, the Assumed Board now informed of in my Letters of the 25th and 29th October, and I much apprehend this will meet a similar fate. —

I beg leave, Gentlemen, to Submit to your serious consideration the very particular situation in which I am placed, and I doubt not, if you lay before the Honble the Governor my Sentiments on the Subject, but that he will be pleased to adopt some more efficacious measure to bring to a conclusion the several Charges alledged against the late Collector's Dubash. —

I stand objected to, in forcible Language, on the records of the Board of Assumed Revenue of the 21st of April last, as unfit even for a third Member of a Committee who investigated a Charge, so trivial in comparison to this — If I am now

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were then incompetent to such a Task as what experience have I gained to qualify me to stand alone on an occasion of much more Moment.

I confess, Gentlemen, that the exceptions taken against me carried with them great weight, and I must add they have acquired additional Strength.

At that time I had two people of sense and experience to consult: I am now deprived of their advice, unassisted by Native Servants and divested of Authority.

To be in a predicament of this nature, with responsibility annexed to it, would be unpleasant to any one; and you may easily judge how disagreable and as hazardous it is to me so recently arrived in the Country.

Though my intentions be pure, and my anxiety great to pursue a Line of Conduct such as to meet with approbation, yet, from Mistake, I may incur the displeasure of Government, as

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which, to a young servant in particular,
is a matter of the most serious consequence;
nothing therefore would afford me so much
Satisfaction as to have this business transf=
=ferred to some body more capable of manag=
=ing it than myself; and I trust, upon mature
reflection, it will be found expedient to do so.=
However, till I receive your further instructions,
I shall use my best endeavors to discharge
the duty imposed on me.

In my letter of the 29th August and
8th October I informed the Board of a Summons
Revenue that there are several Prisoners under
my Charge; and inclosed them a List Specifying
the Crimes imputed to them, but have never
received any answer what to do with them—
I have to remark that they still continue
an Expense to the Company.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Daniel Crawford

Ongole
17th Novr. 1792

a true Copy
(Signed) John Read Junr.
Dep. Secy

To

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To Messrs. David Haliburton &c.

Gentlemen,

As my accounts are all forwarded to your Accountant, and as the Nabob's Manager does not think proper to settle any business with me, either on account of the Public Concerns, or with regard to the Complaint against Juggapah, I have nothing to detain me here; I must therefore request your farther Instructions, and beg that I may be permitted to come to the Presidency.

On the 29th of August I had the honor to address the Board, when I stated the amount of Cash in hand to be about 4000 Pagodas, since which, as I proceeded in adjusting the Accounts, it appeared there would be a much larger sum due to the Company from the Collections actually made: upon this, I applied myself to discover, who were withholding the Balances in their hands, and at the same time informed Juggapah and the other native Servants, employed

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employed by Mr. Erskine, that there would be great deficiency in the publick Cash &
and desired that those, who had publick Money,
would immediately pay it to me, they all &
denied, in the most positive Manner, having
any; I then told them, that I could prove
they were deceiving me, and that I held &
them answerable for the Amount deficient: from
this Communication I had reason to &
apprehend they would quit this place &
before the Accounts were adjusted, and some
time after, was confirmed in this opinion
by Juggapah's Brother on a false pretence
leaving the District, I immediately secured
the Person of Juggapah, and the Remainder
of the publick Servants, and dispatched &
Peons for the former's Brother who &
returned, and was also put under a &
Guard.

Shortly afterwards I proved
their assertions to be false as to the Cash,
and received from Juggapah, notwithstanding
his daring assertion that not a Pagoda
was

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was due from him, more than a thousand, and from the rest several small sums, so as to encrease the Balance in hand from about 4,000 to nearly 6,000, however there still remains a defficiency of more than 2700 Mg. which I see no prospect of realising – The bad Conduct of these men in strenuously adhering to a palpable falsehood, till positive evidence was brought of their Villany, is such as to enable us to draw, with a great deal of prosperity, this inference, that the remainder of the Money due to the Company is yet in their possession – In consequence of this opinion, which, upon General Report, is well founded, I shall keep the principal People Confined till I receive your Instructions, which I request as soon as convenient.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
/Signed/ Daniel Crawford

Ongole
29th Octr. 1792.

a true Copy.
/Signed/ John Reid Junr.
Dept. Secy

To

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To Mr. Daniel Crawford

Sir,

We have received your letter under date the 29th Ultimo, and are much surprized that it did not appear to you necessary to us make an earlier report of the misconduct of the late Collector's Servants in the imbezzlement of the publick Money, until you have ascertained the exact sums still unrecovered, by whom, and in what manner embezzled, we cannot consent to your leaving the District you will therefore take the most effectual measures in your power to accomplish this discovery, and we shall expect from you a distinct report of every circumstance necessary for our information, with the names and Situation of the Delinquents, who must be kept under strict confinement until you receive our further instructions concerning them.

We are &c. &c.

/Signed/ David Haliburton

" Chas. St. White

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Read Junr.

Dep.y Sec.y

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To

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To Messrs. David Haliburton &c.
Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 9th Instant, in which you express your Surprise at my not having informed you earlier of the deficiency of public Cash — I certainly should not have delayed it so long, but that I entertained hopes of being able to realize the whole amount, and had I accomplished this, there would have been no necessity of troubling you on the Subject.

The task imposed on me to discover the delinquents on this Occasion, is such as I have already declared myself unequal to, in my letter of the 29th Ultimo; and I must repeat, Gentlemen, that it is a point far beyond my abilities to attain.

It becomes me to be candid, & I will freely acknowledge that I know not in what manner to begin, or how to proceed; nor do I imagine this will appear strange to the Board, when I inform them, that during the life of Mr. Erskine I was totally ignorant of the Sums Collected, or how they are appropriated, as my duty was confined to the Cutcherry; and in the

Management

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management of the Country, I fear he placed too much confidence in his Native Servants, over whom Juggapah had an entire authority.—

When, in addition to this, I lay before you the mode of collecting the Cash, I trust it will plainly evince, that there are insurmountable obstacles in my way.— The Villages paid it into the Hands of the Peishar, from whom it went to the Sanadars, from the Sanadars to the Head Shroff, from the Shroff to Juggapah, and from him into the public Chest, and in passing from the one to the other receipts were never given.—

That fraud exists some where cannot be denied; but to fix on any one is an undertaking, which the above Statement of facts proves to be very arduous.—

It struck me that the only Chance of coming at the truth was by holding out encouragement to those, who could bring forward accusations they could substantiate, and by threatening whoever were detected, with your severest displeasure: but neither the prospect of Gain on the one Hand, or the fear of punishment on the other, had the least effect— These people's transactions are so interwoven

and

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and corrects, and the sway which Juggapah possess
over them is such as to render it a vain &
attempt to break a single link in the Chain —

To Secure my departed friend &
/the late Collector/ from the Shadow of Guilt, I
think it incumbent on me to relate a Circumstance,
which happened a Short time previous to his &
death; when he was conscious his dissolution &
was near at hand, he told several of his &
friends, that there ought to be not only enough
Cash in the Chest to defray every demand
upon it, but that there should also be a &
sufficiency left to pay the arrears of his allow=
=ances and Commission. —

I have too good an opinion of &
human Nature to imagine, that any man would
make such a declaration on his Death Bed,
if it were not true; it must indeed proceed from
the heighth of depravity; and I believe, in this
instance, there are many respectable indivi=
=duals, who will bear testimony with me
to the virtues of the Character alluded to. —

I am confident, Gentlemen, you
will Excuse my making mention of this,
as it is a tribute of gratitude due to a friend,
who is no more, to Rescue his Memory &
from

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from the imputation of a dishonorable action

Before I conclude I must
declare, and I can do it with truth, that no
private transaction of my life ever gave
me half the anxiety I have experienced, on
this public Concern.

Having secured the Principle
Native Servants employed by Mr. Erskine,
I shall await your answer at this place,
when I request that I may be permitted to
come to the Presidency.

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ Daniel Graefurd

Ongole
15th November 1792

a true Copy
/Signed/ John Read Junr.
Depy Secy

The Board are very
anxious that the strictest investigation
should be had into the Complaints pre-
ferred against Juggapah, Dubash to the
late Mr. Erskine - and the Aumil of the
Ongole Districts for embezzling the
Collections.

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Consequence.

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Collections. Mr. Crawford does not appear to be competent to it, and he may therefore have permission to return to the Presidency.

The Board of Revenue have been already informed that the Nabob has written particularly on this Subject— and as this Board have strong reason to suspect the Persons accused of Misconduct— it is resolved that they be kept in close confinement until the fact be properly ascertained.

Resolved that a Copy of the last Letter from the Nabob on this Subject be sent to the Board of Revenue, with directions to proceed in the enquiry by such means as shall appear to them best Calculated to arrive at the truth, and to report the result with their opinions.

Read the following Proceedings of the Hospital Board and Enclosures Entered in Mi. B: Nos 225. 226.

Hospital

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Hospital Board
26th November 1792.

The Hospital Board have the honor of acknowledging the Receipt of the orders of Government under date the 24th Instant regarding the Purveyor's Stores at Stations not inclosed in the Hospital Contracts, and will immediately give the necessary Instructions to the Surgeons at these Stations to take them at a fair Valuation, to be determined by two persons on their part and two on the part of the Purveyor.

The Hospital Board have the Honor to forward to Government a Copy of a letter and enclosures from

From Hospital Board
Mr Irwin requests to be indemnified for the loss of Instrument belonging to himself at Sattimangalum — Mr Betts's application for an allowance for doing the duty of the Garrison — also referred

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From Wm. Irvine Surgeon to his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons, requesting to be remunerated for Instruments, his own property, that were lost on the Service at Sattimangalum — The Letters from Colonel Kapper and the Adjutant General state the reasons that have induced Mr. Irvine to make this Application — The Hospital Board can only remark that Mr. Irvine was supplied with Instruments from the Stores in January 1790, and has made no further Indent for Instruments in that year.

The Hospital Board

Mr. Irvine's claim cannot be admitted, as the Company are not responsible for private Property lost on Service.

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Board have also this
honor of forwarding Copy
of a letter from Mr.
Betty, Assistant Surgeon,
Stationed at this Dispensary
stating that, by his
constant residence in
the fort he is called
upon to do all the
Garrison Duty, besides
attending to his own
immediate Duty at
the Dispensary, for
which he requests some
additional allowance
may be granted him.

The Hospital
Board are at a loss
what opinion to give
on this Letter, as the
Garrison Duty had
hitherto

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hitherto been done by the Assistant at the Dispensary without any additional allowance - They are sensible however that Mr. Betty is not to be obliged to do the Garrison duty, which is very considerable - they therefore propose either that another Assistant Surgeon be appointed for that duty which they recommend - or that Mr. Betty have some additional allowance for that purpose. -

Mr. Betty will be allowed Fifteen Pagodas p. month for this duty. -

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" W. Raine
Head Surgeon

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Revd. Mr. Swartz.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President & Governor.

From the Revd. Mr. Swartz - the Boards orders for procuring Serfogie and the Medicos, & executed the latter desirous of coming to Madras.

Honble Sir & Sir,

Just when I intended to answer your Honor's letter of the 14th instant, I was honored with another of the 16th instant.

I waited on Captain Wallace, and consulted with him how your Honor's order might be best executed.

Captain Wallace sent immediately 2 Companies of Europeans to the Palace, put double Guards before Serfogie's door - and a double Guard before the Entrance which leads to the Ladies quarters.

As His Excellency lived in Bahhena's Garden, two Miles from the fort, all was done without the smallest disturbance.

Captain Wallace sent a Message to his Excellency in the Garden, assuring him that all was done by expres Order of Government, advising

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advising his Excellency that it would be to his
honor to stay in the Garden. —

At the same time Captain
Wallace gave strict Order that his Excellency's
people might go out and come in without
the least Molestation — so that all is perfectly
quiet. —

Lurfogie and the Ladies are
unspeakably happy to see themselves free
from all Vexation — his Excellency went
yesterday so far as to Stop the Water, so that
they had no Water to drink yesterday — your
Honor's letter came in proper time. —

Not only Lurfogie but the two
Ladies are willing to go to Madras — Tomorrow
Morning they will go to the Little fort and
lodge a day or two in the Pagoda — and
when their things are brought to them
they will set out. —

All entreat me to accompany
them — whether I shall accompany them
to Cuddalore, or farther, I cannot tell. —

Lurfogie and the Ladies
desire

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desire me to declare their grateful Sentiments
to the Honorable Board.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
Nov.r 19. 1792.

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
President & Governor

Honble Sir & Sir

From Dito - Sinfoje
&c. have quitted the
palace, and removed
into the Little Fort -

I have the honor to acquaint
your Honor, that Sinfoje and the Widows of
the late Raja quitted the palace this morn-
-ing, and were conducted by Captain Douglas
to the Little Fort - they live in the Pagoda
where they collect their Baggage - to protect
the Baggage, when it is carried out, some Hs
Sepoys are left in the palace - all the Hs
Europeans, who were posted in the palace,
have left it, and are again in the Little
Fort - I acquainted his Excellency with all

this

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this and intreated him in the name of the
Ladies to be so kind as to let them know their
former Palankeens — His Excellency has promised
to send me an Answer.

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

Tanjore
Novr. 21st. 1792

To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and Governor.

Honble Sir & Sir,

The Widows of the late Raja have
desired me to present their respects to the
Honble Board, and to ask whether they might safely
leave a Number of their female Servants here, & whether
you would be so kind as to send an order to the
Commanding Officer to protect them, in case his
Excellency should give them trouble — Here those
Servants might be maintained with little Expence,
particularly as they have their Houses here — To
take them all to Madras would be very expensive.

Same Date — the Widows solicit protection to the Servants they may leave at Tanjore.

Tanjore
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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. F. Swartz

agreed

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Minutes thereon

Agreed to inform Mr. Swartz that the Board are of opinion it would be attended with great inconvenience, if the Widows of the late Rajah were to encumber themselves with an useless train of Servants in their Journey to Tanjore — that such as may not be absolutely required should be left at Tanjore, where it is not likely that the Rajah will molest them; but, if he should, orders will be given for their protection.

Agreed also to inform Mr. Swartz that the Board approve his idea of accompanying Serfoji and the Widows as far as Cuddalore and that, if it suit his convenience, there can be no objection to his proceeding with them to Madras, where his presence may be useful until they are properly settled.

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General.

To

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To W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secretary Military Department

Sir,

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request you will lay before the Honble the President in Council the following Report from Adjutant General Cornets Nuthall & Cosby recommended for Promotion.

As two Lieutenants are wanting to complete the Establishment of Officers fixed for the Native Cavalry in the orders of Government under date 25th Instant, Colonel Braithwaite has directed me to request you will intimate his recommendation to the Honble the President in Council that Cornets Nuthall and Cosby may be promoted to the rank of Lieutenants; their Commissions to be dated the 1st Instant.

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

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Ordered that Cornets Nuthall and Cosby be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenants.

The Secretary informed the Board that the Military Auditor General

Ordered

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General - his Deputy and Assistant, are in waiting, to take the usual Oath of Office, which was omitted to be administered to them at the time of their appointment.

Ordered that they be called in.

The President administers the following Oath to the Military Auditor General.

"I Henry Malcolm do Solemnly "Swear, that I will, to the best of my Judgment "faithfully and impartially perform the "duties of Military auditor General."

So help me God."

Oath of Office administered to the Military auditor General - his Deputy and Assistant.

a Similar Oath having been taken by the Deputy auditor General, and the Assistant - they are then ordered to withdraw.

The letter from the Officer Commanding

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Commanding Battalions of Native Infantry &c
dated the 9th and entered in Consultation the
16th July 1792 being now taken into Consider=
=ation, the following Resolution is passed &
thereon. —

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application of the Commandants of Corps of Native Infantry to receive and distribute the amount of their Battalion abstracts, considered and decided upon.

That it would undoubtedly be
more conformable to the System established
that the pay of Battalions of Native Infantry
should, in like manner with that of other
Corps, be issued to the respective Commanding
Offrs, to be distributed by them — but, as it
appears, on enquiry, that the Paymasters &
have derived some emolument from the
Exchange of Sanams, which would be affected
by this measure; and as such Emolument &
however improper in itself, has received the
Sanction of long Usage, the Board cannot
in equity take it from them, without a
Compensation, which they are not authorized
to make, but by consent of the Court of
Directors — For this reason they have

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continued the distribution of pay to the Sepoys in their hands, and not from any want of confidence in the upright intentions of the Officers Commanding Corps of Native Infantry - But, as the Board have it in Contemplation to recommend an increase of Salary to the Paymaster, in lieu of this Emolument by Exchange, which they entirely disapprove, such an arrangement will be recommended to the Honble Court; and, if confirmed by them, the distinction represented in the letter from the Officers will be completely removed.

Resolved that the above be communicated to the Officers Commanding Corps of Native Infantry.

The President recommends that the Paymastership at Cuddalore be discontinued, and that the Paymaster at Chinglepet be directed to pay, in future, the

Paymastership of Cuddalore abolished, and included in that of Chinglepet

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the Troops stationed at Cuddalore.

Ordered accordingly

Chas Oakeley.

E Tallopfield

George Parry Esqr

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Diary

29th Received Letter from the P

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob. — Nabob Entered in C.C. No. 219 has sent P positive Orders to the Poligar of Vannead to restore the property plundered from the P Inhabitants of Mavelawody — Copy thereof Enclosed. —

Received also the undermentioned Letters entered in M B No. 227. 228. —

From Military Storekeeper — From Military Storekeeper enclosing his Accounts of Stores provided in August and September. —

From Captain Wahab — From Captain Wahab 16th Battalion. — with further Explanations — relative to the Sum stopped from the 16th Battalion. —

Despatched the following Letters. —

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

Gentlemen,

To Board of Revenue instructions relative to an Enquiry into the Nabob's Complaint against Suggapah — Mr. Crawfurd may return to Madras — Copy of the Nabob's letter regarding Mr. Martin's Complaint — We have received your Letter dated the 22d. Instant. —

We are very anxious that the strictest investigation should be had into the

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the Complaints preferred against Juggapah, Dubash to the late Mr. Erskine and the Amil of the Ongole District, for embezzling the Collections. Mr. Crawford does not appear to us to be competent to it, and he may therefore have permission to return to the Presidency.—

We have already informed you that the Nabob has written particularly on this Subject; and, as we have ourselves strong reason to suspect the persons accused of ill misconduct we would have them kept in close confinement until the fact be properly ascertained.—

You will proceed in this Inquiry by such mode as shall appear to you best calculated to arrive at the truths and report the result, with your opinion, for our Information.—

We enclose a copy of the Nabob's last letter to our President.—

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28th November 1792.

We are &c &c
(Signed) Chas Oakeley
&c Council
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To Colonel John Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter dated the 18th Instant, with its respective Enclosures.—

To Military Board—openions on the claims for Ground—and Plan for the provision of Cotts, approved—orders respecting the French & Prize Stores & remaining—Genl. Order, enclosed concerning Garrison Lascars—to suggest & means for reducing the present Expence and the Pay of Invalids and Pensioners —

We approve the openions you have given upon the claims of the Petitioners on account of Ground purchased from them in the year 1781 for the purpose of distributing among the Inhabitants of Hog Hill: we also approve the plan you have submitted for the future & provision of Cotts, which we shall adopt.

The Prize Ordnance and Stores deposited in the Arsenal by the late Mr. Cuthbort, and now remaining, should be held in readiness to be returned to & the Prize agents Executors' attornies—and it may be proper to repeat the intimation to them, that the remaining Stores will be & delivered, and the amount Value of such as have been issued for the Public Service paid for, on their application.—

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We enclose copy of an order which we have deemed it necessary to publish concerning Garrison Lascars, in the belief that it will not only be productive of future regularity, but enable your Board to suggest the means of reducing the present Expence. The change that has so recently taken place in consequence of the peace, and the various applications respecting Lascars which have been presented since that period, render it probable that some irregularities have been committed, which may be rectified with much advantage by the total number of Garrison Lascars being registered at the Presidency, in the first place, and secondly, by passing a Regulation fixing the detail and consequently the expence of the whole of this Lascar Establishment, including an Arrangement to be observed in future for the men who are proper objects to be admitted on the Invalid or pensioned List We find, that, at present, they are entitled to be so admitted under

the

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29th the existing regulations for the Native Troops,
but, as the Expence of the Invalid and P
pensioned Establishments on the Coast, has
not hitherto been limited, otherwise than
by stipulating that a Native Soldier is P
not eligible to admission unless he shall
have been wounded or shall have served
twenty years, and by fixing the rates
of Pay, we think that a saving may be
accomplished on just principles, either
by appropriating a portion of P
uncultivated Lands, under a specific
regulation, for the maintenance of the
natives who have been wounded or worn
out in the Service, or by regulating P
their admission on the Invalid and P
pensioned List under a fixed Establish-
ment, to which the most deserving shall
have the preference as vacancies fall-
at all Events that a Reduction of the
present allowances to Invalids and P
Pensioners may be made by appropriating
uncultivated Lands for their maintenance
in case any material objection shall P
appear

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appear to a Limitation of numbers on the principle of a fixed Establishment.

In submitting your opinion on the above points, we would have you also state to us whether there be any and if any what objection to an order expressing that & in future all Native Officers shall be & invalided on the Pay of the rank next inferior to that which they at the time held unless & they have served five years in the superior Rank. –

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

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 26th. instant, and to inform you that, if circumstances admitted of such constant and extensive & Employment as you have mentioned for an encreased Establishment of Pioneers, he should

Colonel Braithwaite on the subject of his Plan for the Pioneer Establishment. Lieutenant Dowse's Corps ordered to be employed in the Baramhaul and Salem & Districts.

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should have great pleasure in adopting the
plan which you have suggested: but he is
not prepared to come to any resolution
respecting the Poligars of Veerapatchee or
other Poligars to the Southward, as the
measure of laying them open, tho' so
necessary to the internal tranquility of
the Country, could not be effected but by
a systematic arrangement embracing a
variety of considerations, upon which he
cannot immediately determine.-

The President in Council
is of opinion that Lieutenant Dowes Corps
may be very usefully employed under
Captain Read in clearing the Jungle and
opening Roads in the Baramahal and
Salem District - and he has therefore given
orders for its proceeding thither, as soon as
Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell can dispense
with its Services to the Southward.-

I am &c &c
(Signed) W. B. Jackson
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Sent the undermentioned Letters

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234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243.
244. 245. 246. 247.—

To Colonel Brathwaite

To officer Commanding the Army enclosing state of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell's Detachment as it stood on the 13th Instant—the Arrangements made by him have been approved—

To Military & auditor General

To Military Auditor General referring for his Examination the Remainder of Captain Paris's Accounts for Works performed at Cuddalore in 1790 also a Bill for Secret Services—

To Ditto

To Ditto—his proposed Order concerning Lascars has been published—the Military Board directed to report the best means of reducing the Pay of the Invalids and Pensioners—Extract from their Report regarding the Provision of Cotts enclosed—to submit the draft of a General Order if necessary in Consequence—

To Ditto

To Ditto—Mr. Betty, Assistant Surgeon, stationed at the Dispensary, to

receive

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receive an additional allowance of fifteen P
Pagodas P month for doing the Duty of
the Garrison.-

To Reverend
Mr. Swartz.

To the Reverend Mr. Swartz
recommending that only such Servants as are
absolutely required, attend the Widows, on
their Journey - and approving his accompanying
Serfogie and them to Cuddalore and Chuntuay
to Madras.-

To Secretary
at Bengal.-

To Secretary at Bengal - enclo
-sing a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to P
Lord Cornwallis, and Copies of Translates
of two Letters received from Golaum ally
Khan.-

To Secretary at Bengal - no
Supply of Gun powder will be required
from thence.-

To Secretary at
Bengal.-

To adjutant General, with
Extract of a Letter from the assistant P
Secretary at the India House - dated 25th P
May last.-

To adjutant
General.-

To Hospital Board - with
Ditto - Ditto.-

To Hospital Board

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To Chief Engineer

To Chief Engineer — the two Bricklayer or Maestries recommended by him, will be continued in the pay and Service of the Company — provided they will serve in the Baramhaul and Salem Districts. —

To Captain Alexander Read.

To Commandant in the Baramhaul — with Translate of an Arzdast, from the Amuil of Kankum to Tippoo Sultaun; the circumstances therein complained of to be particularly enquired into — The Corps of Pioniers will be sent into the Baramhaul — and desiring he will employ them in the most useful manner. —

To Major Ann.

To Commandant 6th Regiment of Cavalry — to assign his Reasons for not including the late Lieutenant Wilson's name in his Pay abstracts for September.

To Civil Paymaster

To Civil Paymaster advising of the allowance to be drawn by Captain Doveton and Lieutenant Grant for attending on the Hostage Princes. —

To Major Brodie.

To Commandant at Anjengo desiring his Reply to the Complaint of the Bazar

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29th Bazar people against him, for interfering in their sales.—

To Captain Flint

To Captain Flint returning his Bill for Secret Service, and desiring to draw it out in the usual form.—

To Captain Parr

To Captain Parr the claim preferred by him, cannot now be admitted, as the particulars necessary to substantiate it cannot be ascertained.—

To Captain Dighton

To Captain Dighton in reply to his Letter regarding the Stoppages made from the Revenue and Provincial Corps to the Southward.—

To Messrs. Porter Read and Co.

To Executors to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse desiring payment for Articles issued from the Arsenal, by order of the deceased without authority.—

To Commandants of Sepoy Battalions

To the Officers Commanding Sepoy Battalions in reply to their application to receive and distribute the amount of their Battalion abstracts.—

30th Received the undermentioned Letter entered in M.B. No. 268.—

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From adjutant General enclosing

From adjutant General.—

Charges of Lieutenant Colonel Smith, against Kanary Syrang and Native adjutant of the Gun Lascars of the 2d Regiment of Artillery Colonel Braithwaite's opinion he should be dismissed the Service — letter of the Surgeon of the Royal Artillery — referred.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

Governor — President

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr.

Friday

30th November 1792

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

The Board now take into Consideration the Letter from Colonel Floyd read at the last meeting of Council.—

Resolution on Colonel Floyd's claim to the Gratuity of a full Colonel.

Resolved that a copy of the Letter be transmitted to Bengal, and that it be observed to the Governor General in Council that the Subsidiary Regulations received with Lord Cornwallis's Letter of the 29th July 1789 and published by this Government as the rule

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rule to be observed in the distribution of Gratuity, make no provision for a claim of the nature preferred by Colonel Floyd - on the contrary, they expressly say, that if a Colonel of a Regiment be not in India his share of Gratuity shall fall to the Company. -

Read the following Letter from major Dalrymple. -

W. C. Jackson Esq:
Military Secretary

Sir.

I have the Honor of enclosing for the Information of the Honble the President in Council, declarations taken here concerning the Plundering of the Hanamantah Hak Villages. I have been very particular in examining the people from these Villages, and perhaps more so than was necessary, as the Verepatchee people when confined here, acknowledged what they were accused of; But I was anxious that Government should see the manner this Verepatchee Minister, and

From Commandant at Dindegul with the Declarations in proof of the Guilt of the Verepatchee Prisoners declarations.

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and his Captains lived; for it is totally
owing to him and Tomboo Goundan all
these disturbances happen, the Pundarmies
master, the Polygar, lives constantly at
Poolamalengy and whatever share he
may receive of the Plunder does not plan
the excursions, nor direct the Plunderers.
The people from Daraporam
have accused Vellicondu Seruvegar of the
former plunder, and murder, complained
of by Mahomed Goosh, and have offered
to prove it. I hope, when the proof now
sent and the other, that shall be taken
when the people arrive, are laid before
the Honble the President in Council,
he will see the necessity of clearing
the Verepatchee roads of their Jungle, and
their Fastnesses: Being on the Spot,
I think it my duty to mention, that
it may be done with ease while the
minister and his Seruvegars are kept
here, 150 or 200 Pioneers, covered by Captain
Oliver's detachment, would lay the
whole Country open in a few weeks.
I understand

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I understand the heavy rains generaly cease here by the middle or end of next Month by which time every thing might be & ready, and the country cleared at a small expence; on the contrary if these people are let loose in their Jungle, it may & cost much money, and many lives before they could be reduced.—

The Tomboo Goundan, & mentioned above and in former letters, was formerly a Subject of Tippoo's; and his Father, on some disgust, left him and now resides in one of the Verepatchu Villages, he keeps in constant pay about 50 good Horse and near 500 armed Peons, and, from his repute as a determined man, and success in Plundering, could raise many more; he, on & pretence of taking care of and looking after his property in the Daraporam destrict, Hunts and plunders where his force will allow him to go; however useful he may have been in the last War, or may be in future, as an enemy

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enemy of the Sultan's, I should imagine
them, with his present force, and dispositions
apt to cause many disturbances; he has
now a Vackeel in this Pettah watching
anxiously the fate of his friend the
Purdannie and his Shirevegars - I have
thought it my Duty to inform Government
what I have learnt of this man's situation

I have the Honor to be,

Dindigul 23. Nov. 1792.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Stair D. Dalrymple
Major Comg Dent.

P.S. An Hircarah from this place, with the
Verepatchee Purdannie's Vackeel, and Shalow,
the Head Accountant of the plundered
Villages, are gone to Verepatchee, to see
the whole of the plunder Restored, and to
bring Mahomed Aly Beg's receipts for
the same. The Verepatchee Purdannie
and the three Shirevegars are detained
here till the Plunder is restored, and till
I receive the orders of Government concerning
them. -

(Signed) Stair D. Dalrymple
Major Comg

Declaration

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Declarations respecting the Plundering of the Village of Hantamantakottah in the Daraporam District, taken in the upper Fort of Dendigul, on the 20th 22d and 23d days of November 1792, in presence of the Purdannie of Verepatchee, and the three Shervegars of Vere=patchee, who were accused of that attack by Mahomed aly Beg Head man of the above District.-

Canacan Poolavan Declares he knows the three Shervegars present, that one of them is named Vellecondu Shervegar, another Narsinga Shervegar and the third Carlein Shervegar, that they belong to, and are the Servants of the Verepatchee Polygar.-

That he had some disputes with one Sholon, the Head Accountant of Hanamantakottah; that on Sholon's account, he was confined some time by the Verepatchee Purdanie, in the Village of Poolloor belonging to Verepatchee, and, after being in Prison three months he was released by Vellecondu Shervegar

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on account of Sholon's not sending the
money he had agreed to pay for his being
confined; that on his being released he
went, with Velleconda Sheravegar, to a
Village called Saragracottah, about two
miles South of Porsoloor, where, after he
had been sometime, he met Narsinga
Sheravegar and his people, and Cartion &
Sheravegar's people, commanded by Oyloney
Andy, the whole Amounting to one Hundred
and thirty Peons: on the same night that
they joined at Saragracottah, they went
to Hanamantah cottah, about five miles
distant, where they arrived about four &
o'clock in the morning; he thinks it was
about the end of august last: that, after
searching for Sholon, the man that had
promised the Venkatachee minister money
for confining him, they plundered the
Village, that they did not find Sholon
but his brother in law, and two Sheravegars
of that Village; that, from the brother in law,
they received 75 Rupees, and, after flogging
him, they released him, and the Sheravegars

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of the Village That the Plunder in Bullocks Cows and Calves amounted to 376, of Sheep 230; that they found ten holes of different kinds of grain, that they gave a few of the cattle back to the Village people, and that he received 30 Cattle, and 45 Sheep, on the remainder a price was fixed, and the Cash they produced, between 7 and 800 Rupees, # after deviding about one Hundred Rupees # amongst the Peons, was given to Selleeond a Sherewegar— That they remained in the Village of Hanamantah cottah 40 days, that the Peons lived on the grain found in the ten Holes, That Carteen Sherewegar son of Carteen now present, came to # Hanamantah cottah six days after they had been there, and took the command of his Fathers Peons— That he has now given a true Account of the whole of the Plunder he saw himself, but knows there was a great deal more than he saw.—

That when he was at # Hanamantah cottah, he received a cajan from the Serepatcha Purbunnie, the man now

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now present, to come to Pylney, that he answered, how could he go to Pylney when a companies officer was there, that he received orjan from the Purdanie telling him to come to Pylney, that he was there himself and would take care of him: when he arrived at Pylney he was examined by a Subadar of Captain Alicers' Battalion / Sibagerow / and, next day, sent by Captain Alicer to Dindigul, where he was examined by the Collector, and Commanding officer; and, after resting one day, was sent to Conjeveram, to mahomed aly Beg:-

Sholon, Head Accountant of the Village of Nanamantakottah and other five Villages of the Ounawady District, being asked if he knew the three Shereveguns present, says he does; that they are Head Peons of the Verepatchy Polygar, and command from one Hundred to Eighty Peons each, and are under the Orders of the Verepatchee Polygar, and those of His Purdannee - after relating the rise, and progress of the dispute between

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between himself and Canacan Poolavan,
in the whole of which, the Verepatchee
Ourdanie seems to have made himself a
Umpire, to extort money from both sides;
He declares that, being informed some of
the Verepatchee Shereygars meant to
take him because he had not paid the
Balance of the Thousand Rupees he
had promised for the delivery of his
Enemy Canacan Poolavan into his
hands, he wrote the Verepatchee Polygar,
that some of his people meant to seize
him, and beg'd he would be his friend,
and take care of him; that his letter was
sent to the Ourdanie by the Polygar, from
whom he received an answer blaming him
for not payeing the balance of the
Thousand rupees he had promised for
the confinement of Canacan; that he
must have that Balance at any rate,
and he must not delay: that, on receiving
this letter, he sent a Friend to the Ourdanie,
to tell him to collect the money from
Canacan, or make him swear he had
none

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none, and if he did swear he had not any, he would pay the Balance; that the Purdannie was sick, and his friend could not see him. in the mean time he heard the three Sheravegars present had released Canacan and had, that same evening, plundered Hanamantachetah; that he was on that night at a Village about two miles from the place plundered, next day he went into the Pytoney country where he staid a few days: but, hearing Vellecondah Sheravegar was in search of him he fled into the Darrapooram district and got a letter from his Master Mahomed Ally Beg to Captain Oliver, on the delivery of which Captain Oliver sent for the Purdanie of Verapatchee; what passed on this occasion he does not know, as he was not admitted when the Purdannie was present; but Canacan was sent for from Hanamantah cottah by the Purdannee, and sent to Dindigul by Captain H Oliver. That the three Sheravegars and their Peons remained 47 days in H

Hanamantahcottah

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Hanamantaracottah: declares that he has a seperate account of what every man, in the Villages Plundered, lost, and that every man has sworn to that Account; and that the whole amounts to 452 Cattle, 547 Sheep, 20 Buffaloes, 3912 Rupees, 33 gold Fanams, 8 Sultan Fanams, 2 P. S. Pag.s, 28 gold & Jewels, 7 Silver Jewels, 20 Brass pots, & 88 mamotes, hatchets &c., 688 different Kind of beeds that women wear, 5 rows of Coreal, 7 Cullums of Paddy, 15 7/4 do of Cumboo, 15 1/4 do of Cholum, 72 do of large Gram, 130 do Horse gram, 74 do Doll, 72 do Oil Seeds, 8 1/2 do Natching, 7 marcal Salt, 137 Cloths, 22 maund Cotton, 2 maund Jaggery, and Tamerin, 430 bundles of Tabacco, 200 doors and Frames and & different pieces of wood for the Houses, & 4 marcal gun Powder, 1000 Balls, 2 dubbers of Gee, 3 grinding Stones, and 20 Stone Mortars, and that this is a true account he has taken this Oath before his god in the Pagoda.—

Carashooran, Sherevegar and Inhabetant of Hanamantah cottah, being asked if he knew the three sherevegars & present

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present says he does that they are Head
Peons of the Verupatchee Polygar, and obey
his orders and the orders of his minister; declares
that, about 5 o'clock in the morning sometime
in the end of August last, the village he
belongs to, Nanamantah Cottah, was
attacked by Velleconda Sherevegar, Narsinga
Sherevegar, with their Peons and the Peons
of Cattien Sherevegar, that he was seized
in his house, and all his Cloaths, Cattle and
every thing he had was taken from him,
and himself put in Irons, where he was
kept eight days, that, at the end of that time,
they asked him for money, which he said
he could not give, as they had taken every
thing from him he was worth. They then
desired him to send for his Brothers who
had made their escape which he did, and
when they arrived he was released. The
Verupatchee Sherevegars remained in possession
of Nanamantah cottah 47 days: declares he
cannot tell how much was plundered in
the whole, but that every thing was taken
from the Village, Cattle, Cloaths, potts, grain
and

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and every thing out of the Houses- his own loss was 58 Cattle 107 Sheep 12 Cullumin of Comboo, his own and his womens Cloaths about 12 pieces, and Few Jewells, and Four Fanams that was in his Turban; the Value of the whole about 250 Rupees.-

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Perawasheurangia, Sheroegar and Inhabitant of Hanamantah cottah, declares he knows the three Sheroegars & present, that they belong to the Serapatchu Polygar, are three of his Head Coons, and have the command of Coons belonging to Serapatchu that about three months ago (he does not remember the particular day,) about 4 o'clock in the morning, Veleconda & Sheroegar Parsinga sheroegar and about one Hundred and fifty Coons & attacked the Village he belongs to, took him and other Seven men persioners, confined them all in one room: two days after being confined he and other three men were put in Irons; three days after, they brought 4 other

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other three men in Irons into the same room;
after being kept nine days prisoners. A
Carashooran thereupon was sent for, and,
on his bringing some of his relations back
to the Village, that had escaped that morning
it was attacked, they released Carashooran
and two other men; Four or five days after
this they sent for him and asked him
for one Hundred Rupees, he told them they
had taken every thing he was worth how
could he pay them Rupees; he was A
then ordered to be flogged; and Four Oeons
flogged him with Tamaroon Sticks between
3 and 4 Hours; they then told him he A
should have four days to find 40 Rupees;
and, at the end of these four days they A
sent for him, he still told them he had
nothing, of course could not pay; on which
they released him, when he fled to A
Pulney: that, altogether, he was confined
17 days; declares he was plundered of his
two Firelocks, his sword, five Cloths, one
Cow and Calve, one Bullock, two brass
Vessels, three mamoties and his Comitee.-

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Sadien, Carpenter and Inhabi=
=tant of Hanamantah cottah declares he
knows the three Sherevegars present; that
they are Head Peons of the Verepatchee &
Polygar: declares that, sometime in august,
early in the morning the Sherevegar &
Velleconda and Narsinga with their Peons,
and the Peons of Carteen Sherevegar, &
between one and two Hundred men, attacked
and plundered the Village he belongs to,
that they plundered the people of every thing:
Cattle, Sheep, Jewels and every thing they had
in their Houses, likewise the Cloaths of &
Both men and women; that night, and
the three following days they plundered all
the small Village two miles round Hana=
=mantah cottah, about 18 in number; that
he was laying about one Quarters of a mile
from Hanamantah Cottah the night it was
plundered by the above Sherevegars; some
Peons belonging to Veleconda Sherevegar
came to the place he was, seized him, and
put him into a room, where 8 or 9 men
besides were confined: after putting Irons
on

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on his light; after being kept here three days he was carried, tied with a rope, to his House; where he took, from the place he had hid them, about 20 Pagodas worth of Jewels, 25 Rupees Each, and 4 brass Vessels, all of which he gave to Velleconda Sherevegar- about 7 days after he was brought to a Choultrie where he found Velleconda Sherevegar, Narsinga Sherevegar, and a Canacan Poolavien sitting: at that time Velleconda Sherevegar asked him for two Hundred Rupees, in part of the Balance his brother Sholon owed the Verepatchee Purdannie, he told him he had nothing more, that he had given every thing he was worth, they then tied him with ropes, and squeezed his fingers with sticks, tied above and below them, they this day ordered him to be flogged with thorns for three or four Hours, when he was again confined: next morning he was flogged in the same manner near the place he was confined in. That a Brotherinlaw of his, heard he was dying of the usage

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he received, and got a Friend to settle for h
his release, by being security for 50 Rupees:
that afterwards he begged through the
different Villages till he had got the
50 Rupees, which his Freind payd h
to Velleconda Sherevegar That he lived
at this Friends Village till the Verepatchy
people left Hanamantah cottah h
declares he was plundered of 36 cattle
60 Sheep belonging to himself and h
Servants, besides 40 Cattle and 70 Sheep
that he had charge of belonging to another
man, and every thing that was in his
House Cloaths, tumbals, rice beaters, and
Doors.—

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Naigue, Sherevegar, and Inhabitant
of Hanamantahcottah, says he h
knows the three Sherevegars Velleconda
Nasenga and Carteen; that they are
Verepatchie's Servants and Head Peons;
declares that, sometime about the End of
August last, Velleconda and Nasenga h
Sherevegars, with their Peons, and the h
Peons

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Peons of Cartien Shereygar near 200 men attacked and plundered Nanamantakottah Village, and the Villages around it, about 5 o'Clock in the morning; that he was seized and confind about 8 days; that he was plundered of 30 Cattle, 65 Sheep, and one Sword worth ten rupees, that the above Verepatchee & Shereygars staid above 40 days in the Village.-

Venkatapadi Shereygar and Inhabitant of Nanamantah Cottah say he knows the Shereygar Velleconda, Narsinga and Cartien to be Servants and Head Peons of the Verepatchee Polygar declares that about the end of August last Velleconda and Narsinga Shereygars, with their own Peons, and those of Cartien Shereygar about 200 men attacked the Village of Nanamantah cottah about 5 o'Clock in the morning, and Plundered it; that he made his escape into Polygy district, & about 8 days after, the Shereygar Velleconda sent him word, and promised if he came himself his relations should be released, on which he went Back, he found

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found his Son in Irons, and his whole property
Seized; on his arrival, his Son and other
relations were released; declares he was
plundered of 2 Firelocks 2 Swords 60 Battle
50 Sheep, 10 Buffaloes, two or three Cloths, and
6 Mamoties.-

23d November 1792.

The Verepatchie Purdannie
being asked, what he had to say in Vindica-
tion of his conduct, and that of his masters
Sheroegars, which he had heared the
witnesses accuse them, and them of —
acknowleges having wrote the letter
Sholon says he did desiring them to pay
the ballance of the 1000 Rupees for the
confinement of Canacan; that he was
afterwards taken sick, and that this
Plunder was committed during his
sickness, and offers to restore every thing
taken from the Villages, according to the
account given in, and sworn to.—

The Three Sheroegars say in
their diffence. That they were hired by
Canacan Poolavan; and what they did was
by

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by this Order and that they are willing to restore what was taken from the different Villages, according to the account given in, and sworn to.

The above declarations were taken by me before the Serepatchee Menister and the three Serepatchee Shereygars in the upper Fort of Dendigul.-

23d. November 1792.

(Signed) Stair D. Dalrymple

Major Comg. Dendigul

Resolutions in Consequence

Resolved that copies of the foregoing letter and Inclosure be sent to Bengal.

As the measure of laying open the Serepatchee Pollam appears to the Board highly expedient, it is resolved, as soon as the further Proofs promised by Major Dalrymple are received, to give the necessary orders for carrying it into execution - In the mean time, the Predaini and the three Shereighers are to be kept in confinement.

Read the following Letter from the Reverend Mr. Swartz.-

To

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To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.

President and Governor

Honorable Sir and Sir,

From the Reverend Mr. Swartz with the original Maratta Declaration of the Widows, of their desire to come in contradiction of a rumour to the Contrary.

A rumor was spread through the Fort and Town that the late Rajahs Widows were very sorry of having left the Palace and that they wished to return to their former habitations. Captain Wallace and Captain Douglas assured me that the rumor was quite current - I requested therefore of those two Gentlemen to go with me to the large Pagoda where they at present live. a certain might be drawn between those Ladies and us - and proper questions might be put to them respecting their departure - a Dubash, who is a favorite to His Excellency accompanied us - The Ladies at last dictated their sentiments with an audible voice, which a Brameny who was with us, wrote down. The translation is as follows. -

The two queens of Tanjore viz, Rajes Baj Saheb and Mohona Baj Saheb declare their sentiments in writing before

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before Captain Wallace and Captain Douglas - namely We dont wish to stay an hour here at Tanjore - Whether we have our Signs or marks due to us - or whether we have them not, we will go to Madras, Should we go back to the Palace we both, and our Sons / Serfojee / would sacrefie our lives. -

The enclosed Paper is the + Original written in the presence of + Captain Wallace and Captain Douglas - and Signed by the two Ladies. -

I have the honor to be + respectfully. -

Tanjore Nov. 26th. 1792.

D.o D.o
Signed C. F. Swartz

Copy to be sent to Bengal. -

Ordered that a copy of the above be sent to Bengal. -

Read the following Letter from Ensign Thomas Thoyts. -

To -

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To the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart.
President and members of Council

Honorable Sirs,

From Ensign Thoyts requesting to resign the Service.—

Having been confined for several months with obstructions in my Bowels - finding no Relief and that I am Daily getting worse - and having taken the opinion of the Faculty, they advise me, as the sure way of recovering my Health is to return to Europe - I have therefore to request your permission to Resign the Service in Order to proceed Home for the Re-establishment of my Health - I have the Honor to enclose the Surgeons Certificate who has attend me -

I have the Honor to be with respect. -

Negapatam
19th November 1792.

L.a. D.e
Signed/ Ths Thoyts
Ens.n 4 Batt.n E.I.

This is to Certify that Ensign Thoyts of 4th Battalion European Infantry

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Infantry, having suffered much from a repeated attacks of a severe Bowel Complaint, by which his Constitution is exceedingly impaired - it is my opinion he should avail himself of the first opportunity of going to Europe for the reestablishment of his Health.-

19th November 1792. Signed J. Lamb

Surgeon's Mate V. Artillery

permitted.- Agreed that Ensign Thoyts for the reason he has stated, be permitted to resign the Company's service.-

Read the following letter from the military auditor General.-

The Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St George

From military auditor General reporting on the Estimates for December, of the Paymaster General and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.-

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to report as follows, in Answer to your Commands signified in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letters of the 17th and 23d Instant relative to the Estimates for Cash of the Paymaster General

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General and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

On the Paymaster Generals Estimate (including the two additional Estimates from Messrs. Cochrane and Roebuck) amounting to Two Lacks, Fifty four thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Eight Pagodas, Thirteen Fanams and Twenty Three Cash (Pagodas 2,54,738. 13. 23) recommendation as enclosed Statement for an advance of Two Lacks, Thirty Thousand, Five hundred and Fifty Six Pagodas, Eight Fanams and Seventy Eight Cash (Pag. 2,30,556. 8. 78) the Retrenchment made being Twenty Four Thousand One hundred and Eighty two Pagodas, Four Fanams and Twenty Five Cash (Pagodas 24182. 4. 25) as per Statement under the heads of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, Contingencies, Family Rolls, Cash in hand; and for Rings Proper by Paymasters not authorised to Estimate under that head, the whole being included in those of the Paymaster General and Major Hart, the former as the Paymaster

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of Company's allowances, and the latter on account of the Subsistence of the King's Troops.

It becomes necessary for me to acquaint you, Honble Sir, that in the Sum of Pagodas 27965 recommended to be advanced to Major Hart is included Pagodas 10760 usually drawn in His Majesty's Service under the head of Contingencies and for the payment of certain allowances charged Half yearly on account of the Paymasters, Surgeons, Captains Commandeing Troops and Companies and the poundage of the privates the present Estimate being for such charges payable from the 25th June to 24th December 1792.

The Total Retrenchment which appears in the Statement on Mr. Youngs Estimate arises from the same cause as was reported last month.

On the Estimate of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions I beg leave to report on the same principle as last month.—

The

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The Total Sum estimated for December, and Arrears previous, including the Charges under the head of Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Bullock agency is Pagodas 34358_35_14.—

The expected receipts of this Officer in December is . . . . . 8213.61.24.

And the Estimate of Current Disbursements in December is . . . . . } 6854_20_3

Consequently a Ballance remains in December for the past payment of Arrears as above of . . . . . } 1359_20_21

I have the honor to be, with the highest Respect,—

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 29th Nov.r 1792.

Dr. Sr.
[Signed] Henry Malcolm
Milty Audr Genl.

his observations approved.—

The Board approve the observations of the military Auditor General upon the Estimates of the Military Paymaster General and Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the month of December.—

Read

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Read the following Letter from the agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

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

Honble Sir,

From agent for Spirituous & Liquors submitting various points necessary to be explained from Bengal relative to the Consignments of Liquor to this Presidency—a General Order proposed, for regulating the Price of Drams by the Exchange of Dubs to the Pagoda.—

Having lately received two Accounts Current from Mr. Woolf the Accountant General for Liquor provided at Calcutta in the year 1790/91 and 1791/92 and perceiving that part of the Liquor contracted for with Mr. Edward King in the year 1790/91 was only paid for in part the year, and the remainder charged in the Account of the succeeding year, I was induced to throw the two Accounts Current into One, in order to know the Amount advances made to the respective Contractors for the quantity of Liquor they engaged to deliver, thereby to ascertain the Rate at which the Liquor stood delivered in Calcutta.—

This Account I now have the honor to lay before you, with my Remarks annexed, by which you will be pleased to

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to take notice that Fort St. George Presidency has been debitted for 42,365 Gallons of Spirits which, if sent to Madras, never was received by my Department, Value A Rupees 50480 – a – 10 p this circumstance & ought to be cleared up by the Person who had charge of the Liquor at Fort William Presidency, and, if my Statement is right, credit given to this Presidency for the amount.

Besides the above sum of A Rupees 50,480 – 10 which ought to be written back to Fort William Presidency, & a considerable deficiency in the delivery took place, even after deducting a leakage of 5 P Cent, as appears by the enclosed account: Credit has only been given & for the amount deficiency on the Ship Lovely Hannah, amounting to C Rupees 514 – a – 11 p it will therefore be necessary to know from thence whether any & and what sums have been received & in the Current Year of 1792/93 on account of the deficiencies in the other

Vessels

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I feels that the amount value of the Liquor received into Store there may be ascertained.—

When an Answer is received from Bengal, I shall be able to close the Accounts of the two past years—which, for want of the necessary Invoices for Liquor received at different times from that Presidency, I am obliged to keep open.—

I am to request that an Order may be sent to the respective Commanding Officers to the Northward where Dubs are received for the Liquor sold, directing them, every 3 months, to regulate the price of the Dram agreeable to the exchange of the Dubs in the proportion of 60 Drams for half a Star Pagoda sold to the Europeans, and 60 Drams for 2/3 part of a Star Pagoda sold to the Natives—this will prevent any loss arising from the exchange of Dubs, which are now become

every

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very cheap; from the quantity Coined
of late years: for a Star Pagoda that
before only exchanged for 180 Dubs
which is 45 Fanams, reckoning 4
4 Dubs & Silver Fanam, now it
fetches 280 Dubs; of course the
price of Liquor & Drams ought
to be Augmented in the proportion
of the exchange of the Dubs, which
will put the purchasers to the
Northward upon the same footing
of those where Silver Fanams and
Cash are received in payment.—

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir.
your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
agent for Spirituous
Liquors

Fort St George
29th November 1792.

Statement

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Statement of the Accounts Current for Liquor received from Fort William Presidency for the years 1790/91 and 1791/92 with the remarks of the agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

Dr. Fort St. George Presidency in Account Current with Agent for Spiritous Liquors with Fort William Presidency Cr.

Dr.	C Rupees	A P	Gallons	C Rupees	A P
Amount Advances for Liquor To Mr. Edward King as per Account Current 1790/91					
Paid him for 25,289 Gallons Rum			25,289	36,669	" 11
(which is at C Rupees 1,7,2 $\frac{10117}{25289}$ or Sica Rupees 1,4 ..... } Per Gallon					
Paid him on account of his Contract for 60,000 Gallons of Rum	21,750	" "			
Ditto ..... Ditto	21,750	" "			
For 60,000 Gallons of Rum Advanced C Rupees ...	43,500	" "			
which is at C Rupees 0,11,7 1/5 or Sica Rupees ... 0,10 ... } Per Gallon					

NB. considering that Sicca Rupees 1,4 was paid Per Gallon for the above quantity of Gallons 25,289. it is evident that the sum of 43,500 C Rupees advanced on Account of the Contract for 60,000 Gallons of Rum was only the half payment of the same, and that the additional sum of 43,500 C Rupees charged in Account Current 1791/92 was on account of the same Contract, I shall therefore include the Amount advanced in that year.—

As per account Current 1791/92

Paid him on account of his Contract for 60,000 Gallons of Rum	43,500	

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Total paid on account of the Contract for 60,000 Gallons of Rum . . . . 60,000 87000 " "
which is at C Rupees 1.7. 2 2/5 } Per Gallon
or Sicca Rupees . . . 1.4.— }
As per Account Current 1790/91
Paid him for 5052 Gallons of Rum delivered to the Garrisn. Storekeeper 5052 7325 6 5
Total payments to Mr. Edward King for 90,341 Gallons of Rum 90,341 130,994 7 4
which is at C Rupees 1.7. 2 2021/5052 } Per Gallon
or Sicca Rupt. 1.4.— }
To Mr. Charles Hook
Paid him 1st advance of his Contract for 26000 Gallons of Arrack and 4000 Gallons of Rum . . . . . } 17,400 " "
Ditto in full of Ditto . . . . . 17,400 " "
Total paid on account of his Contract for 30,000 Gallons of Arrack and Rum . . . . . } . . . . . 30,000 34,800 " "
which is at C Rupees 1. 2. 6 216/300 } Per Gallon
or Sicca Rupt. 1. " . . . . . }
As per Account Current 1791/92
Paid him on account of his Engagement to deliver 37,500 Gallons of Rum . . . . . } 21,750 " "
Do. Do. the amount due to him on Do. his Do. to deliver 42,000 Gallons of Arrack and 37500 Gallons of Rum } 71,050 " "
NB Judging that the 37,500 Gallons of Rum mentioned in the second entry is only a repetition, as stated in the 1st, I have therefore put down the whole of the Contract with Mr. Hook for the year 1791 92 at 80,000 Gallons of Arrack and Rum . . . . . } 80,000 92,800 " "
which is at C Rupees 1. 2. 6 576/800 } Per Gallon
or Sicca Rupees . 1. " . . . . . }
Total Payments to Mr. Charles Hook for 110,000 Gallons of Gallons of Rum and Arrack . . . . . } . . . . . 110,000 127,600 " "
which is at C Rupees 1. 2. 6 792/1100 } Per Gallon
or Sicca Rupees . . 1.— . . . . . }

Carried Over 200,341. 258594 7 4

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Dr

	Gallns	C. Rupees	anns	P.	Gallns	C. Rupees	anns	P.
Amount Advances for Liquor Brought over					200341	238594	7	4
To Messrs. I & L Barretto								
as per Account Current 1790/91								
Paid them in full of their Contract for 35,000 — Gallons of Rum ... } which is at 8 Rupees 1. 6. 7 132/300 } per Gallon					30,000	42,428		
or Sicca Rupees 1. 3. 6 ... }								
as per Account Current 1791/92								
Paid them the amount due on their Engagement for 20000 Gallons of Rum ... } which is at 8 Rupees 1. 6. 0 26/200 } per Gallon					20,000	27,550		
or Sicca Rupees 1. 3 ... }								
Total Payments to Messrs. I & L Barretts for 50,000 Gallons of Rum ...					50,000	69,962	8	"
which is at Rupees 1. 6. 4 320/500 } per Gallon								
or Sicca Rupees ... 1. 2 2 3/5 }								
To Mr. Robert Chapman								
as per Account Current 1791/92								
Advanced him to provide 50,000 Gallons of Rum ...					29453	2		
Do ... Do ... Do ... 10,000 Do ... Do ...					5890	9	11	
Do ... Do ... Do ... 40,000 Do ... Do ...					23562	9	"	
Admitting that the above advances were in full of the Rum ordered to be provided, and taking into consideration the price paid to the above Contractors — it would appear that 50000 Gallons was the total Quantity ordered, and laid up in Store and as such I put it down ... } which is at 8 Rupees 1. 2, 10 3/5 } per Gallon					50,000	58906	4	11
or Sicca Rupees 1. 0. 3 ... }								
Admitting that the whole of the Rum and Arrack purchased in the year 1790/91 and 1791/92 amounted to 300,341 Gallons, the Amount advances for Liquor Stands ... } which is at 8 Rupees 1. 4. 7 208720/300.341 } per Gallon					300341	387463	4	3
or Sicca Rupees ... 1. 1. 9 ... }								

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					Gallns	C. Rupees	anns	P.
Amount advances to Mr. Edward Ring	at Sicca Rupees 1. 4	per Gallon for			9,03,41	12926	4	1
Do ... to Mr. Charles Rook	1	Do			110000	110000	"	"
Ditto ... to Messrs. I & L Barretto	1. 3. 3	Do			50,000	69,312	8	"
Ditto ... to Mr. Robert Chapman	1. 0. 3	Do			50,000	50,781	4	9

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Ditto			Medium rate			Ditto	4 4 9	Dº		300341	334,020 " 10
						at 16 ℔ Cent Batta					52463 3 5
						is Current Rupees is above					387463 4 3
Amount Freight											
as per account Current 1790/91								Sica Rupees	a	P.	Rs. a. P.
Paid Freight of 5052 Gallons of Rum per the Julia								631	7	11	18 11 11
Dº	15118	Dº	of Spirits per Henry @ 4 annas ea					3754	8	"	Dº 37 4 "
Dº	23927	Dº	Dº	per Lovely Hannah		Dº		5981	"	12	Dº 37 8 "
Dº	8585	Dº	Dº	per Resolution		Dº		2146	4	"	Dº 37 8 "
Dº	4191	Dº	Dº	per Rose		Dº		1047	12	"	Dº 37 8 "
Dº	13845	Dº	Dº	per Sydney Meadows		Dº		3461	4	"	Dº 37 8 "
Dº	7253	Dº	Dº	per Lucknow		Dº		1813	4	"	Dº 37 8 "
Dº	72478	Dº	Dº	Shipped by the Honble John Cochrane at Sicca Rupees 16 p 150 Gallons				7730	3	8	Dº 16 " "
Total Freight paid for	150469 Gallons of Spirits					Sica Rupees		26567	3	8	Dº 26 7 9
						at 16 per Cent Batta		4250	"	12 1	
											30817 15 9

As per Account Current 1791/92

NB The Freight on the Liquor sent to Madras in the year 1791/92 is not specified in the account current transmitted from Fort William Presidency, but included in the Gross, with various stores sent from thence - but the Amount stated to have been shipped for which Freight was paid, is as follows -

amount Shipped by the Hercules	Gall.	15063 " "
Ditto Commerce		42243 " "
Ditto New Triumph		10231 " "
Total Shipped for which Freight was paid	Gall.	67537 " "

Carried Over ... 30341 418284 "

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Dr

	Gallons	
Total Shipped for which Freight was paid Brought over	67,517	
There was Shipped by the Honble Company's Ships for which no Freight was paid		
By the Dept ford Captain Gerard ..... Gallons 19,900		
By the Northumberland Captain Rees 20,100	40,010	
Total Shipped from Fort William Presidency in the year 1791/92 ..... Gallons	107,527	
Amount Shipped from Fort William Presidency in the year 1790/91 ..... Gallons	150,449	
Ditto 1791/92	107,527	
Total Gallons	257,976	

The following is the particulars of the quantity shipped and received at Madras.

	Amount Shipped from Fort William Presidency	Deduct amount that ought to have been delivered	Amount Received	Good	Damaged Liquor	Liquor	Total Leakage	surplus
In the year 1790/91								
Ceres Julia Captain Todd	5052	252½	4799½	4747		4747	52½	
Henry Captain Wheatley	15,118	756	14,362	14052		14052	310	
Lovely Hannah Captain Orme	23927	1196	22,731	20,281	1858	22139	592	
Resolution Captain Dundass	8585	429	8156	8180		8180		
Rose Captain Jackson	4191	209½	3981½	4079		4079		
Sydney Meadows Captain Morrison	10845	692	13,153	7678	5502	13180		
Lucknow Captain Stewart	7253	362½	6890½	6477		6477	413½	
Shipped by the Honble John Cochrane per Sooloo Lutchmenarsamelo	16696	835	15,861	15,834		15834		
Sree Sambasavadoo	15,547	777½	14769½	14660		14660	109½	
Cannauchyamah	11,661	583	11078	10923		10923	155	
Radah Kistna Sawmy	7389	369½	7019½	6193	117	6310	709½	
Vardara Swamy	9294	464½	8829½	8540	60	8600	229½	
Sree Vardarajah Sawmy	9444	472	8972	8526		8526	446	
Annapurna	2407	123½	23283½	2129		2129	195½	

Gall. Chuck. 2 P

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Total in the year 1790/91	150,449	7521½	142527½	132299	7537	139836	3213
In the year 1791/92							
Per Hercules Captain Falconer	15043	752	14291	11868		11868	2423
Commerce Captain McIntosh	42243	2112	40131	31,110		31,110	9021
New Triumph Captain Elliot	10231	511½	9719½	8722		8722	997½
Deptford Captain Gerard	19910	995½	18914½	18755		18755	159½
Northumberland Captain Rees	20100	1005	19095	18962	296	19258	
Total in the year 1791/92	107,527	5376	102,151	89417	296	89713	12601
Total in the years 1790/91 & 1791/92	257,976	12897½	244679½	221716	7833	229,549	15,814

Sundry Charges

As per Account Current 1790/91

Paid the Garrison Storekeeper for Charges on Shipping a quantity of Spirits at different times for Madras 1,233 15 6

As per Account Current 1791/92

Paid for Guaging and proving 926 Casks of Spirits for Fort St. George .. 231 – 8 –

Do. for Do. ..... Do. .. 323 Do. of Do. ..... 427 – 12 –

Sicca Rupees 659 : 4.

@ 16 P Cent Batta 105 – 7 – 8

764 11 8 ..... 1998 11 2

Total amount charged by Fort William Presidency 300,341 420,279 15 2

Proof

Amount of Account Current 1790/91	Current Rupees	196,758 . 14 . 7	at 8 P Cent Batta	182,184 2 10
Ditto ..... Ditto 1791/92	Ditto	223,521 . " 7	making Arcot R.	206,963 14 9
	Total Current R.	420,279 . 15 . 2	or Arcot Rupees	389,148 1 7

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Dr. Fort St. George Presidency in Account Current with agent for Spirituous Liquors with Fort William Presidency Cr.

	C Rupees	a	P
Cr.			
As per Account Current 1790/91			
Amount received back on account of the Short delivery of Spirits dispatched by the Lovely Hannah	514	"	11
By Balance	419,765	14	3
Total Current Rupees	420,279	15	2

Proof

Amount Balance of Account Current 1790/91 Current Rupees	196,244. 13. 8	at 8 P Cent Batta making Arcot Rupees	181,708	3 3
Ditto ..... Ditto ..... 1791/92 ... Ditto	223,521 " " 7		206963	14 9
Total Current Rupees	419,765 " 14 3	or Arcot Rupees	388,672	2 "

Remarks

From the above Account it appears, that there was purchased & laid up in Store at Fort William Presidency 300,341 Gallons of Spirits ..... } 300,341 –

Out of which that there was only Shipped for Fort St. George Presidency ..... 257,976 –

Of course the Amount to be redebitted to Fort William Presidency is Gall. 42,365.

which, at the medium rate cost of the Liquor, as appears by the above Statement, being Sicca Rupees 1. 1. 9. Per Gallon amounts in all to ..... Sicca Rupees } 46,998 10 9

at 16 Per Cent Batta 7,519 12 7

is Current Rupees 54,518 7 4

and at 8 P Cent Batta is Arcot Rupees ..... 50,480 " 10

The Freight paid for the Liquor Shipped in the year 1791/92 ought to be specified in the like manner as in the account current of the year 1790/91 – that the respective Employs at Fort St. George Presidency may be debitted for their proportion –

Credit has only been given for the short delivery of the Sperits dispatched by the Lovely Hannah it ought to be known whether or not any further sums have been received in the year 1792/93 from the Captains or Owners of the other Vessels who were short in their delivery –

Had the Invoices been transmitted with the Liquor I should have called upon the Captains of the Vessels for the Amount Valuation of the overplus Leakage; but, as this was not the case, all that remained for me to do, was to inform Government of the quantity received into Store, & request that the Invoices might be written for, which was repeatedly done by Government, but without effect. –

Fort St. George
29th November 1792.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

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minute thereon

Agreed that copies of the above be sent to Mr. Secretary Hay, and that he be desired to lay the same before the Governor General in Council, that, if his Lordship think proper, such explanation may be had upon the points submitted by Mr. Cochrane as may be necessary be a final adjustment between the two Presidencies.—

Agreed that the latter part of Mr. Cochrane's letter be published in General Orders.—

Read the following Letter from Major Fraser.—

To

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Fort St. George 30th November 1792

To William Collins Jackson Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From major Fraser with Mr. Strange's certificate of the sum to be repaid & from the refund made from the former.-

In compliance with the Order of the Honorable the President in Council, communicated in your Letter of the 28th Ultimo - I have the honor to enclose a certificate, signed by Mr. Strange, late Paymaster of Tanjore, shewing the period of my command of the 72d Regement, and the sum to be repaid, in consequence of the Resolution of the Board, from the refund made by Mr. Strange on my account.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Fraser

Major 72d Regt

Wallajahbad

28th November 1792.

Resolved

£450

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The difference ordered to be repaid.-

Resolved that the difference stated in the foregoing Certificate be repaid to Mr. Strange.-

Mr. Crawford's Garden house to be rented for Serfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore.-

The President proposes that Mr. Crawford's Garden House be taken for Six months at the rate of 80 Pagodas P. Month, for the accommodation of Serfojee and the two Widows of the late Rajah of Tanjore.-

Ordered accordingly.-

Chas. Oakeley

E. H. Fullerton

George Parry Esqr